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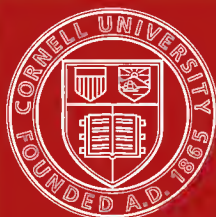
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HISTORY

OF THE

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY,

OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

VOL. I.

FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIETY THROUGH
ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH SEASON:
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P R E F A C E .

THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY has ever since its foundation been the object of sincere attachment on the part of its members, whose unflinching devotion to its interests has given it cohesion and continued vitality. To those who, having joined it as young men, have grown old in its service, few things in this world seem so important and so worthy of respect, and the personal interest which they take in its affairs ceases only with life. Like all genuine feeling, their enthusiasm is contagious. It permeates the chorus, and, by stimulating all to exertion in a common cause, gives strength and unity of effect to its performances.

That the members of an organization animated with such sentiments should wish to have its history written is natural, and the desire, long since manifested, would have been gratified ere this had it not been for circumstances over which they had no control. The Society first employed Dr. Luther Farnham as its historian, and then appointed Mr. Samuel Jennison in his place. This gentleman, who undertook the task as a labor of love, worked at it from 1873 to 1878 in the rare moments of leisure which he could snatch from the duties of his profession, and accumulated a great mass of material, consisting of extracts from printed books, letters from early members of the Society, newspaper cuttings, etc. He intended, as he states in a commenced introductory chapter, to cover the whole field of musical history in Boston, as, for instance, "the rise and fall of various singing and other musical associations; the introduction of music into the schools, the erection of the Music Hall and its organ; the establishment of educational institutions and conventions, and musical journals; the growth of musical criticism, the advent of Italian opera 'troupes' and of German orchestras, the visits of foreign musicians, the 'début' and careers of our own vocalists who have achieved distinction, the progress of the manufacture of instruments, and in short everything worthy of note connected with the advance of the art among us."

With so vast a scheme and very limited time at his disposal, it is

not surprising that Mr. Jennison finally decided to abandon his cherished project; but instead of turning the key on his treasures as one actuated by selfish motives would have done, he, when asking to be relieved from the work which he felt obliged to relinquish, generously offered to place his papers in the hands of whoever might be appointed in his place without any restriction as to their use. All that his successor can do in recording so liberal a proceeding is thus publicly to acknowledge his indebtedness for much valuable matter, which he might, through want of observation, research, or opportunity, have otherwise failed to secure.

After spending no little time in examining the materials placed at my disposal, in gleaning where my predecessor had left anything to gather, and in making notes from the Society's records and contemporary sources, I began to feel that, considering the extent of the ground to be covered, I might pass the remainder of my life in like preparation, when the plan of publishing the history in numbers as successively completed was suggested, and it has been adopted, in the hope that if once commenced the work would not be abandoned. In this first number I have endeavored so to begin it, that my successors may not find it necessary to pull down what I have been allowed to build up.

The history of a society which, after sixty-eight years of life, is full of vigor, and has, as we may reasonably hope, a long future before it, will, as years of activity succeed each other, call for fresh chroniclers to take up the thread where those who preceded them have dropped it. May it be long before the last appears to write the word *finis* to this record of an institution whose services to the cause of good music have been always so conspicuous and so beneficial!

A history which deals with an annually repeated series of meetings, rehearsals, and concerts, differing in degree of success, but never in kind, must be to some extent monotonous. Small opportunity is offered of varying the narrative of the earlier years of this Society by biographical details concerning individuals who have carried on its work, for the simple reason that, with few exceptions, nothing is known of them, but that they were honest and worthy men, animated with a sincere love of music and a hearty desire to do their duty as officers and members. Such being the case, it is hoped that those readers who find little in the following pages either to interest or amuse will extend some measure of indulgence to the author.

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INTRODUCTION.

“NEXT UNTO THEOLOGY I GIVE THE PLACE AND HIGHEST HONOUR TO MUSICK, FOR THEREBY ALL ANGER IS FORGOTTEN, THE DEVIL IS DRIVEN AWAY, UNCHASTITY, PRIDE, AND OTHER BLASPHEMIES ARE EXPELLED.”—*Luther's Table Talk.*

THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY was founded nearly two centuries after the Pilgrims, on landing at Plymouth, Sunday, Nov. 9, 1620, had sung the first psalm of praise heard on the shores of New England. This psalm was a simple choral in unison, one of the plain tunes set down in Ainsworth's version,¹ framed in harmony with the Puritan's Confession of Faith (1572), which allowed the people to join in singing with one voice, but not of “tossing the psalms from one side to the other (antiphonal), with the intermingling of organs.”² Such metrical psalmody, which had its origin at the time of the Reformation, was first used in public worship by Luther as early as the year 1517. The great Reformer wished, as he said, “to see all arts, and more especially music, in the service of Him who gave and created them,” and with this view he prepared the first Protestant hymn, or choral book, which was published at Wittenberg in 1524.³ Calvin,

¹ *The Book of Psalmes: Englished both in Prose and Metre*, by the Rev. Henry Ainsworth (b. 1560, d. 1622), an eminent Non-conformist divine and Hebrew scholar, who about 1590 distinguished himself among the Brownists, a famous Puritan sect, so called from its founder, Robert Brown, who, after settling with his followers at Middleburgh in Zealand, returned to England, gave in his adhesion to the Established Church, and accepted a rectory at Northampton, where he died about 1630. When Ainsworth was driven from England by the state persecution of the sectaries, he took refuge at Amsterdam, and when the Brownists built a church there they made Francis Johnson their pastor, and Ainsworth their doctor or teacher. The first edition of his psalms, with critical notes, was published in 1612, the second in 1617. The Puritans used it exclusively until 1640, when it was superseded by the Bay Psalm Book, compiled by the colonial clergy. Ainsworth's version kept its place at Salem until 1667, and at Plymouth until 1692. The tunes, in the German choral style, were printed in lozeuge or diamond-shaped (called buckwheat) notes over the psalms, without dividing bars.

See George Hood's *History of Music in New England*, p. 14.

² A sarcastic expression used by Th. Cartwright, whose views were controverted by Whitgift and Hooker. See *Ecc. Polity*, V. 38; and *History of the Puritans*, by David Neale, Vol. I., p. 194.

³ In selecting the best Latin hymns and German songs for this book, Luther was assisted by John Walter (publisher) and Conrad Rumpf, both musicians in the service

like Luther, favored congregational singing, and soon after his arrival at Geneva (1519) demanded the restoration of sacred song to a place in divine worship, from which it had been excluded.¹ In order that the people might learn how to sing in a decent and becoming manner, he advised that children should be instructed in some sober, ecclesiastical tunes, in which the congregation should be allowed to join after listening until it was able to sing them. For this purpose the Psalms in French and German were at first set to popular melodies ("Volkslieder"), but these were soon superseded by German chorals and old church chants, whose superiority was acknowledged even by the unmusical Calvin.

The difficulty of finding writers capable of making a rhythmical

of Friedrich der Weise, Elector of Saxony. Before the Reformation the Roman ritual prevailed in all the European churches. After it, Luther, formed a ritual, with the assistance of Melancthon. The *Psalmodia*, "Hoc est Cantica sacra veteris Ecclesiæ selecta," printed at Nuremberg in 1553, and at Wittenberg in 1561, with a preface by Melancthon, proves that the whole of Luther's liturgy was a musical service. The *Psalmodia* is divided into four books: 1. Antiphonas, responsoria, hymnos, et sequentiæ. 2. Cantica veteris ecclesiæ, etc. 3. Cantiones missæ. 4. Psalmi cum eorum antiphonis, finalibus, etc. Luther, who was himself a practical musician and composer, gives his opinion of music, and of its lawfulness in divine worship, in his *Colloquia Mensalia*. In Sleidan's History of the Reformation of the Church, for which he paraphrased the 46th Psalm, "Ein fester Burg," and set it to a noble tune of his own composition, Luther speaks of his skill in music "as an acquisition that he would not exchange for a great matter." Probably the sweet motets which he sang at supper with his friends were German. The practice of psalmody had its rise in Germany, in all probability, but during Luther's lifetime it was chiefly confined to family worship. At the time of his death no Vulgate translation of the Psalter had appeared. For this indulgence the Protestant churches were indebted to the college of the Sorbonne, whose doctors, in 1543, allowed Clement Marot to publish a French version of the first thirty psalms, dedicated, says Bayle, to Francis I. To these he added twenty more, and a version of the remainder was supplied after Marot's death by his friend, Th. Beza.

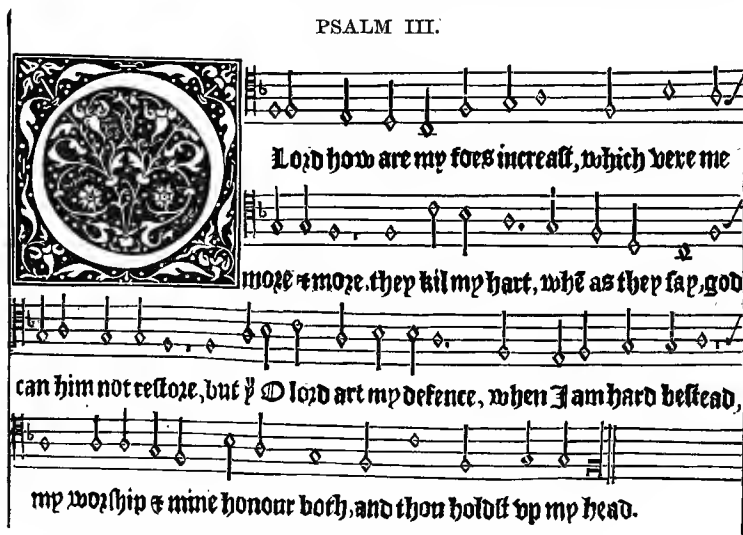
See Sir J. Hawkins's *General History*, Vol. II., pp. 531 *et seq.*

¹ Calvin, in establishing a church at Geneva, divided the service between prayer, preaching, and singing. Plain metrical psalmody only was allowed. Antiphon, hymn, and motet were e'minated as being Romish. Calvin employed Guillaume Franc to set Marot's version of the Psalms to easy tunes in one part only. In 1583 he (Calvin) divided the Psalms into pauses (small portions), and apportioned them to be sung in churches. Louis Bourgeois set eighty-three psalms to music, in four, five, and six parts, printed at Lyons in 1561. Claude Goudimel set all the Psalms in four and five parts, printed at Paris in 1565. Fifty of Marot's psalms were published with music at Strasburg in 1545. Claude Le Jeune, of Valenciennes, a Protestant favorite of Henri IV., styled "le Phénix des musiciens," set the psalms of Marot and Beza. His settings, like those of Goudimel, were in four parts, — superius, contratenor, tenor, and bassus. The tenor part carried the air or melody, composed by some other person, to which Goudimel and Le Jeune added the harmony in the other parts. The original melodies which constitute the tenor part were probably composed by Guillaume Franc. Sir J. Hawkins, II., pp. 531, 535.

version of the Psalms was not overcome by Calvin until 1542, when the poet Clement Marot,¹ having been expelled from France, came to Geneva, and composed tunes which were sung in churches together with the compositions of Goudimel and Bourgeois.²

In 1549 fifty-one of the psalms versified by Thomas Sternhold³ were published without notes, and thirteen years later (1562), after Sternhold's death, these and the remaining psalms making the first complete edition of the Psalter, prepared by I. Hopkins and others, "with apt notes to sing them withal," issued from the press, having the music in one part, written continuously without division into bars.⁴

PSALM III.



The image shows a facsimile of a musical score for Psalm III. On the left is a large, ornate initial letter 'L' in a circular frame, decorated with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns. To the right of the initial are five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written in a blackletter font below the staves. The text reads: "Lord how are my foes increast, which bere me more & more. they kil my hart, whē as they say, god can him not restore, but ¶ O lord art my defence, when I am hard bessead, my worship & mine honour both, and thou holdst vp my head."

¹ Clement Marot published eighteen psalms and three songs, with melodies attached to the first verses, at Strasburg in 1539. A revised edition, prepared by Calvin and Theodore Beza, was published at Geneva in 1561, of which upwards of one hundred editions were printed before the end of the sixteenth century. M. Boyet, *Hist. du Psautier*.

² Bourgeois's variation and rearrangement of the old German airs became as popular among the Germans as among the French. Challoner's *History of the Science and Art of Music*, p. 58.

³ Native of Hampshire, "styled Groom of his Majesty's robes," in his will (1549). He held this office under Henry VIII. and Edward VI.

⁴ In this edition such of the melodies as were not taken from foreign collections were probably composed by English musicians then living, such as Dr. Tye, Marebeck, Tallis, Bird, Shepherd, Parsons, and Mundy, all reformers. The tunes, about forty in number, are in general suited to the pitch and compass of a tenor voice. The fac-simile inserted in the text was made from a copy of the original edition of Sternhold and Hopkins in the Boston Public Library. It is an oblong octavo, with

Thanks to the liberal views entertained about music by the fathers of the Reformation, it was, as we have shown, made an important and integral part of divine worship; but although thus retained, it was reduced to the simple form of unaccompanied tunes, whose grave and solemn character was strictly in keeping with a religious service which depended for its effect upon no outward show or complicated ritual. Like all other parts of the Puritan service, it formed a strong contrast with that of the Church of Rome, and its use in England was not brought about without determined effort and a long struggle.

Until Henry VIII. quarrelled with the Pope and made himself absolute head of the church, the only music used in English churches consisted of Latin masses and services of the Roman ritual, which, after that event, were translated and modified.¹ The reign of Edward VI. (1546-1553), which was so full of promise to the friends of reform,² proved too short to allow of radical changes, and such progress as had been made towards them was violently checked by his successor, Mary, surnamed the Bloody,³ who, instead of destroying their cause, as she fondly hoped, strengthened it, by compelling many earnest and devout men to take refuge from persecution on the Continent, where they saw their ideas of church government carried out, and were thus able to work in the light of experience, when, on the accession of Elizabeth (1558-1603), they returned to their own country, hoping to find favor in the eyes of a Protestant

seventy-seven leaves, title A 1 wanting. Each tune has an initial letter. Title: "*The whole book of Psalms collected into English meter by T. Sternholdt, I. Hopkins, and others, conferred with the Ebrue; with apt notes to sing them with withal.*" Colophon: "Imprinted at London by John Day, dwelling near Aldersgate, beneath St. Martin's, — *cum gratia et privilegio majestatis per septenarium.* 1562." On the fly-leaf is written, W. G. Medicott, Longmeadow, Mass. The lozenge-shaped notes are very clearly printed. Page 147 has a tail-piece. On page 141 is a prayer by M. Tallis (organist to Queen Elizabeth).

¹ Until 1530 the Liturgy was sung in Latin. In 1536 the Creed, Pater Noster, and the Ten Commandments were by the King's command translated into English, and this, says Fuller (Church Hist. in Brittain, Vol. VII., p. 386), was the farthest pace which the Reformation stepped in the reign of Henry VIII. The retention of the choral service in England is ascribed by Sir John Hawkins to the love of the four last Tudor princes for music. Henry VIII. was skilled in music, as were all his children. Edward VI. played on the lute. Mary and Elizabeth on the virginals and the lute. See Sir J. Hawkins, *op. cit.*, pp. 535, 538.

At Geneva, music in parts and instruments were not allowed in religious services for more than a century after the Reformation.

² The first English liturgy under Edward VI. composed by Cranmer in 1548, was set to musical notes in the following year. The King had a body of household musicians — of gentlemen and of children — attached to the royal chapel. During his reign, Bishop Miles Coverdale, of Exeter, published his version of certain psalms.

³ The Romish ritual was restored on Mary's accession.

princess. Contrary to their expectations, "she proved herself to be more the daughter of Henry than the sister of Edward,¹ seeming to dislike nothing of popery but its inconsistency with her title to the throne and its claims against her ecclesiastical supremacy."² "The service in her chapel," says Neale,³ "was so splendid and showy, that, barring the English tongue, foreigners could not distinguish it from the Roman, being sung not only with the sound of organs, but with the artificial musick of cornets, sackbuts, etc., on solemn festivals."⁴ The forty-ninth of the fifty-three articles called "The Queen's Injunctions," by which all matters connected with the discipline and service of the Reformed Church in England were regulated, relates to music in collegiate churches. It directs that singing men shall be continued and maintained, and that there shall be a modest and distinct song so used in all parts of the common prayers that the same may be as plainly understood as if it were read without singing; and, furthermore, allows that, "for the comforting of such as delight in musick. it may be permitted that in the beginning or end of the common prayer there may be sung an hymn or such like song in the best sort of melody and musick that may be conveniently devised, having respect that the sentences of the hymn may be understood and perceived." These are certainly what, as contrasted with Romish practice, would seem to be satisfactory provisions for the musical part of the church service; but they evidently did not satisfy the Separatists or the Non-conformists, for various petitions were presented in the early part of Elizabeth's reign praying for still greater changes, particularly in regard to instrumental accompaniment, which was especially abhorrent to the Reformers.⁵

¹ The second liturgy of Edward VI. was restored when Elizabeth came to the throne. The returned Reformers from Frankfort and Geneva tried to prevent the use of the choral service, and appealed to the authority of Calvin, but the Queen would make no more concessions. Tallis and Bird were organists in the royal chapel.

² Thirteen historical discourses by the Rev Leonard Bacon, p. 7.

³ Op. cit., I., p. 103.

⁴ Strype, in his annals, says, in Sept., 1559, began the new morning prayers at St. Antholin's; bell rang at 5 A. M., when a psalm was sung after the Geneva fashion, all the congregation — men, women, and boys — singing together.

⁵ The censures on church music in the decrees of the Council of Trent, 1545-1563, were directed against the abuses rather than against the practice of music. The Reformers wished to bring back the old church rule, "*Simplicem, sanctamque melodiam, secundum morem ecclesiæ.*" and the thirty-two commissioners appointed by statute (Henry VIII. 27, c. 15) endeavored to remove from the church what they called "curious singing," that is, intricate, elaborate, and unedifying music,—*Cantus figuratus, i. e.*, song abounding in fugues, responsive passages, and a commixture of intricate proportions, termed *descant* by musicians. Sir J. Hawkins, op. cit., II., p. 537.

Thus in 1562 they asked "that the psalms may be sung distinctly by the whole congregation, and *that organs may be laid aside*"; and in another petition, "that the use of organs may be removed";¹ and in still another, of 1564, mention "musick and organs in divine worship" among the grievances to be redressed or dispensed with. In the Puritans' Confession of Faith (1572), both the use of organs and antiphonal singing are forbidden, and singing in unison is enjoined. Dismal indeed must have been the effect of a service at which no other music was permitted than the intoning of Dowd's version of the Psalms in a monotonous voice, unmelodious and unaccompanied. But music to these stern Reformers was an unchristian recreation, and again and again did they attack it with a vehemence of which the reader may form some idea by the following extract from a pamphlet circulated in 1586, entitled "A Request of all true Christians to the Honorable House of Parliament," wherein the petitioners pray that "all cathedral churches may be put down, where the service of God is grievously abused by piping with organs, singing, ringing, and trowling of psalms from one side of the choir to another, with the squeaking of chaunting choristers, disguised, as are all the rest, in white surplices, some in corner caps and filthy capes, imitating the fashion and manner of Antichrist the Pope, that man of sin and child of perdition, with his other rabble of miscreants and shavelings."

It is evident that this and other efforts of the same kind on the part of the Puritans had not sufficed at the beginning of the seventeenth century to secure for them what they desired, a service exactly like that of the Reformed Continental churches at Geneva, Amsterdam, and Frankfort,² for in 1603, when James I. entered London, one of the reforms demanded in the famous "Millenary petition" then presented to his Majesty by the Puritans was that "church songs and musick may be moderated to better edification." In this, as in many other ways, the new monarch failed to meet the wishes of his Puritan subjects, as did the royal martyr (1625-1648),³ in the latter part of

¹ This, after great debate, owed its rejection to a single vote by proxy of an absent member. Sir J. Hawkins, II., 543.

² The dispute at Frankfort (1554) between those who desired strict conformity in public services to the order established in England by Edward VI., and those who desired to imitate the simplicity of the Reformed Continental church service, marks the beginning of the Puritan party, as the name of Puritan was then given to the latter by their opponents.

³ In 1632 an attempt was made to supersede the old English version of the Psalms used since 1564, by that of James I. It was not successful, but radical changes were made. The old version was used until 1696, when the new was introduced with the sanction of William III. It was entitled "A new Version of the Psalms of David, fitted to the Tunes used in Churches."

whose reign (1641) a memorandum for reformation was submitted to a committee of accommodation, praying "that the music in cathedral and collegiate churches be framed with less curiosity, and that no hymns or anthems be used whose ditties are framed by private men, but such as are contained in the Holy Scriptures, or in our Liturgy or prayers, or have public allowance."¹ In 1644, the year after the beginning of the Commonwealth, the liturgy and the choral service were abolished, and the Westminster assembly of divines having declared it to be a Christian duty to sing psalms both at home and in church, directed ministers to appoint some fit person to read the psalm, line by line, before the singing thereof by the whole congregation. Soon after the enforcement of this regulation for congregational singing, the work of taking down organs² and burning choral books began, and was so thoroughly carried out that at the Restoration (1661) it was almost impossible to find organs, organists, notes, or singers.

Let us now turn our attention to the history of church music under Puritan control in New England, where those who crossed the Atlantic in order to carry out their ideas of church government without hindrance, evinced the same dread of choral and instrumental services, regarding them as popish devices, as those of their persuasion who remained in the mother country had done and continued to do.

We read in the "Pilgrim's Progress," written by John Bunyan in Bedford jail between 1660 and 1672, that after Christian issued from the Valley of the Shadow of Death he saw the caves where Pope and Pagan had lived in old times. Pagan had died long ago, but Pope was still living, though he had grown so crazy and stiff in his joints that he could do little more than "sit in his cave's mouth, grinning at pilgrims as they went by, and biting his nails because he could not come at them." Our forefathers, although well aware of Pope's decrepitude, could never rid themselves of the fear that he whom they regarded as the arch fiend in person might some day find means to grow young again, and in the matter of music, as in all else, kept their gates closely barred against him.

The New England pastor opened the service with prayer, after which the teacher read and expounded a chapter of the Bible; then a psalm was sung in unison by the congregation. Men and women,³ rising in

¹ Neale, *op. cit.*, p. 701.

² The organ of Magdalen College, taken down during the Rebellion, was removed by Cromwell's orders to Hampton Court, where it remained until the Restoration, when it was carried back to Oxford.

³ The Rev. Elias Nason doubts whether women were allowed to sing in Puritan times. See the *Ancient Psalmody of America*. Discourse before the Hist. Genea. Soc., Nov., 1875.

their seats, stood facing the pastor, and sang each line as it was "lined out" or "deaconed off,"¹ that is, distinctly read by the elder, the time taken in Old Hundredth being regulated by one beat of the pulse.² After the psalm thus rendered came the sermon, the prayer, and the benediction.

¹The practice of lining out the psalm, which originated with Luther, was revived in New England, probably on account of a want of psalm-books sufficient for increasing congregations. It does not seem to have been a practice of the first settlers. At Plymouth it was not adopted until 1682. Many objected to it as having no Scripture authority, and also because reading of the psalms "doth hinder the melody, the understanding the affection in singing." Hood, p. 13. The practice was protested against by Watts (ed. 1718). In his preface, he advises that all who cant should bring psalm-books, in order to get the sense completely; and that the clerk, before lining, should read the whole psalm over. The practice gave way in the last quarter of the seventeenth century, when permission was given to the best singers in the choir to sit in the front gallery with the person appointed to set the psalm. In 1785 the church at Roxbury voted to allow singing once upon each Lord's day, without reading by the deacon. Lincoln, in his History of Worcester (1779), tells how the venerable Deacon Chamberlain insisted upon reading the psalm line by line until at last, finding that his voice was drowned by the choir, he seized his hat and retired in a flood of tears. For this he was censured, and for a season not allowed to communicate.

²The Old Hundredth was one of the melodies selected by Luther from the people's Songs, popular at the time of the Reformation. The epithet "Old" was added after the publication of the new version, in 1696, to denote that it was a tune taken from the preceding psalter of Sternhold and Hopkins. Challoner (p. 59) says it may have been brought from the East by the troubadours, and Nason that it was composed by Guillaume Franc. Sir J. Hawkins (II., 530, note) says that Handel has been often heard to say that the melody— which, by the way, is identical with that of the 134th Psalm of Goudimel and Le Jeune— was composed by Luther. Dr. Gilman (Village Choir, p. 76) speaks of Old Hundredth as a piece of musical antiquity, which had not been sung in any meeting-house for upwards of thirty years. When sung, according to Latrobe, it was so drawled out that a breath was more than expended on each word. Mr. Sharp used to relate an anecdote of a clergyman under whom he sat in England, whose practice it was on each successive Sunday to give out the Old Hundredth, as if to sing it were a perfectly novel idea. "This morning, my brethren, we will sing," etc. One of the choristers at last became so exasperated that one morning, on hearing the first line given out by the deacon, he, to the horror of the congregation, broke out with, "Damn all nations that on earth do dwell."

Gould (Church Music in America, p. 29) says that Old Hundred is the only tune now used to be found in Sternhold and Hopkins, and prints it thus:—

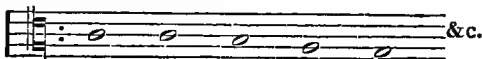


Ravenscroft, 1618, who first gave names of cities and towns, as Canterbury, York, etc., to tunes in his choice collection, styles Old Hundred or Hundredth a French

No better description of the Sunday services in a New England meeting-house exists than this, in Taylor's verses :—¹

- “ Old home of Puritanic wood,
Through whose unpainted windows streamed,
On seats as primitive and rude
As Jacob's pillow, when he dreamed,
- “ The white and undiluted day!
Its naked aisles no roses grace
That blossomed at the shuttle's play,
No saints distempered² bless the place.
- “ Like feudal castles, front to front,
In timbered oak of Saxon Thor,
To brave the siege and bear the brunt
Of Bunyan's endless Holy War,
- “ The pulpit and the gallery stand,
Between the twain a peaceful space,
The prayer and praise on either hand,
And girls and gospel face to face.

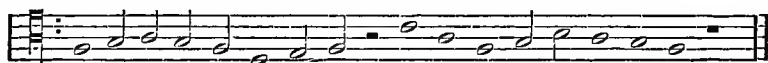
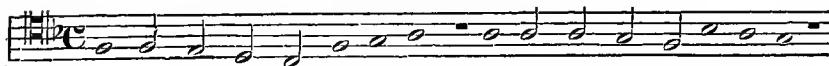
tune (1621). It probably first bore the name of Savoy. In Theodore Beza's edition of Marot's psalms (1561) it is given thus:—



With the words :—

Or sus, serviteurs du Seigneur
Vous, qui de nuit en son honneur
De dans sa maison la servez,
Louez le, et son nom elevez.

ORIGINAL FORM.



Like other melodies in the German Psalter, it is an adaptation of a secular tune of the time. Bourgeois was editor of the German Psalter from 1542-1557, and to him the tune in its present form may be ascribed. Grove, Dict., II., p. 495.

In Ravenscroft it is thus printed:—



¹ B. F. Taylor, — from poems entitled *The Psalm Book in the Garret*, — published in volume entitled *Songs of Yesterday*. S. L. Griggs & Co., Chicago.

² *i. e.*, painted in distemper, frescoed.

“ I hear the reverend elder say,
 ‘ Hymn fifty-five, long metre, sing ! ’
 I hear the psalm books’ fluttered play,
 Like flocks of sparrows taking wing.

“ The congregation rise and stand,—
 Old Hundred’s rolling thunder comes
 In heavy surges slow and grand
 As beats the surf its solemn drums.

“ And now they sing a star in sight,—
 The blessed star of Bethlehem ;
 And now the air is royal bright
 With Coronation’s diadem.

“ They show me spots of dimpled sod,
 They say the girls of old are there ;
 Oh, no ! they swell the choir of God,—
 The dear old songs are everywhere.”

On coming to New England the Puritans brought with them Ainsworth’s version of the Psalms, 1612. “ Printed in Amsterdam, the words and the music together.” Of this version we have already spoken as well as of that of Sternhold and Hopkins, an edition of which was published at Cambridge in 1693, and used in one or two of the churches before 1640, when the Bay Psalm Book,¹ the first book printed on this continent north of Mexico, appeared. To Welde, Eliot,²

¹ 1st ed. pub. at Cambridge, 1640, — 26th ed. pub. at Boston in 1744, — the 27th ed. at Boston between 1746 and 1750. A copy of the 1st ed. (1640) exists in the Boston Public Library, 10. A. 8. O. S. 132, formerly in the Old South Library. A slip of paper pasted on the front page reads, “ belonged to the New England Library, begun to be collected by Thomas Payne, 1703.” It is a small 8vo volume without notes. “ The whole Book of Psalms faithfully translated,” etc. The preface is a plea for the singing of psalms as authorized by Holy Writ. It concludes with these words, —

“ That we may sing in Sion, the Lord’s
 song of prayse according to his owne
 will, until he take us from hence
 and wipe away all tears,
 and bid us enter into
 our Master’s joye,
 to sing eternall
 Hallelujahs.”

The 2d ed. of the Bay Psalm Book, revised and increased by the Rev. Henry Dunster, president of Harvard College, and Mr. Richard Lyon, appeared in 1650. It was printed in Pres. Dunster’s house by Stephen Day, who came from England in 1639 with printing-press and font of ill-cut type.

For description of the Bay Psalm Book, see Tyler, *Hist. of American Literature*; Duyckinck’s *Cyc’a of Literature*; and article by Tarbox in *New Englander* for March, 1880; also, *Mem l Hist. of Boston, I., p. 513.*

² The Indian apostle, who in 1660 printed the metrical version of the Psalms, in his translation of the Bible into the Indian (Nipmuck) tongue. In 1689, Dr.

Mather, and the other eminent divines who prepared it, as to all sound Puritans, non-conformity to the sacred text was, as Hood remarks, "the fault of faults," and they therefore made their translation of the Psalms into metrical verse as literal as possible.¹ At the close of the volume the reader is "admonished that the verses of these psalms may be reduced to six kinds, the first whereof may be sung in very neere forty common tunes, as they are collected out of our chief musicians (English, Scotch, and Welsh composers) by Thomas Ravenscroft."² In the course of a century the Bay Psalm Book, which was almost exclusively used in New England churches, passed through nearly thirty editions. Those printed before 1690 consisted of text only, for the singing of which five or six tunes, such as York, Hackney, Windsor, St. Mary's, and Martyrs, were written out in copies used by the congregation, but, as the want of a greater variety of tunes was then felt, an edition with text and notes was published in 1698.³

Although sanctioned by the church in New England, the Bay Psalm Book did not at first meet with universal acceptance, owing to the great variety of opinions prevalent among God-fearing men as to the propriety of singing at all. To some the metrical rendering of the Psalms was a tampering with the Sacred Text, and to sing them was sinful, as Christians ought to praise God with the heart only. Others thought that one of the congregation should sing while the rest listened, joining with him in the final amen; while still another party held that none but members of the church should be allowed to sing. Further questionings arose on allowing women to sing with men, women being forbidden to speak in church (Cor. xiv. 34), or to prophesy (Tim. ii. 11, 12); and also on the propriety of singing psalms in metre devised by man to tunes written perhaps by the ungodly,

Increase Mather wrote to Dr. John Leusden, Hebrew professor in the university at Utrecht: "The whole congregation of Indians praise God with singing, and some of them are excellent singers." The same assertion is made in a letter written from New England to the Princess of Orange in 1689. Hood, *op. cit.*, p. 56.

¹ Free translations or paraphrases, like those of Watts, or of Addison, of which "The spacious firmament on high" may be taken as an example, would have found no favor with our forefathers. Hood.

² Thomas Ravenscroft, bachelor of music, published in 1628, the whole Book of Psalms with the hymns, evangelical and spiritual, written in four parts by sundry authors, such as Tallis, Dr. John Dowland, John Milton, the poet's father, etc. In it the tenor part has the tune,—called the tenor, or plain-song, or Faburden, — Falso Bordone, — a species of descant. Ravenscroft's book, republished in 1633, became the manual of psalm singers throughout the Kingdom.

³ Tunes printed in two parts, initial of syllable placed under each note, with directions as to singing.

which might be looked upon as uninspired tunes in contradistinction to those which, by long usage, had come to be regarded as inspired.¹ All these objections were discussed and met by the Rev. John Cotton in his famous tract (1647) entitled "Singing of Psalms a Gospel Ordinance."² The four "particulars" treated are:—

I. *Touching the duty itself,* i. e., of audible singing, respecting which the reverend author concludes "that singing of Psalms with a lively voyce is an holy duty of God's worship now in the dayes of the New Testament," the which he proves by the commandments of the Lord by Paul, "through the examples of Christ himself and of his Saints and Disciples in the New Testament, the prophecies of the Old Testament foretelling and persuading such a duty in the New."

II. *Touching the matter to be sung.*—On this head the author declares that "not only the Psalms of David, but any other spirituall songs recorded in Scripture may be lawfully sung in Christian churches, as those of Moses, Asaph, etc.," and also "that any private Christian who hath a gift to frame a spirituall song, may both frame it and sing it privately or before the Church; nor is to be forbidden to make use of an Instrument of music in his own house, so that attention to the Instrument do not divert the heart from attention to the matter of the Song."

III. *Touching the singers* the writer argues, that *all* should sing, women as well as men, sinners as well as saints, for we are told, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms." (James, v. 13.)

IV. *Touching the manner of singing.*—Under this head the author discusses whether Psalms in metre of man's device may be sung, "whether in tunes invented, and whether it be lawfull in order unto singing to reade the Psalme." He argues in favor of the versification of psalms, and the composing of melodies or tunes to which they may be sung, that it is as lawful to translate them into verse as into prose, and that as words invented by Englishmen may be properly used to convey divine truth, so may tunes composed by the same for a like purpose. Finally, he makes answer to those who think that reading the Psalms is not to be allowed in order to singing by saying, that as all have not books, and all do not know the Psalms by heart, "it will be a necessary helpe that the words be openly read beforehand, line after line, or two lines together, that so they who want either books or skill to reade may know what is to be sung, and joyne with the rest in the dutie of singing."

¹ Gould, op. cit., p. 33.

² Hood, op. cit., 35-48.

The strong opposition to the use of instruments in Puritan churches¹ makes it surprising that so early as 1641, Thomas Lechford pleaded for it in his so-called "Plaine Dealing"² in these words: "If Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs are to be sung in the church, and to sing melodiously and in good harmony is the gift of God, and uncomely singing is a kind of sin in the holy assemblies, why should not the chief leaders and rulers of the Church appoint some one in their stead to take charge of the singing in the Church? and may not some be better fitted to lead in singing than others? and, lest they may fall out in their tunes to jarring, why may they not use *the help of some musical instruments?* and, lest they should want able men this way, why should they not take care that some children be trained up in Music?"

The voice of this man, in advance of his time, was like that of one crying in the wilderness. Do we not read in the Prophet Amos (v. 23), said the Puritans, "Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs, for I will not hear the melody of thy viols?" and is not the use of instruments in the house of God like the idolatrous concert of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel iii. 5), who ordered that "at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image which the king has set up?" Furthermore, is it not a mockery to make wood and strings perform acts of devotion, properly performed by the human spirit only? To such objections it might have been answered that the Psalm which saith "Let everything that hath life and breath praise the Lord" also saith, "Praise him with timbrels and dances" Instruments of music were regarded as "of the Devil," because the Romish Church sanctioned their use; and of all instruments, the organ, as being specially identified with popery, was the most abhorred. Writing from England, in 1660, Mr. Leverett (agent for the General Court) refers to the use of the organ as one of the most discouraging signs of a return to Romish practices, adding, "the Lord keep and preserve his church, that there may not be fainting in the day of ordeal!"³ In derision, the organ of that day was called a

¹ In early Puritan times not even a pitch pipe was allowed. A law enacted in one of the N. E. States (1675) prescribed that no one should play on any kind of music except the drum, the trumpet, and the jew-sharp. Everything of the kind was considered common and unclean. The fiddle, being associated with theatres, balls, etc., was called the Devil's instrument.

² *Plaine Dealing*, or *News from New England* (among certain questions concerning church government).

³ Palfrey's *Hist. of N. Eng.*, II. p. 448. The *London Punch* of April 3, 1880, points

box of pipes, and such in fact it was, in comparison with the splendid instruments of our own time; but then, as now, it was an instrument of man's devising. This cause of feeling against it finds expression in the story of the preacher of a later period, when it had somewhat gained a foothold, who, on being asked to lead in prayer, after the organ had been heard with the singers, cried out, "Call on the machine. If it can sing and play to the glory of God, it can pray to the glory of God also: call on the machine!"¹

Colonial records give but little information about singing in churches; but confined as it was to men who sang without accompaniment some half a dozen tunes in common metre,² learned by rote, it must have been dreary and monotonous to the last degree. In the early part of the 18th century, when part singing was extremely rare, the singer's repertory was enlarged by various publications, the first of which, an "Introduction to the Singing of Psalm Tunes," by the Rev. E. Tufts, with a collection of thirty-seven tunes in three parts, viz., cantus, medius, and bassus, appeared in 1712 or 1714, and reached its eleventh edition in 1744.³ Next in order of publication

out the existence of this anti-organ prejudice as still to be found in Scotland. The text to the illustration "Avaunt" runs thus: Free Kirk divine, of advanced opinions, who has recently introduced an organ into his chapel. "I'm sorry to hear, Mrs. McGrunty, that you are by no means so regular in your attendance at church as you used to be." Fair Beggite (indignant at the pastor's latest iniquity). 'Kirk, indeed! Wud ye luure me tae Rome wi' the rest of them, wi' your organs, an' anthems, and sich like abominations? Na, na; until ye gie me the auld Hunder agin without the whistles, I'll tak' ma' speerital comfort at hame.'" So, again, in Latrobe's Music in the Church, London, 1831, p. 316. it is stated that so late as 1807, when an attempt was made to introduce an organ into a church at Glasgow, the presbytery declared their determination to avert so dire a calamity from our church and county; to crush in the bud so scandalous a prostration of sacred things. The Rev. E. Nason relates that in 1735, when Bishop Berkeley presented an organ to Trinity Church, Newport, the people, in public meeting, voted that "an organ is an instrument of the Devil, for the entrapping of men's souls," and declined to accept it, though they afterwards would seem to have reconsidered their vote, as the organ is still in the church. W. B. Fowler, in his Hist. of Durham, Conn., 1866, p. 101, says, "a certain man in my recollection would go to the s. door of the Meeting House and enquire, 'is the great fiddle there?' On being told that the Bass Viol was there, he would depart to his home. He was not willing to be present where there was such a 'Dagon.'"

¹ Latrobe, op. cit. p. 354. Barrel organs were occasionally admitted into churches in lieu of finger organs.

² In Ainsworth's and N. E. Psalm Book, psalms written in alternate lines of eight and six syllables. Gould, p. 36, mentions Oxford, Litchfield, York, Windsor, St. David's, and Martyrs among tunes used before 1630.

³ Instead of notes the initial letters of pitch names were used as F. for fa, S. for sol, etc., time marked by punctuation marks on right side of letters, as, *e. g.*, F: = a breve; F. = semibreve; F simple = a minim.

came the *Psalterium Americanum* (1718),¹ by Dr. Cotton Mather, "fitted unto the tunes commonly used in the church," and after it, a singing-book by the Rev. T. Walter (1721), entitled the "Grounds and Rules of Musick explained; or, an Introduction to the Art of Singing by Note." containing tunes in three parts, made up of semibreves and minims, and notable as the first music printed in America with a bass part.² The author states that he was moved to the publication of this book by the deplorable state of singing in New England. The four or five tunes in use, he says, "had become so mutilated, tortured, and twisted, that psalm singing had become a mere disorderly noise, left to the mercy of every unskillful throat to chop and alter, twist and change according to their own fancy, — sounding like five hundred different tunes roared out at the same time, and so little in time that they were often one or two words apart; so hideous as to be bad beyond expression, and so drawling that the singer had sometimes to pause twice on one word to take breath. The decline," continues the writer, "had been so gradual that the very confusion and dissonance seemed to have become grateful to their ears, while melody sung in time and tune was offensive; and when it was heard that tunes were sung by note, they argued that the *new way*, as it was called, was an unknown tongue, not melodious as the old; that it made disturbance in churches, was a needless contrivance of the designing to get money, required too much time, and made the young disorderly, — old way good enough."

Other puerile objections urged against the new way were that the next thing will be to pray by rule and preach by rule, and then comes popery; that it savors of witchcraft to sing a tune by following printed characters with the eye, without having first learned it by ear; that singing by note will bring about the use of instruments; that the names of the notes are blasphemous; that it is foolish to adopt a new way when the old way is good enough etc., etc.³

As early as 1720, when singing by note was first adopted in Boston, the Rev. Thomas Symmes defended it in an essay entitled "The Rea-

¹ The preface to an edition of Watts's Hymns, published in 1718, advises the singer not to dwell too long on one note, but to increase speed in pronunciation, and points out such defects as drawing, flattening, singing some notes too flat and others too sharp, so called embellishments, etc.

² This book went through several editions, the last of which was published in 1764. In that year Josiah Flagg published a collection of forty-six tunes, printed by Paul Revere. The author boasts that the paper is Yankee if the music be English. See Gould, p. 38.

³ Hood cites ten objections. — pp. 86, 87.

sonableness of Regular Singing, or, Singing by Note," maintaining that all could learn to sing, and recommending the opening of singing schools. He was followed in 1727 by the Rev. Mr. Chauncey, in a pamphlet entitled "Regular Singing defended, and proved to be the only Way of singing the Songs of the Lord." Dwight, Thacher, Danforth, Mather, Stoddard, and others took the same ground.

The contest raged for twenty years (1720-1740), during which the example set by Boston was gradually followed in country towns either wholly or partially. In some places, as at Glastonbury, Conn. (Feb., 1733), a compromise was effected, by permitting the congregation to sing one half the Lord's day by note, and the other half by rote;¹ and at Braintree, after the pastor, the Rev. Samuel Niles, had expelled eight members of the congregation for persisting in note singing, they were restored by the council, and, in order to satisfy both parties, the congregation was directed to sing alternately by note and by rote.² In 1742, note singing was formally adopted at Hanover, Mass., and the example was followed in other country towns, where singing schools were of necessity established. The first of these useful institutions in Boston was that opened in Brattle Street by Dr. Benjamin Coleman's society, 1720, and the first, or one of the earliest, in a country town was that opened at Hadley, Mass., by John Stickney and his wife.³ Before 1800, singing schools could generally be found from Maine to Georgia. Roxbury, Dorchester, Cambridge, Taunton, Bridgewater, Charlestown, Ipswich, Newbury, and Bradford made special and early efforts to reform and improve singing, and, if we may accept the testimony of the Abbé Robin who visited Boston in 1781, not without success. In speaking of the New-Englanders, this traveller says, "Their psalmody is grave and majestic and the harmony of the poetry in their national tongue adds a grace to the music and contributes greatly towards keeping up the attention of the worshippers."⁴

¹ This arrangement was to be in force until the next election. In July, it was voted to defer the use of the new way on Sabbath days until the December meeting, it being understood that the townspeople should meet once a week, or fortnight, to learn it.

² Mr. Niles was so little satisfied with this arrangement that he held service in his own house Dec. 1, 1723, where the sound of the "popish notes" could not be heard, leaving his deacons to manage the "crotchety sticks" as best they could in the meeting-house. Rev. Elias Nason's Discourse before the Gen. Hist. Society, Nov., 1875.

³ From 1720 onward, a few singers met occasionally in towns for practice in singing; but meetings for learning the theory and practice of music were scarcely known before 1770. Gould, *op. cit.*, p. 77.

⁴ Hist. of Mass., by I. S. Barry, 3d Period, p. 201, note 1, relates that the Abbé Robin, when in Boston, lodged in the house with a Frenchman who began to play the

Brissot de Warville, who came among us a few years later (1788), also bears witness to the changed state of public feeling, by saying that "music, which their teachers formerly proscribed as a diabolic art, begins to make part of their education."¹

Before speaking of the Billings craze, — which intervened between the general adoption of singing by note and the early part of the 19th century, when what may be properly called the musical reformation began, — a few examples of the grotesque text of some of the hymns our forefathers sang with the utmost seriousness may be given. Here is a verse, taken from the Rev. S. W. Christopher's "Poets of Methodism,"² which could hardly be surpassed in oddity.

"Ye monsters of the bubbling deep,
Your Maker's praises shout;
Up from the sands, ye codlings, peep,
And wag your tails about."

The same writer, after quoting from Dr. Watts's 92d Psalm the lines,

"Oh, let my heart in tune be found,
Like David's harp of solemn sound,"

relates, that a singer, wishing to improve upon them, gravely proposed to his pastor to substitute these lines: —

"Oh may my heart be tuned within
Like David's sacred violin!"

to which the reverend gentleman answered by waggishly suggesting as an amendment,

"Oh may my heart go diddle-diddle,
Like Uncle David's sacred fiddle!"

When Billings got the upper hand with his so-called fuge-ing tunes,³ hearts did indeed go "diddle-diddle," and wild were their dances. The paramount influence obtained by William Billings (b. Oct. 7, 1747, d. A. D. 1800), a tanner, who plied his trade in Eliot

flute on Sunday for his amusement. This so enraged the people that they swarmed about the doors, and would have mobbed the musician had not the landlord warned him of his danger and obliged him to desist from his unhallowed occupation.

¹ Shurtleff's Topography of Boston (1871), p. 85.

² Page 14, verse quoted by Dr. Belcher, an American authority in psalmodic literature. The first edition of Dr. Watts's Hymns was published by Dr. Franklin at Philadelphia in 1741. Many of these hymns had found their way into churches before this, through Dr. Cotton Mather, to whom Dr. Watts sent a copy about 1721. Hood, *op. cit.*, p. 156, says Watts did not take the place of the Bay Psalm Book until after the American Revolution.

³ Gould, *op. cit.*, p. 42, says fuge-ing music, though called Yankee music, originated in England, where it was adopted in many Protestant churches long before it was heard of in this country.

Street, Boston, and was the first native self-taught American composer, is partly to be ascribed to the political enmities of the time, to his own zealous patriotism, and to the friendship and support of Samuel Adams. The tune of Chester, called the Battle Hymn of the Revolution, composed by Billings, was the only tune which the Continental pipers were allowed to play when on the march, and the words to which it was sung breathe that spirit of defiant trust characteristic of the people and the times. Had the American Cyclops, as he was called from his one eye,¹ been a Rouget de l'Isle, he would have given them a very different setting, but, however good a patriot he may have been, he was very far from being an inspired musician.² His tunes and fugue-ings are what might be expected as the work of an uneducated man who knew but little of the laws of harmony, modulation, or the preparation and resolution of discords, and who had had no opportunities of purifying his taste or correcting the false theories, which, as he tells us in the preface to one of his books, led him to believe "that Nature is the best dictator: she must do the work; and so I think it best for every composer to be his own carver." Taking as his model the "Urania," a book published by one James

¹ The Rev. Dr. Pierce, of Brookline, who knew Billings intimately, says he was somewhat deformed in person, blind of one eye, with one leg shorter than the other, and with a withered arm. His voice was stentorian and his habits repulsive. He used to carry snuff in his waistcoat pocket and take it by the handful. Gould, p. 46.

² When the British occupied Boston, the American army being stationed at Watertown, Billings thus paraphrased the 137th Psalm:—

By the rivers of Watertown we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Boston.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a 3/2 time signature. The second staff is the right-hand piano accompaniment, starting with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a 3/2 time signature. The third staff is the left-hand piano accompaniment, starting with a bass clef, a common time signature (C), and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics 'By the rivers of Watertown we sat down and wept,' are written below the second and third staves.

"If I forget thee, O Boston,
Then let my numbers cease to flow,
Then be my muse unkind,
Then let my tongue forget to move,
And ever be confined."

Gould, op. cit., p. 48.

Lyon, at Philadelphia. in 1761, which contained the first so-called fugue-ing tunes ever published in this country, he prepared himself "to make the sanctuary resound with fugues within a compass of four short lines, of which the closing one went doubling on its track like a fox pursued by the hunters."¹ Shade of the great John Sebastian Bach. it was not of such fugues as these that Milton thought when he sang of the organist,

" Whose volant touch,
Instinct through all proportion, low and high,
Fled and pursued transverse the resonant fugue,"

but of such models of organic strength as those with which thou wast to endow the world, — fugues whose first law is order, and whose abiding characteristic is inspiration.

What Billings aimed at, to quote his own words, was "to tickle the ear, to rouse the attention dulled by the drawling tunes of past times"; and to do this, he, in certain instances, directed that those which he substituted for them should be still more enlivened by the *clapping of hands*. "My music," he said, "has more than twenty times the power of the old slow tunes; each part straining for mastery and victory, the audience entertained and delighted, their minds surprisingly agitated and extremely fluctuated, sometimes declaring for one part, sometimes for another. Now the solemn bass demands their attention, next the manly tenor; now the lofty counter, now the volatile treble; now here, now there, now here again. Oh, ecstatic! Rush on, ye sons of Harmony!" And rush on they did with unexampled vehemence. "The chorus," says Channing, "chewed the tune and swallowed the words";² and another writer remarks that "one part raced after another, fearful of not winding up together on the last syllable."³ A practical illustration of the effect produced was fur-

¹ Billings's first work, the *N. E. Psalm Singer or American Chorister*, was published in 1770. The author gives a short glossary of musical terms in the preface, and defines "Fuge or fusing (*sic*) as notes flying after each other, altho' not always the same sound. Music is said to be fusing when one part comes in after another," etc. There is a copy of this book in the Mass. Hist. Soc. Library.

² *Recollections of Newport*, p. 100.

³ In some cases each of the four singers sang different words, as in a tune called "Montague," cited by Prof. Hubbard.

Your songs invite, Those
Let the high heavens
Those spacious fields of
Of brilliant light where

nished one evening by some mischievous boys, who hung a couple of cats by their hind legs over the shop sign at the composer's door, on which "*Billings's music*" was conspicuously inscribed.

Censured for his misuse of discords, Billings published a tune called "Jargon," set to these words: —

“ Let horrid Jargon split the air,
my ear,
And rive the nerves asunder;
my
Let hateful discord greet the ear,
As terrible as thunder.”

In his accompanying address to the Goddess of Discord,¹ which he calls as neat a piece of writing as was ever penned, Billings requires the goddess whom he styles "Dread Sovereign," to sign the following quittance: —

¹ See *Singing Master's Assistant*, pp. 28, 29, and p. 102. Also *Musical Recollections of the last Half Century*, pp. 350 and 377.

Let hor-rid jar - gon split the air, And rive the nerves a - sun-dér,

fortissimo.

Let hateful discord greet the ear, As ter - ri - ble as thunder.

“Received of the author a piece of Jargon, it being the best piece ever composed, in full of all accounts from the beginning of time and through the endless ages of eternity. I say, received of me, Goddess of Discord, given from our inharmonious cavern, in the land of chaos, from the year of our existence, which began at Adam’s Fall, 5782.

“DEMON DREAD, *Speaker.*

HUMAN HORROR, *Secretary.*”

Further on, the following directions are given for its adequate performance: “Let an Ass bray the Bass, let the filing of a Saw carry the Tenor, let a Hog who is extremely hungry squeal the Counter, and let a Cartwheel which is heavy loaded, and that has been long without grease, squeak the Treble.”

Enough has perhaps been said to show the reader what manner of man this was, who, through sheer impudence, kept the New-Englanders under his yoke for more than a quarter of a century,¹ a period which Gould calls the dark age of music in New England, and with reason, for it was a time when men worshipped false gods, the work of their own hands, and despised the solemn and decent strains which had been dear to the ears of their forefathers. “Devotion, appalled at the unhallowed sound of the (so-called) fugue, had fled the sanctuary,” says one writer; and another states that “it was as useless for singers to attempt refined music as for the screech-owl to emulate the song of the nightingale.”² Another writer, the Rev. Dr. Dana, declares that in the year 1800 “music in New England was still in its infancy. For years the country has been overflowing with musical productions not destitute of sprightliness, nor in any instance of gleams of genius, but composed on no plan, conformed to no principles, and communicating no distinct or abiding impression through fugitive and unsubstantial things which fill the ear and starve the mind.” In the latter part of the last century efforts were made to emancipate music from the thralldom of Billings; and although some congregations persisted for some time after his death in singing his music on alternate Sundays, the publication of books containing such standard tunes as Old Hundred, Mears, and St. David, which had been laid aside for the past forty years, and the earnest efforts of Drs. Chaplin of Groton, Pierce of Brookline, Dana of Newport, Law, Holyoke, Albee, and others, gradually brought about a

¹ Billings published six collections of tunes, for the most part of his own making, of which the *Singing Master’s Assistant* (1778) is the best. He himself thought it much superior to the *N. E. Psalm Singer*, his earliest work (1770).

² *Treatise on Musical Taste*, by W. Hastings, p. 29 (1822). See also the *Musical Gazette*, Boston, 1838, and *Templi Carmina*, article on, in the *North American Review*, 1820, Vol. II., p. 38.

better state of things. They were, however, bad enough at the best, during the first twenty years of the present century. Referring to that time in an address delivered in 1851, Dr. Lowell Mason says, "I have seen eight or ten persons rise when a hymn was given out, and with pitch-pipes or tuning-forks, and singing-books in hand, attempt what might be in truth regarded as the burlesque choral service of a religious meeting." Here and in the mother country, as late as 1817, the music in many churches was "a scandalous mockery of psalmody, led by a barrel organ or an incompetent professor." The same defects were rife on both sides of the Atlantic, namely, "singing flat with a nasal twang, straining the voice to an unnatural pitch, introducing continual drawls and tasteless ornaments, trilling on each syllable, running a third above the written note; and thus, by a sort of triplet, assimilating the time to a Scotch reel, etc., etc."¹ So far as the selection of music included in collections published between 1800 and 1815 is concerned, it was very much better than in those which had appeared previously; but in point of correctness there was little gain. Consecutive fifths were not only tolerated, but admired,² and consecutive octaves between the parts attracted no one's attention. Tunes were often introduced from recent English publications having a figured bass, but as no one could read it, or had the least idea what it meant,³ such aid to the right filling up of the parts was of no avail. With incorrect music, ill-trained singers, and incompetent professors,⁴ the ordinary church-choir singing must have been intolerable to educated ears. The proportion of women to men was about twenty to one

¹ These defects are pointed out as characteristic of church music in England, by Latrobe, *op. cit.*, p. 139.

² *e. g.*, Ocean (Swan), Father Kemp.



³ Gould, *op. cit.*, p. 72.

⁴ Leaders of choirs who followed the directions given for beating time in the *Farmers' Evening Entertainment* (S. Howe, Northampton, 1804) must have found it difficult to keep the singers together. "To Beat Crotchets in common Time, let the fingers fall on the table six inches, then bring the heel of the hand down gently, then raising it a little higher, throw open the fingers to begin the next bar." For triple time, let the fingers fall on the table, then the heel of the hand, then raise the whole hand six inches, keeping the fingers straight, which fills the bar.

hundred and thirteen. The boys and counter tenors sang the air with the sopranos, and the alto part was generally intrusted to men with falsetto voices.¹ Great opposition was made when it was proposed to have the melody sung by women, on the ground that men had a prescriptive right to lead, and that women were forbidden to take the first part in song or any other religious service. Solo singing by women was unheard of in churches, and did not become common in public until after it had been allowed in the concerts of the Handel and Haydn Society. Church choirs in the early part of this century sang generally to the accompaniment of some one or more wind and stringed instruments,—flute, bassoons, and viols. Organs² were, as we have already said, long kept out of churches as papal emissaries; and, even when the old prejudice had died away, were the exception, on account of the outlay necessary to obtain them. The first organ ever heard in New England was that bequeathed to Brattle Street Church by Thomas Brattle, treasurer of Harvard College, May 23, 1713, with the proviso that if the bequest was accepted, “the elders should within a year procure some sober and discreet person, that can play skilfully thereon, with a loud voice.” In case of refusal to accept, the said organ was to be successively offered to King’s Chapel, Harvard College, and to William Brattle, nephew of the testator.³ The Brattle Street Church authorities having declined to take the organ, it was offered to those of King’s Chapel, where it was set up in 1714, and played upon by Mr. Edward Eustace, an Englishman, who was appointed organist, with a salary of £20 a year.⁴ Some sixty years later, an organ was purchased in England for Brattle Street Church; but it is evident that the same spirit of opposition which had prevented the acceptance of Mr. Brattle’s gift at a former time still lingered in the congregation, for we are told that one of its members offered to pay the original cost of the instrument and all expenses

¹ The air was generally sung by men, and the part assigned to women was written on the upper staff in the brace. The alto or counter, placed on the third staff, had a peculiar clef, called the C clef, originally designed for boys. As boys seldom had skill to lead, and few men could reach the high notes, women with soprano voices were put on this part also, as in Park Street Church, 1810. This choir consisted of about forty singers, accompanied by a flute, bassoon, and viol.

² In the early part of the 18th century, the pipes or sets of pipes were called an “orgin” or organ, and when collected in a case, the “orgins.”

³ Article by Gen. Oliver, *Transcript*, Nov. 19, 1874.

⁴ Other writers say that the organ set up in King’s Chapel in 1714 was a present from Queen Anne, in the latter part of her reign. On its arrival from England, it was left unpacked under the portico for many months,—so strong was the opposition to its admission into the church.

incurred by the society in bringing it across the Atlantic if they would send it back again; and that a committee of members waited on the Rev. Dr. Thacher, the then incumbent, and made a like offer, if he would arrange with the captain to have the organ thrown overboard. As the reverend gentleman declined to listen to them, it was set up, and used until the church was pulled down, in 1872. Before this imported instrument was set up in Brattle Street Church, two organs had been built in Boston, — one in 1745, for the Old South Church, by Edward Bromfield, the first ever constructed in America,¹ and the other in 1752, for Christ Church, by Thomas Johnston.

The first organ factory in Boston was that of William Goodrich, and the first instrument constructed in it was placed in the Roman Catholic Church on Franklin Street in 1815.² In 1807, Erastus Walker, of Lebanon, built a hand or barrel organ of unusual size, for New London, — the largest pipe being twelve feet in length, and the stops ten in number. When it was dedicated, the rector, taking for his text, “In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord” (Zech. xiv. 20), preached on the design and benefits of instrumental music. “In that day,” he said, “even those instruments of music which have long been devoted to other purposes, and considered to be the signals of carnal merriment, shall be enrolled among those articles on which the words ‘Holiness to the Lord’ shall be inscribed.”

¹ It had two manuals and many hundred pipes.

² In 1815 there were four organs in Boston churches, King’s Chapel, Christ, Brattle Street, and Cathedral. Two years later four had been added, viz., First Church First Universalist, Old South, and Federal Street. — *Transcript*, Nov. 30, 1874.

HISTORY OF THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY.

CHAPTER I.

It would be an error to suppose that the Handel and Haydn Society sprang suddenly into life, like the mythic olive-tree at the bidding of Athena. Its coming was heralded by many earlier organizations of its kind, formed in Massachusetts towards the close of the last and in the first fifteen years of the present century, whose efforts to ameliorate the style of performing sacred music, and to raise the standard of taste, deserve recognition and remembrance. Among these were the Stoughton Musical Society, founded Nov. 7, 1786, notable as the first, and so far as we are aware, as the only musical institution which has held uninterrupted meetings from so remote a period down to the present time; ¹ the Independent Musical Society, established at Boston in the same year, which gave concerts at King's Chapel in 1788, and took part there in commemorating the death of Washington (Dec. 14, 1799) on his first succeeding birthday; the Franklin (1804), the Salem, the Middlesex, the West Boston (1806-23), the Massachusetts Musical (1807), the Lock Hospital (1812), ² and the Norfolk Musical Societies. ³ The only one of them which has any special connection with our subject is the Massachusetts Musical, whose records, presented in 1864 to the Handel and Haydn Society by Henry S. Nolen, a descendant of its first secretary, are inscribed,

¹ So spoken of by Dr. Alden of Randolph in a sketch of its history, printed in the *Norfolk County Gazette*, Aug. 13, 1870. The society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Jan. 2, 1837, postponed from Nov. 7, 1836.

² So named from the Lock Hospital Collection, published at Boston, September, 1809. The society sang at the annual meeting of the Mechanics Charitable Association, Dec. 17, 1812.

³ Other societies which sprang from Boston church choirs were the Brattle Street, Hollis, Bowdoin, and Winter Streets, each having its own books, containing tunes for special use. The Park Street choir, 1810-27, and the Essex Street Musical Society (1814-20) may also be mentioned among Boston organizations of their sort. The Lockhart Singing Society, at Andover, was founded early in this century, as were the Hubbard at Dartmouth College, and the New Hampshire.

CONSTITUTION AND MINUTES
OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS MUSICAL SOCIETY,
FOUNDED BY
CHARLES NOLEN, SEN.,
AND FROM WHICH SPEANG
THE BOSTON HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY.

The claim¹ here made in favor of the older society is untenable, since it ceased to exist five years before the birth of its pretended offspring; nor can any other connection between the two be allowed than that of a common membership, in cases where individuals who had belonged to the first society joined the second, and as it turned out to better purpose.² A similar claim might for like reason be set up for other musical organizations in Boston, such as the Second Baptist Singing Society and the Park Street Choir, which Gould³ rightly designates as having been "an important nucleus to the Handel and Haydn Society, and as having taken a prominent part in its performances."

We have before us two letters, written to Mr. Samuel Jennison by the late Mr. George Cushing,⁴ one of the most prominent original members of the Handel and Haydn Society, from which we extract the following passages to show the reader how he regarded the claim set up by Mr. Nolen:—

"I know not whether it is important for the public to know what was the immediate origin of the society, but if it is, I submit that *facts* and not conjecture should be the basis of such knowledge. As to the Massachusetts Musical Society, I can safely say that its name was never mentioned in our discussions; certainly, I for one did not know that such a society had ever had an existence."

The letter containing these words, dated Dec. 1. 1871, was fol-

¹ Dr. J. B. Upham speaks of the Massachusetts Musical, in his semi-centennial address, May 23, 1865, as one of the earliest agencies having a direct bearing upon the foundation of the Handel and Haydn Society.

² One of these was Charles Nolan himself, who was secretary of the Massachusetts Musical, and afterwards trustee and librarian of the Handel and Haydn.

³ *Op. cit.*, p. 75.

⁴ This gentleman, who was for many years cashier at the old Columbia Bank, lived at Hingham for many years, and died at Watertown in 1880, at the age of ninety-four. He played the flute for a long time in the Handel and Haydn Orchestra, and is spoken of by J. S. Dwight (*Mem. History of Boston*, I., p. 415) "as always an enthusiastic admirer of Haydn and Mozart."

lowed two days later by a second, containing a still stronger repudiation of the claim. We give it *in extenso*:—

HINGHAM, Dec. 3, 1871.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I did not mean to trouble you again on the vexed question which has occupied your attention so long, nor should I have done so but for the new item of information your last note gave me. I think that said "titlepage" contains about the coolest piece of assumption I have met with. I should like to ask "the gentleman from Penn." what was his authority for such a positive statement. For aught I know, there may have sprung from the M. M. S. a Handel and *Hayden* Society, but not, as I think I have sufficiently shown, the genuine Handel and *Haydn*. If, however, the compilers of the forthcoming history persist in their statement of the origin of our Society, I can only say that they cannot do so without calling in question the veracity of

Yours respectfully,

G. CUSHING.

- This we certainly have no disposition to do, as we entirely agree with Mr. Cushing about the facts of the case; but at the same time we think that, zealous partisan as he was, he would have admitted that the Massachusetts Musical and similar organizations prepared the way for the Handel and Haydn Society, and enabled it to start under better auspices than it would have done had they never existed. Its beginnings were, in truth, very much on the same level as theirs, its aims professedly identical, and its resources and attainments for many years equally meagre: but it lived, while they died, because it was established at a time when the tide was setting in new directions with sufficient power to carry those who trusted themselves to its current rapidly forward.

That the founders of the Massachusetts Musical Society deserve the credit due to those who take a new departure in any art or science on a higher level than any previously taken will, we think, be allowed by all who may have the patience to read the following abstract of its brief history given in the already mentioned volume of records. From it we learn that in the month of June, 1807, fifteen gentlemen, including Mr Charles Nolen, having subscribed two dollars apiece for the purchase of Handel's Messiah, Judas Maccabeus, and Acis and Galatea, Prang's twenty Anthems, Stephens's Cathedral Music, and Mozart's six Anthems, as a foundation for a musical library, agreed to meet at the house of Mrs. Marean, for the purpose of organizing a society for the selection, practice, and improvement in the mode of performing sacred music. At the meeting,¹ which took place on the

¹ The persons present at this meeting were: Charles Nolen, William Bennett, Samuel White, Jr., Elijah Mears, Thomas Burley, James Pierce, Isaac Davis, Asa Peabody, J. P. Chaplin, Elias Mann, and Edward Bowman.

20th of June, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution, which was reported on the 21st of October, and accepted. It consisted of sixteen articles, and the following high-toned preamble: "Having observed with regret the limited knowledge of most of the professors of the divine science of music, and deplored the prevalent vitiated style of performing that part of sacred worship, the undersigned, believing that musical libraries and associations would greatly tend to remedy those evils, do agree to form ourselves into a society for the purposes of forming a musical library, and of occasionally meeting to perform and discuss the style of performing sacred music."

We shall not weary the reader with administrative details, but content ourselves with saying, that among the duties of the president,¹ as defined in one of the articles of the constitution, were the naming of tunes to be performed, the assigning a place to each member, and that of "keeping time" (conducting). All questions relative to the style of performing music at meetings and the selection of tunes to be sung were, however, referred to a selecting committee, whose recommendation was necessary to ratify the president's action.

The tunes appointed to be sung at the first meeting were, Old Hundredth,² St. Anne, Blendon, Easter, the 97th Psalm, and an anthem — "O Lord God of Israel" — from the Worcester Collection of Psalmody,³ but as they were found to be too difficult, other pieces were substituted, including Pleyel's Hymn. At subsequent meetings held in 1809–10, Holden's Dominion, Morgan's Hymn for Easter Day, Handel's "Worthy is the Lamb," a chorus from Saul, Williams's anthems "Lift up your Heads," "Arise, shine," and the psalm tunes Cambridge, Hotham, and Worcester, were sung. In February, 1810, the Society voted to sing the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah at the next meeting, — but it is doubtful whether they ever did so. Few of the members could read music, and while it was easy for them to learn short psalm tunes by ear, they were incapable of committing to memory a long and intricate chorus like the Hallelujah. Staggered by the difficulties which opened before them, and unwilling to meet the ever-increasing expenses, the members agreed on the 21st of March to sell their small library, valued at about \$50, in order to pay outstanding debts, and on July 5, at Vila's Hall, after the sale had been effected, voted "unanimously," says the final record, "that this Society be dissolved." Signed, "Ch. Nolen, Secretary. Amen."

¹ James Pierce filled this office from 1807 to October, 1809.

² Called in the Village Choir a "piece of musical antiquity," which had not been sung in any meeting-house for at least thirty years.

³ The first music printed from type in America, by Isaiah Thomas, January, 1776.

During its three years' existence the Society held twenty-three meetings, either in Boston at Vila's Hall, in Roxbury at Sumner's, or in Cambridgeport at Hovey's Hall; but, though a public exhibition was at one time contemplated, it was never given.

We have already referred to the Park Street Choir as one of the most important aids "to the Handel and Haydn Society at its formation." This organization, which is spoken of by Gould¹ as "undoubtedly the best of its kind in Boston," owed its superiority to Elnathan Duren, who, besides being a skilful musician and an excellent singer, had that all-important power of "moving a school or a choir at his will," without which no one, however gifted, can make a good conductor. The singing by his choir at the dedication of Park Street Church, in 1812, and on other public occasions for many years, is spoken of in contemporary records "as among the last things to be forgotten by those who were performers or hearers." One of these — the now venerable Gen. H. K. Oliver, of Salem, long an active member of the Handel and Haydn Society, and at all times zealous in the cause of good music — says, in a letter written to the Rev. Luther Farnham, Feb 20, 1869, "I was a member (boy singer) of Park Street Choir from 1810, or thereabouts, and there knew Elnathan Duren,² his brother Abel, Nathaniel Tucker (a Boston wine merchant), N. A. Gould (born a Duren and name changed), William T. Eustis, John Brigham, and many others, all of whom, if I do not err, were early promoters of the new (H. and H.) Society. There were also Amasa Winchester,³ a Mr. Webb,⁴ Samuel Richardson, — with a bass voice of marvellous ponderosity,⁵ — William Rowson, trumpet player,⁶ G. Graupner⁷ (father of Mrs. Ostinelli), music publisher and

¹ Op. cit., p 75.

² Trustee of the H. and H. S. in 1815 and 1816.

³ President of the Mass. Musical Society from October, 1809, to its dissolution, in 1810; vice-president of the Handel and Haydn Society in 1815, 1816, and 1818; trustee in 1817; president from Sept. 6, 1819, to Sept. 1, 1823, and again from Sept. 6, 1824, to Sept. 3, 1827; trustee in 1827, 1828.

⁴ This person can neither be Col. T. S. Webb, the first president of the Handel and Haydn Society, nor Geo. I. Webb, president in 1837.

⁵ One of the most efficient solo singers in the Handel and Haydn concerts. His delivery of the part of Goliath in Neukomm's Oratorio of David (1836) made a great sensation.

⁶ Member of the Philharmonic, and constantly employed by the Handel and Haydn Society.

⁷ Gottlieb Graupner, whose shop was in Franklin Street, four doors on the left from Washington Street, is spoken of by Mr. J. S. Dwight (Mem. Hist. of Boston, I., 116) as the pioneer of good instrumental music in our musical wilderness, the first important teacher of "the piano-forte in Boston, a leader in good works, with a

double bass player, Simon Wood, bassoon, and a second Graupner who played the violin. To these I should add Miss Bennett and her sister, Mrs. Martin, remarkable sopranos, from Park Street, and a Miss Holbrook." ¹

Besides the Park Street Choir, other choirs of note furnished contingents to the Handel and Haydn Society, such as those of the Universalist Church, in School Street (ded. 1817), and the Central Universalist Church (ded. 1823). The singing gallery in the latter edifice, which extended across one of its ends, was large enough to accommodate from one hundred to one hundred and fifty singers,² and a small orchestra. An idea of the quality of the music produced by the choristers may be formed from the following semi-serious description, taken from "Gilman's Village Choir": "The taste and knowledge of music performers was far from being uniform. While some sang with great beauty of expression and a nice adjustment to the sentiment of the happy modulations of a flexible voice, others made no more distinction between the different notes than did the printed singing itself, or any lifeless instrument that gives out the tone required with the same strength and the same unvaried uniformity on all occasions. Nothing, too, could be rougher than the stentorian voice of Mr. Broadbreast, and nothing more piercing than the continued shriek of the pale but enthusiastic Miss Sixfoot. I shall not disclose the name of the man who annoyed us not a little with his ultra-nasal twang; nor of another who, whenever he took the tone pitch, did so by a happy accident; nor of another, who had an ungainly trick of catching his breath violently at every third note;

meagre following." After playing the oboe in the band of a Hanoverian regiment before 1788, when he was honorably discharged, he went to London, where he played in Haydn's Orchestra in the twelve Salomon Concerts, 1791-92. He subsequently went to Prince Edward's Island, and thence to Charleston, S. C., 1796-7, where he married, and whence he came to Boston in 1798. Here he kept a music store, engraved music for his pupils, and with a few associates formed a small orchestra. In 1810 or 1811, he and his musical friends, chiefly amateurs, formed a Philharmonic Society, which met on Saturday evenings in Pythian Hall, and practised symphonies for their enjoyment. This society gave its last concert on Nov. 24, 1824, at the Pantheon, Boylston Square. The orchestra, of perhaps sixteen musicians, was led by Mr. Graupner with his double bass. The violins were M. Granger, Amasa Warren, Mr. Dixon the English consul, and M. Eustaphiéve, Russian consul; clarinet, Granger, Seu.; bassoon, Simon Wood; trumpet, William Rowson; flute, George Cushing; French horn, tympani, and bass-viol (cello)?

¹ These ladies sang constantly in the earlier concerts of the Handel and Haydn Society.

² They were drilled in a singing school maintained at the expense of the Society, which was open two evenings in the week during the autumn and winter months.

nor of several of both sexes, whose pronounciation of many words, particularly of 'how, now,' etc., was dreadfully rustic, and hardly to be expressed on paper.'

After the dissolution of the Mass. Musical Society, in 1810, no effort was made to found a new organization of a similar character until the close of the war. The welcome news that a treaty of peace had been signed at Ghent on Christmas day, 1814, reached Boston on the 13th of February, 1815,¹ and was received with the utmost enthusiasm. A concert of sacred music at the Rev. Dr. Baldwin's meeting-house had been announced by the Second Baptist Singing Society for Thursday, the 16th, with a programme made up of selections from "the oratorios of the most favorite authors of Europe," to wit, the first part of the *Creation*, the Hallelujah Chorus, parts of Judas Maccabæus, the Ode to St. Cecilia's Day, and the Dettingen *Te Deum*.²

The *Advertiser* of Feb. 10 invited the public to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded of listening "to the rare and astouishingly sublime and descriptive production of Haydn, which has never been exhibited in New England"; and the same newspaper of the 15th made an additional appeal for patronage on account of the peculiar adaptation of some of the pieces to the present glorious and happy circumstances of the times." . . . These "performances," says the writer, "seem purposely calculated to celebrate the attainment of that peace which has so long been the object of our solicitude and of our prayers." We are, unfortunately, unable to say how far the concert was treated as a peace jubilee by the audience, for the only notice which we have been able to find of it, signed "Maury," simply expresses the writer's satisfaction, and says that the ode written by Mr. Lathrop, and sung by Mr. Phipps, "was loudly applauded."³ In musical annals, it is notable on account of the first performance in New England of a considerable portion of Haydn's popular oratorio, and it deserves remembrance and recognition as indirectly connected with, though not given in honor of, the great event of the time.

¹ The news reached New York forty-eight days after the signing of the treaty, whence it was transmitted to Boston in thirty-two hours, with what was then "unex-ampled despatch."

² "Anthems and choruses, with full accompaniment, trios, duets, and songs, with light accompaniment. Accompaniment to most of the above pieces written by Messrs. Granger and Scheffer. Concert to begin at six o'clock, with Overture of Pleyel by the Band. Tickets 50 cents each." — *Advertiser*, Feb. 10.

³ *Columbia Centinel* of Feb. 18. "The extracts from the *Creation* were very happily chosen, and, considering the magnitude of the undertaking, extremely well executed."

It was followed by a jubilee, expressly planned by the rejoicing inhabitants, on Feb. 22, the birthday of Washington. "Nothing but a *Te Deum Laudamus*," said the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, in his address at the opening of the First Musical Festival, May 21, 1857,¹ "could satisfy the emotions of the hour, and the great feature of the occasion was a source of thanksgiving and praise, without orations or sermon, in the Old Stone Chapel."

The procession, in which all the State and city dignitaries took part, moved from the State House at ten o'clock on the morning of the 22d, to the Stone Chapel, where the exercises were opened by the band with an overture. Then followed Handel's Chorus, "The Lord shall reign," after which Col. Webb and Mrs. Graupner² sang the duet, "O Lovely Peace," from Judas Maccabeus. The remainder of the programme consisted of, "We praise Thee, O God," chorus from the Dettingen *Te Deum*; prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lathrop; hymn, "Peace, the welcome sound proclaim"; Chorus from the Creation; an Ode, written by L. M. Sargent, and sung by Mr. Huntington; passages from Scripture, read by the Rev. Dr. Lathrop; hymn, "Now Peace returns with balmy wing," sung to the tune of Old Hundred; and, lastly, the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Carey.³ If we may trust the reporters, "the concert electrified a crowded auditory, and received most unqualified applause from strangers and citizens who have attended the celebrated jubilees in Europe," and we do not doubt what the writer says, "that it was the best music ever performed in Boston within his remembrance."⁴ That the lovers of music should have taken advantage of "the enthusiasm of the hour" to renew their former efforts to found a new musical society is so natural a suggestion that we readily accept Mr. Winthrop's surmise,⁵ "that the impressive services of the Peace Jubilee gave the primary impulse to the establishment of the Handel and Haydn Society." This is not recognized in the accounts given of the first steps taken by its founders, but their action followed so closely upon the Jubilee that we may accept it as such, though we regard the concert of the Second Baptist Singing Society, which immediately preceded it, as equally entitled to be considered a factor

¹ Addresses and speeches, 1852-1867, p. 334.

² We do not know whether this lady was the wife or sister-in-law of Gottlieb Graupner, the publisher. Her name appears in several of the early programmes of the Handel and Haydn Society.

³ *Advertiser*, Feb. 23.

⁴ *C. Centinel*, Feb. 25.

⁵ See his already quoted address.

in the matter. The already quoted letter, written to the Rev. Luther Farnham by Mr. George Cushing in December, 1871, gives an interesting account of the origin of the Society:—

“I was a member of the Philharmonic Society, which was got up by a number of amateurs for the performance of vocal and instrumental music, principally the latter.¹ In the intervals of the performances, the low state of church music was a frequent subject of conversation. On one of these occasions, a group of four or five happening to meet, the subject was renewed, when your humble servant, who was one of them, remarked that it was useless to *talk* any more about it, but that we had better proceed to action by having a meeting called of such as felt an interest in the subject. This being at once assented to, a meeting was shortly after held in Mr. Graupner's Music Hall, which resulted in the formation of the Handel and Haydn Society. The names of the group of persons just referred to, as far as I can recollect, were as follows: G. Graupner, Augustus Peabody (counsellor-at-law), Matthew S. Parker (cashier of the Suffolk Bank), John Dodd, and myself.”

The meeting referred to by Mr. Cushing probably took place on the 24th of March. It was succeeded by a second, the first on record, held at Mr. Graupner's Hall, on March 30, to consider the practicability of forming a society made up of members from several choirs, and attended by sixteen persons.² At an adjourned meeting on Thursday, April 13, the constitution was adopted, and Mr. Matthew S. Parker was appointed secretary. This gentleman was directed to call a meeting on the 20th, as he did by notices, of which the following, addressed to Mr. Amasa Winchester, and dated April 15, is an example:—

¹ Mr. Cushing played the flute both in the Philharmonic and Handel and Haydn orchestras.

² We quote from the *Advertiser* of April 1, 1815, a paragraph entitled Improvement of the Taste for Sacred Music: “It is with much pleasure we learn that exertions are making to form a general association, comprising the leaders and most active members of the different singing societies of the several congregations in this metropolis, for the purpose of bringing into general use the compositions of Handel and Haydn. To create a fondness, to correct the ear, and improve the taste by practising the works of those justly celebrated men, so universally esteemed in Europe, must be an object worthy the attention of all those who feel a desire to become acquainted with the wonderful conceptions and extraordinary genius of talent displayed in their compositions of sacred music. The association contemplates digesting a plan, embracing all the musical talent in this town, for the purpose of sacred oratorio performances, towards establishing a fund to carry so laudable and praiseworthy an undertaking into full operation.”

“*Sir*,—You are hereby notified that the gentlemen who are to compose the Handel and Haydn Society will meet on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Mr. Graupner's Hall, for the purpose of organizing the said society and electing the officers thereof, at which meeting your attendance is requested.

“By order.

MATTHEW S. PARKER, *Sec'y.*”

It is worthy of remark that the name of the Society is given in this notice, which preceded its organization. Who suggested it we do not know; but we may safely give the credit to one of the five gentlemen named in Mr. Cushing's letter, and suppose that it was agreed upon at their preliminary meeting. In response to the secretary's circular, sixteen persons¹ met at Mr. Graupner's Hall at the appointed time, with Mr. Withington in the chair, when the chairman and secretary, with Messrs. Webb, Peabody, Winchester, and Withington, were appointed a committee to draft regulations, and notice was given of a future meeting, at which the regulations would be presented, and to which the same committee was empowered to invite such other persons besides those present as they saw fit to select. When it was held at the house of Elnathan Duren, on the 26th of April, the constitution was adopted and signed by the forty-four persons present, and the following officers were elected to serve until the annual election in September: Thomas L. Webb,² president; Amasa Winchester, vice-president; Nathaniel Tucker, treasurer; M. S. Parker, secretary; Messrs. E. Duren, B. Holt, J. Bailey, Ch. Nolen, Eb. Withington, John Dodd, Jacob Guild, W. K. Phipps, Jon. Huntington, trustees.³ On taking the chair, the newly elected president addressed the members in “a few but impressive words,” after which the members subscribed \$53, in sums of about \$3 apiece, to meet expenses. This sum was to be repaid when the state of the treasury should allow.

We quote the preamble to the constitution, not given in the printed

¹ G. Graupner, T. S. Webb, J. Dodd, S. Richardson (Brattle Street Choir); S. H. and M. S. Parker (Trinity Church Choir); Eb. Withington, “whose alto towered aloft in ‘O thou that bringest’” (Syphax, 1874); J. Huntington (Old South Choir); A. Winchester, Joseph Baldwin (Hanover Street Choir); Luke Eastman, Aaron or Asa Peabody, and Dr. J. Miliken.

² Born at Boston in 1771, son of Samuel Webb; he learned the rudiments of music from Billings, and became an active member of the Brattle Street Choir. At Providence he became president of the Psalterian Society. He composed the music for many odes used by the Freemasons, among whom he held high rank.—*Freemason's Report*, p. 57, No. 28.

³ This name was changed to Board of Directors in 1866, when a deed of trust was executed for the creation of a permanent fund, administered by three trustees.

copies of the by-laws, as it sets forth in an impressive manner the objects for which the Society was formed : —

“ While in our country almost every institution, political, civil, and moral, has advanced with rapid steps, while every other science and art is cultivated with a success flattering to its advocates, the admirers of music find their beloved science far from exciting the feelings or exercising the powers to which it is accustomed in the Old World. Too long have those to whom heaven has given a voice to perform and an ear that can enjoy music neglected a science which has done much towards subduing the ferocious passions of men and giving innocent pleasure to society ; and so absolute has been their neglect, that most of the works of the greatest composers of sacred music have never found those in our land who have even attempted their performance. Impressed with these sentiments, the undersigned do hereby agree to form themselves into a society, by the name of the Handel and Haydn Society, for the purpose of improving the style of performing sacred music, and introducing into more general use the works of Handel and Haydn and other eminent composers ; and we agree to adopt thirteen regulations for the government of the society, and to abide by them.”

These regulations provide for the dedication of proceeds of the sale of tickets (after payment of expenses) for the purchase of a library and of musical instruments, and fix certain important matters of administration. They provide that the president shall conduct performances and assign to members the part which they are to sing ; that a seven-eighths vote of members shall be required to elect officers ; that the roll shall be called at each meeting, and members not present, unless able to give a valid excuse for their absence, shall pay a fine of fifty cents ; that those guilty of disorderly conduct or non-observance of regulations shall be liable to expulsion by a two-thirds vote ; and that meetings shall be held on Thursday evenings¹ of each week, at which standing rules or by-laws may be adopted as required, etc., etc.

An article signed “ Public Good ” in the *Centinel* of April 19 speaks thus favorably of the enterprise : “ The Handel and Haydn Society will combine and select members from the choirs of the several congregations gathered in this metropolis,² and will extend to gentlemen properly qualified from the towns in the vicinity. It

¹ Changed to Tuesday by new by-law adopted March 19, 1816.

² Those which furnished members to the Handel and Haydn Society were, — 1, Brattle Street ; 2, Old South ; 3, Trinity ; 4, Hanover Street ; 5, Hollis Street ; 6, Federal Street ; 7, West Church ; 8, Chauncey Street ; 9, Park Street.

is contemplated to practise the compositions of such European masters as have been most eminently great in their works of sacred music, and it is intended to perform oratorios (*i. e.*, give concerts) for the general improvement of the science. No pains will be spared to carry out this laudable undertaking, and no doubt can be entertained that the public will bestow such a degree of patronage as the exertions merit, to insure which the gentlemen will necessarily be obliged to act with caution and circumspection in the admission of members to the Society, as well as in the election of its officers."

At the first meeting of the trustees (directors), held at the house of Elnathan Duren, April 26, Mr. S. Richardson was chosen librarian and purveyor. His duties were to attend all meetings, to see that music and books needed were made ready, and to provide suitable refreshments, attendants, fire, and lights. Shortly after (May 1) a room was engaged at \$2 per evening in Mr. Withington's house, Haymarket Place, for trustee meetings, and Pythian Hall, a small wooden building in Bedford (then Pond) Street, next door but one to Kingston Street, near Rowe's pasture, was taken at \$3 an evening, for Society meetings, and so used until the middle of February, 1817.¹

The account of the early rehearsals of the Handel and Haydn Society, given by Mr. James Sharp² in an address delivered in 1866, at a meeting held to celebrate Mr. Benjamin B. Davis's fiftieth year of membership, is so interesting that we transcribe it for the benefit of our readers:—

"In 1816 I had passed twenty years of my early life in England,—that twenty years which usually determines and fixes a man's tastes and habits. Music, vocal music, was my passion, and I had lived in a community that encouraged it. My musical companions were the choir of Winchester Cathedral, under the charge of Dr. —, Doctor of Music, and the Southampton Glee Club; and when, on Saturday, April 3, 1816, I went on board (at the London docks) the ship 'Minerva' for Boston, I gave to my friends my little musical library, supposing, of course, that I should never again, till I returned to England, hear an anthem, much less an oratorio. After a three months' boisterous voyage, I arrived in the town of Boston, and although a stranger and a foreigner, I soon found hospitality and friendship. I resided at South End; had been in Boston perhaps two weeks, when one Sunday evening I took my solitary walk across some fields near Essex Street, which were then called 'Rowe's Pastures.' The day was closing, the shades of evening were falling upon the quiet streets, and, as I passed occasionally a house where I could see the happy family gathered around the evening lamp, I felt my

¹ Pythian Hall is said to have been moved to South Boston, corner of C and Fourth Streets, where it was raised up a story and used as a tenement house.

² An Englishman, vice-president of the Handel and Haydn Society in 1828.

loneliness; I realized the absence of those friends and those enjoyments from which a wide ocean separated me. Just at this moment, while my feelings were thus subdued, a breath of soft and distant music floated in the air around me, — so peculiar and so unexplained that my fancy almost suggested some supernatural agency.

“Listening, I discovered from which quarter the sound came, and, guided in that direction, I ascertained more and more distinctly the *theme* that had so fascinated me. It was the favorite minor-keyed and well-remembered subject of one of Handel’s choruses, ‘And He shall purify the sons of Levi.’ You may imagine that I, by entreaty, found admittance to the meeting. That evening I witnessed for the first time a rehearsal of the Handel and Haydn Society, — a society in whose ranks and whose engagements I have passed some of the happiest hours of fifty years of my life; and the most valuable and constant friendships I have known have been friendships commenced by acquaintance on that memorable evening. The place the meeting then occupied was one of a class of buildings not uncommon at that time in Boston. It was a ten-foot wooden building; it stood at the bottom of a street called ‘Pond Street,’ was probably built for a primary school-house, and was called ‘Athenæum Hall.’ In this unpretending place were prepared those performances which, afterwards in the King’s Chapel and elsewhere, secured to this rising Society reputation and respect; and at these primary meetings were found those gifted men whose judicious and untiring efforts guided the Society to its present elevated and permanent position. The seats which these men once occupied are now mostly vacant; but, as long as the records of this institution are preserved, the names of Winchester, Dodd, Parker, Chickering, and a long list of others, will be mentioned with grateful affection.”

Having the fate of the Massachusetts Musical Society before their eyes, the first managers of the Handel and Haydn Society must have felt how important it was to proceed with the utmost circumspection in all things, and we are therefore not surprised to find that as early as the 30th of May they decided to admit such persons only as had received a unanimous vote. The one necessary qualification was the possession of a good voice; and this, considering that very few readers at sight were available, was all that could be asked. For this reason judgment had to be exercised in the selection of music for performance which could be easily learned by ear, and care had to be taken to announce the list of selected pieces beforehand, so that the singers might have time to prepare them. Thus, for instance, the tunes which were to be sung at the regular meeting on the 1st of August were selected by the president on the 14th of July. What they were is not mentioned; but the programme given in the records for the 31st of August contains, not only such well-known psalm tunes as Marden, Alton, and Harvard College, but something of a more ambitious character, namely, “The Heavens are telling,” and the Hallelujah Chorus.

The result was so far satisfactory that after the annual election on the 4th of September, when the same chief officers were re-elected for the ensuing year,¹ a vote was passed "that the government of this Society make preparations for a public exhibition as soon as may be." A committee was soon after appointed "to ascertain what music had best be attempted and whether accompaniments to the same can be procured." As the Society had no music of its own, a subscription was opened (Sept. 4) among the members for the purchase of copies of the Old Colony collection, on condition that the editors agree to print in it from time to time such music as may be selected for publication by the board of trustees, and a conference was held with them concerning this matter, as well as about the price of single copies to members of the Society. This plan, under the superintendence of Messrs. Holt and Bailey, who were appointed to act for the trustees, led to the publication of "Lift up your heads," "Behold the Lamb of God," and "His Yoke is easy," from the Messiah, of the Hailstone Chorus, and "The Lord is a man of war," from Israel in Egypt, and of a Sacred Glee, by George I. Webb, entitled "When winds breathe soft."

A number of copies of Haydn's Creation (single vocal parts on half-sheets) were also purchased (Sept. 22) from Mr. Graupner for five cents a page. Active preparations began on the 4th of September for the first public performance of the Society, which was afterwards appointed to take place at King's Chapel on Christmas night,² and as the time approached rehearsals were multiplied.³ The last two were fixed for the Saturday and Sunday nights before Christmas; but, although the members had been, as a rule, very regular⁴ and punctual in their

¹ A change was made in the board of trustees. Charles Nolen retired from it and William Rowson and Otis Everett were added to it.

² The *Centinel* of Dec. 22 says of the proposed concert, "We are happy to see that this respectable Society has appointed a time to favour the public with an opportunity of listening to its performances. We have been favoured with a copy of the Constitution of this Society, and are pleased to find that their views are liberal and commendable; they exclude no sect, but cheerfully unite with all in singing the high praises of God. We ardently wish them to persevere in their labours, and most sincerely say, 'Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces!'"

³ Sept. 7, 1815. Rehearsal attended by forty-eight members. Oct. 5. Secretary directed to supply each member with a copy of the Creation, parts of which were rehearsed. Oct. 30. Vocal parts assigned. Time of performance fixed. Eight rehearsals held during the seventeen days before Christmas, one of which (Dec. 16) was attended by the Philharmonic Society.

⁴ This is shown by the fact that in the minutes the number of those absent and not of those present is noted. — *Sketch of Handel and Haydn Society, Musical Library*, p. 11.

attendance, it is said that the president felt so little satisfied with the rehearsal of Sunday night that he ordered an extra rehearsal on Monday afternoon, and told the members that unless it proved more satisfactory than the last that even at that late hour the concert would be given up.¹ This proved to be unnecessary, and in view of the result we may safely attribute a large part of the president's anxiety to the responsibility of his position as conductor. The programme, which we give for its historical interest, is as follows:—

SACRED ORATORIO.²

THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

WILL PERFORM AN ORATORIO

Consisting of a Selection of Pieces of Sacred Music, chiefly from the works of Handel and Haydn,

ON MONDAY EVENING, THE 26th INST.,

IN THE STONE CHAPEL IN SCHOOL STREET,

To commence at 6 o'clock.

ORDER OF PERFORMANCES.

PART I.

Airs, Choruses, etc., in the first part of the Creation, ending with "The Heavens are telling."

PART II.

CHORUS. "They played in air," etc.

AIR. "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

CHORUS. "Sing ye unto the Lord our God," etc.

AIR. "He shall feed his flock," etc.

CHORUS. "Lift up your heads," etc.

AIR. "Let the bright seraphim," etc.

DUET AND CHORUS. "By Thee with bliss," etc.

PART III.

DUET. "The Lord is a man of war."

CHORUS. "He gave them hailstones for rain."

AIR. "'T is Liberty, dear Liberty alone," etc.

DUET. "Come, ever smiling Liberty."

CHORUS. "When winds breathe soft," etc. (*Webb.*)

AIR. "Oh had I Jubal's Lyre!"

CHORUS. "The Lord shall reign for ever and ever."

CHORUS. "Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

¹ This is not mentioned in the records.

² In those days the word "oratorio" was used to designate a concert of sacred music. The word, derived from *orare*, to pray, was first applied by San Filippo Neri to hymns and psalms sung by the "Congregazione Dei Padri dell Oratorio" in their oratory. The place name was afterwards given to the exercise. Who first used it as we do, to designate a sacred musical drama, is not known, but the first real oratorios were those composed by Francesco Balducci, who died about 1645.

This programme is noticeable on divers grounds ; and first, as denoting the high standard of the Society from the beginning. Instead of being made up of such psalm tunes as were generally sung by church choirs, it consists of a number of the finest choruses and airs from Handel's chief oratorios. Great credit is due to Col. Webb and the trustees for having set the ship in the right direction at the outset, and thus determined her future course. Secondly, we may notice the excessive length of the programme, which must have occupied at least three hours in performance. It should, however, be remembered that as concerts were rare events in 1815, the good people of that day were disposed to make the most of their opportunities.

On the appointed evening the concert took place, before an audience of nearly 1,000 persons, with a chorus of ninety male and ten female singers, whose treble was strengthened, according to the custom of the time, by a few falsetto voices.¹

In his interesting account of "the first oratorio of the Handel and Haydn Society," written for the *Transcript*, Mr. Jennison says : —

"At the organ sat Mr. Stockwell. The orchestra was composed of the two Grangers, Bennett, and Warren, violins; Niebuhr, 'single bass'; Graupner, double bass; Alexis Eustaphiéve, the Russian consul,² a noted patron of the art, Mr. Cushing, who played the flute, and Boquet, with perhaps a few others. The opening recitative in the Creation was sung by Mr. Jacob Guild. Mrs. Graupner sang 'With verdure clad.' Mr. John Dodd made his *début* in the air, 'Rolling in foaming billows,' in the performance of which he was for many years famous. Other recitatives and airs in the first part were given by Messrs. Huntington, Holt, Singleton, and Stebbins. In the second part, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' was sung by Mr. Huntington; 'He shall feed his flock,' by Mr. Brown. In this part Mrs. Graupner is remembered to have sung in brilliant style 'Let the bright seraphim.' This was accompanied by Rowson on the trumpet. Other soloists were Mrs. Withington, Messrs. Winchester, Parker, Park, and Phipps. Mr. Webb, the president, took part with Mrs. Withington in a duet."

The effect of the performance, if we may judge from the newspapers of the time, was very great. "We have no language," says a writer in the *Centinel* of Dec. 27, "to do justice to the feelings

¹ At this concert the price of tickets was fixed at \$1.00. Sixteen hundred tickets were printed, of which ninety-one were given to members, thirty-eight to clergymen, two to each member of the orchestra, two to each lady singer, twenty-eight to wardens and vestrymen of church, thirty-one were distributed to press and several given to Dr. Jackson. \$496 worth of tickets were sold; four hundred and twelve tickets were given away. Total proceeds, \$533.

² This "polished gentleman from a European capital," as he is styled in the record, "was invited by the president (Jan. 18, 1816) to become a member of the Society in acknowledgment of the value of his services."

experienced in attending to the inimitable execution of a most judicious selection of pieces from the fathers of sacred song. We can say that those who are judges of the performance are unanimous in their declaration of the superiority to any ever before given in this town. Some of the parts electrified the whole auditory, and, notwithstanding the sanctity of the place and day, the excitements to loud applause were frequently irresistible. The performers amounted to about one hundred, and appeared to embrace all the musical excellences of the town and vicinity. We should not particularize, but some of the solos were sublime and animating. All the parts of the chapel from which the music gallery could be seen were full to crowding; but we have learnt that many persons who were desirous of being present were prevented by the engagements of Christmas. For this cause, as well as to be indulged in a double gratification, we hope this oratorio will be immediately announced for repetition."

There is a ring of heartiness in this writer's words, due in part to his untrained and unsatiated condition, which forcibly contrasts with the often grudgingly given commendations of modern critics. In his day people were quick to express the enjoyment which anything above the average gave them, and writers were neither, as now, inclined to non-wonderment (*ἀθαυμασία*), nor troubled with the fear of committing themselves by praising that which, in the eyes of the better-informed, did not deserve praise. "*Such was the excitement of the hearers and the enthusiasm of the performers,*" says an associate member, writing in the light of memory thirty-seven years later, "*that there is nothing to be compared with it at the present day.*" No wonder that the trustees of the Society soon responded to the widely expressed desire for a repetition of a concert whose unwonted excellence was so generally acknowledged.¹

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It took place on the 18th of January with the same singers, and was, we may presume, even better than the first from a musical point

¹ On the 4th of January a letter asking for the further use of the King's Chapel was addressed to the wardens and vestry, in which, after expressing the hope that the church had received no injury at the first concert, the secretary says, "If this Society had been instituted for private emolument or *sinister* purposes, they could not hope to obtain the use of a building erected for the worship of God; but the object being rather of a public than of a private nature, and intended to improve and propagate a knowledge of sacred music, they felt persuaded that you would indulge them in granting the use of the house when they made the application; but it is with great diffidence they now solicit a repetition of the same favour." Records Jan. 4, 1816.

of view, though pecuniarily it was less successful, as, although more tickets had been given away than sold, the number of persons present was less by about two hundred and fifty than on the first occasion, a falling off which can only be accounted for by the proverbial fickleness of the public, which, then as now, is apt to disappoint those who build their hopes on its passing enthusiasms.¹

The notice that three days before this second concert² the *Centinel* stated that *His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council would be present, and ventured to express the hope that the members of the Legislature would "avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the performance, which, for excellence of style, it is confidently believed has not been equalled in this country."* With what indifference would such an appeal for active show of interest in a musical event be received at the State House nowadays, and how surprised the State and city officials would be were they invited to attend a concert of the Handel and Haydn Society!

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

Shortly after the second concert had taken place, the president made application for an act of incorporation (Feb. 5), which act was duly signed and sealed, on the 9th of February, by the Hon. Caleb Strong, then governor of the Commonwealth. Through it, as stated in its first section, "Thomas Smith Webb, Amasa Winchester, Nathaniel Tucker, and Matthew Stanley Parker, with their associates and successors, were made a body politic and corporation, for the purpose of extending the knowledge and improving the style of performance of church music, by the name of the "HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY."

The first meeting of the thus duly legalized Society was held at Pond Street Hall on Feb. 13, and the second at Mr. Withington's house on March 1, at which all the persons named in the act were present. A vote was then passed that all who should sign the constitution and

¹ One thousand six hundred and twenty-six tickets were printed, of which four hundred and thirty-four were given away, — to officers, members, governor and council, wardens and vestry. Whole number of singers, one hundred and sixty-one; players, seven. Tickets, \$1.00; persons buying four tickets became entitled to a fifth *gratis*; and those who bought six, to two tickets *gratis*.

² Shortly before the concert it was found that the Boston Theatre had advertised a performance for the same evening. As this would have deprived the Society of the orchestra, President Webb requested Manager Dickson to change his night. He, while disavowing any intention of interfering with or attempting to obstruct the plans of the Handel and Haydn Society, said that he could not do so without considerable expense. Ultimately he excused Granger, Warren, and Niebuhr from the theatre.

by-laws within three months from date should be admitted members of the corporation. Thirty-nine persons did so, at a third meeting, on the 19th of the same month, when the then officers were reappointed to continue in office until the annual meeting in September, and the president was authorized to purchase one hundred and fifty copies of Handel's *Messiah* from J. Loring for \$2 a copy, half bound, with leather corners.¹ Some of these copies were doubtless used at the third concert of the Society,² which was given at King's Chapel on the 30th of May, when Misses Bennett and Holbrook, and Messrs. Munroe and Shaw, aided by several singers who had taken part in the first two concerts, sang selections from the *Creation*, *Messiah*, *Israel*, and *Judas*, together with Purcell's Anthem, "Oh give thanks."³ The expenses incident to the three concerts, the hire of the hall for rehearsals, and the purchase and publication of music, having already created a small debt, an assessment of \$5 was laid upon all the members who had not already advanced money to the Society, under the condition that it should be repaid when the state of the treasury might allow. Thus the sum of \$181 was raised before the annual meeting on Sept. 2, when the same chief officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.⁴

The death of Mr. Stockwell, who had been the organist of the Society since its foundation, took place in the early winter, and the difficulty of finding a successor was the cause of some embarrassment to the trustees. Boston possessed the very man of men, so far as musical ability was concerned, in Dr. G. K. Jackson, then organist at King's Chapel; but if we are to trust the *Centinel*,⁵ he asked "so enormous a sum for his services" when he was asked to assist the Society at a contemplated performance of the *Messiah*, that the secretary, Mr. Parker, was directed to invite Dr. Rayner Taylor⁶ to come on from Philadelphia for the purpose. This gentleman at first declined to do so

¹ Published at 2 Cornhill Street, for voice, organ, and violin, with choruses in score. Price, \$3. Under the patronage and inspection of the Handel and Haydn Society.

² Proceeds of concert, \$286; six hundred and fifty-three persons present.

³ Eleven numbers by Handel, four by Haydn, and several by Purcell, Kent, Nares, Dr. M. Green, Stephens, and Gregory. The concert closed with the Hallelujah Chorus.

⁴ Melvin Lord succeeded S. Richardson as librarian, while Otis Everett and William Rowson replaced Charles Nolen and W. H. Phipps on the board of trustees.

⁵ April 16, 1817. The reason alleged by the secretary is, that the Society "being an incorporated body, Doct. Jackson does not associate with it."

⁶ Dr. Taylor came to America in 1792, and in the following year settled at Philadelphia. See notice of Dr. Taylor in J. R. Parker's *Musical Biography*, p. 179.

on account of his engagements, and urged the Society to come to terms with Dr. Jackson, if possible, but, on hearing that this was out of the question, reconsidered the matter, as we shall see. Dr. Jackson's action was commented on by the newspapers of the time in a sarcastic spirit, which is not surprising under the circumstances. *We trust*, says the *Centinel*,¹ referring to the fact that the Society had procured an organist from Philadelphia, that the *Doctor of Music* (Jackson) *is now convinced that his services are not essential to the performances of the Messiah and the Creation*. It is evident that the government of the Handel and Haydn Society showed great courtesy and patience in their negotiations with this very intractable person, and thereby put him all the more in the wrong. Thus in 1818, forgetting previous rebuffs, the committee appointed to obtain an organist waited on him and received the answer reported May 24, that the doctor *refused to have anything to do with the Society, unless he could have absolute control of its concerns, or in other words, be president*. This was not to be thought of, but, to show that the board was able to rise above personal feelings, and do honor to remarkable talents, even when coupled with rude manners, we may mention that on Oct. 4, 1821, it appointed a committee to wait on Dr. Jackson and ask permission to dedicate to him their collection of church music, then about to be published, and confer with him about the same. This time their advances met with a better reception, as the report of the committee, Nov. 19, "*that Dr. Jackson has complied with their request*," indicates. The following sketch of his career in Boston will show the reader that this remarkable musician, who was conspicuous for his extreme corpulence² as well as for his talents and his irritable temper, treated all the world alike when he could not have his own way. After his arrival at Boston from England, in 1812,³ he officiated as organist at Brattle Street Church for a few months, at the end of which time he was obliged to leave the city

¹ April 16, 1817.

² He weighed about three hundred pounds. The only record of his appearance is a poor engraving, after a pencil sketch made by Stuart Newton on the back of the organ at Brattle Street Church.

³ 1745, born at Oxford; 1774, choir boy at King's Chapel Royal; 1784, sung at Handel commemoration; 1791, received a diploma from St. Andrew's College; 1796, came to America, visited Norfolk, Va., Alexandria, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York; 1812, at Boston appointed organist at Brattle Street Church; 1813, gave series of concerts at Boston and Salem, with Graupner and Mallet; 1815, settled at Boston, successively officiated as organist at King's Chapel, Trinity, and St. Paul's. *Musical Biog.*, J. R. P., 129, 130.

on account of his refusal to take the oath of allegiance to the American government, which was required of all persons known or supposed to sympathize with the British, whose ships were hovering about the harbor.

His departure must have occurred after the 29th of October, as on the evening of that day he took part in a concert given at King's Chapel, on which occasion he played the carillon, an instrument containing three rows of bells placed side by side, which were made to sound by means of hammers connected with a keyboard.¹

We next hear of him in 1813 as associated with Messrs. Graupner and Mallet in a series of concerts given at Salem and at Boston, where he finally established himself (1815) in a house near the foot of Middlecote, now Bowdoin Street, and successively officiated as organist at King's Chapel, Trinity, and St. Paul's. Whenever opposition was offered to his will the doctor sent in his resignation, as at Brattle Street Church, when complaint was made that he made too great a display of his accomplishments,² and at Trinity when Dr. Gardiner requested him to shorten his voluntaries, and he replied by advising the reverend gentleman to curtail his sermons. On the following Sunday he gave vent to his ill-humor by picking out the psalm tunes with one finger, and on Easter Sunday, in assertion of his dignity as sufficient to exempt him from interference, appeared in the choir attired in the dress of an English Doctor of Music, with plum-colored coat, yellow breeches, and a square cap. This filled the measure of his offences and brought about the acceptance of his resignation.

1817.

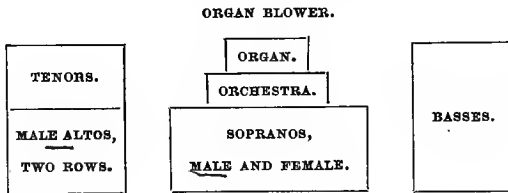
As at the beginning of the new year the Society, with about one hundred and fifty members, had fairly outgrown its cradle, the little hall in Pond Street, new quarters of more spacious dimensions were

¹ When the great Sebastian Bach was organist at Mulhausen (1707-8), he invented and applied a carillon (glockenspiel) pedal of twenty-six bells as an organ attachment.

² That is to say, that his accompaniments were too florid. Ernest David (*La vie et les œuvres de J. S. Bach*) tells a parallel story of Sebastian Bach at Arnstadt, as follows: "His style of accompaniment being considered too ornate by the church dignitaries, the superintendent, Oleanus, requested Bach to *shorten his improvisations and moderate his arabesques*. He immediately fell into the opposite extreme so markedly as to give offence. His biographer attributes this conduct to an excess of susceptibility, etc; but the subsequent history of the great musician's troubles at Leipsic with the directors of the Thomas Schule leaves no doubt that his temper was despotic and his character irritable.

sought and found for it at Boylston, then South Market, Hall, which, despite the destruction of so many old landmarks, still rears its ungainly front on Washington Street. The price agreed upon, as we learn from the record of a meeting held on the 2d of February, was \$3 an evening,¹ including the use of the organ, a small instrument with one manual which stood at the west end of the hall.² While it was being prepared for the use of the Society, rehearsals of the Messiah and the Creation were held at Pond Street, where, on the 2d of January the Rev. John Pierpoint recited a poem called "Airs from Palestine," which, as we are told, gave great satisfaction to all present. The last rehearsal in Pond Street took place on the 4th of February, and about the 15th³ the Society took possession of Boylston Hall, which, small as it now looks to us, must have seemed palatial to the members in comparison with their former quarters.

The diagram here given, drawn by Mr. Sharp, shows the arrangement of the chorus and orchestra⁴ upon the stage in relation to the organ at the period of which we are speaking.⁵



¹ This was at the rate of \$350 a year for accommodations which in 1860 were rented for \$2,500.

² The pedal organ represented on the concert tickets is, according to a letter written by Mr. Sharp in 1871, one which was built in London for the Rev. Mr. Frothingham's church. However this may be, we know from the Society's records that a vote was passed on the 28th of October, 1817, to hire an organ, valued at \$1,500, of John Mackay, who agreed to keep it in tune for \$90 a year, but reserved the right to sell and replace it if sold.

³ In the *Centinel* of Feb. 7 the hall is advertised as "to be let," and in the issue of Feb. 15 adjourned meetings of the Handel and Haydn Society are announced for the 16th and 18th, so that the hall must have been engaged for the Society between the 10th and 15th.

⁴ Members of the Handel and Haydn Orchestra in 1817, as stated by Mr. Sharp : S. Wood, bassoon ; J. Hart, clarinet ; G. Pollock, 1st flute ; Filleborn, 2d clarinet or oboe ; Niebuhr, 1st horn ; S. Wetherbee, 2d horn ; T. Granger, 1st violin ; L. Ostinelli, 2d violin ; H. P. Heinrich, 2d violin ; A. Warren, 2d violin ; W. Bennett, 2d violin or viola ; A. Passage, 2d violin or viola ; G. Graupner, double bass.

⁵ At a later period, before 1825, as we learn from a previously quoted letter, written by Gen. Oliver, who then became an honorary member of the Society, the

The chorus, about one hundred and fifty in number, consisted of one hundred and thirty men and boys, including basses, tenors, and altos, and of twenty women.

What with the want of proper balance between the parts, the absence of contraltos, whose soft rich tones are to the modern chorus what those of the celli are to the orchestra, and the shrill sound of male voices singing in falsetto, the effect of such a body of singers, even if well disciplined, must have been beyond conception extraordinary; but if we consider that the chorus singers, of whom we are speaking, were incapable of doing their work with any measure of what we should consider correctness, or any degree of what we understand by style, as denoting a comprehension of the manner in which the compositions of the great masters should be sung, we may suppose that their performances would be to us intolerable.

As a rule, no confidence is to be placed in the correctness of contemporary appreciations to be found in the newspapers of the time, since they were written for the most part by men whose musical education was of the most limited nature; but when, as in an article signed "O.," printed in the *Centinel* of April 16, 1817, we find a departure from the usually indiscriminate note of praise, we may put some trust in the record as an exponent of the real state of the case. The writer referred to begins by saying that the high gratification which the performances of the Society have afforded him arises *not so much from their positive merit as from the promise given him of a more mature and chaste style of execution at some future period*, and adds, "*defects have been great, and we are surprised that they are not greater. Compare the effect of Hamlet's soliloquy when uttered by a Cooper and when uttered by a school-boy. The parallel will hold in music. The violins apparently played with no confidence (steadiness) in time or tune, the chorus was more than once completely thrown out by them (the violins), and the efforts of the vocal performers completely paralyzed by their want of spirit. The trumpet seemed to require painful effort to give it utterance, and was frequently behind time. The kettledrums were too loud, and sometimes out of tune; and the performer on the cymbals should have remembered that he was not in the open air with a military band. In 'Surely He hath borne our griefs'*

forces were marshalled on the stage as follows: "The northern end of the hall held the organ; in front of this was a space for the orchestra and the principal soloists, and on right and left was the chorus; tenors behind trebles (sopranos), and basses behind altos. These last were, I think, males, and few in number. Second trebles (sopranos) had not come on (i. e., were as yet unknown)."

the chorus was thrown completely out by the orchestra. Much confusion ensued in the last chorus of the Creation, when there was a clashing in time for a few bars between the instruments and the voices. Some examples occurred of such excessive loudness and stress of voice as to destroy all musical tone. The bass was best. The counter tenor was mostly given in falsetto,¹ a voice of so little power as to be almost lost in the chorus. More treble was desired," etc. These criticisms are somewhat softened by the acknowledgment of the writer, that *many numbers were sung by the chorus in an altogether unexceptionable style*; but even with this qualification his account leaves a strong impression of the many great imperfections noticeable and presumable from the very nature of the case without the evidence of an eye-witness.

An interval of eleven months (May 30, 1816, to April 1, 1817) separates the third from the fourth concert of the Handel and Haydn Society, during which it had, by a change of quarters, increased its importance and fairly donned the "*toga virilis*." The second period of its history properly begins with its establishment at Boylston Hall. On the 27th of January, being still in Pond Street, the trustees decided to give three public performances of the Messiah and the Creation, with a selection of suitable pieces between the parts, and on the 27th of March voted that they should take place on April 1. On the 2d of February the president informed the board that Dr. S. P. Taylor had agreed to come to Boston for a fortnight, in order to play the organ at the four last rehearsals and the three concerts for the sum of \$200 and the payment of his expenses, which terms were accepted. The *Columbia Centinel* of March 19 mentions his arrival, and inserts a call for the general and punctual attendance of members at the rehearsals, "*as it is intended to perform the whole of those two celebrated oratorios, the Messiah and the Creation, which have never before (in their entirety) been heard in this country.*" The reason for so doing, given in the same paper of March 26, is in the last degree ingenious and surprising. *As*, says the writer, *there is a diversity of opinion about their comparative merits, the Handel and Haydn Society proposes the following plan to give an opportunity of judging between them:*

¹ Moscheles, during his visit to London in 1821, expressed his surprise at hearing the alto part sung by elderly men with head voice instead of by boys, as in Germany. In 1839, the late H. F. Chorley attended the Brunswick Festival, and in writing about it he speaks of the relief that it was to be relieved from male counter tenors, and of how much the quartette gained by the substitution of contraltos. (See German music, cit. p. 26.) He cites as a proof of the want of good contralto voices in Germany the almost universal avoidance of the contralto voice as a solo by every composer earlier than Mendelssohn.

They will perform one of the three sections into which each oratorio is divided upon each evening, *which* will give specimens of both before the other is forgotten. Comment upon such a device is unnecessary, and we pass on to say that in a subsequent paragraph the same writer states that he *lately attended one of the rehearsals, and was pleased to find among the singers a greater variety of fine-toned, powerful, and well-modulated voices than could have been expected. The effect of many of the choruses was, he adds, highly sublime.*

The four concerts,¹ making a sort of a musical festival, were given within a week of each other. Three only had been announced, but owing to their great success a fourth was added, whose programme consisted of solos and choruses selected from the programmes of the previous evenings. Unfortunately we have no record of the decision of the public concerning the relative merits of the two masterpieces then performed with the view of settling the disputed question.

The leading lady vocalist was Mrs. Withington,² of whose singing of "Tis Liberty, dear Liberty," the *Paladium* grandiloquently records *that never did the mellifluous tones of the human voice more gratefully salute the ear than in this piece.* The honors of the day seem, however, to have been awarded to Oliver Shaw, the blind tenor singer, composer, and music publisher, from Providence,³ whose plaintive and expressive voice, as we are told, took such hold of the feelings, that, *although audible applause was to have been withheld, as unsuitable to the occasion and place, the rule was disregarded. I have heard from the lips of one who listened to him, writes Mr. Samuel Jennison, that by his sweet singing, which was simple and natural, without any pretension to style or ornament, Mr. Shaw often so touched the hearts of his audience that there would be hardly a dry eye in the house.*⁴ He sang again in Boston at a concert given by the Handel and Haydn Society on the evening of Saturday, July 5, at the First Church in Chauncy Place, in honor of President Monroe's visit to Boston.

¹ April 1, 4, 6, and 8, the total receipts amounted to \$1,542.

² This lady, who liked to make herself conspicuous, was in the habit of seating herself at the extreme end of the gallery, so that she might attract as much attention as possible when she was called upon to move to the front in order to sing a solo. On one occasion, says Mr. Geo. Cushing, the president, instead of going to lead her forward, gave her a sharp lesson by substituting another lady in her place.

³ Mr. Shaw's song, "This world is all a fleeting show," was most rapturously applauded. — *Centinel*, April 5. Mr. Shaw was honorably having his compositions republished in London in an elegantly engraved edition. *Euterpiad*, 11, 45.

⁴ Miss Beal, Mrs. Glynn, Master Withington, Messrs. M. Park, J. Stone, L. Wood, and S. P. Taylor were the chief singers at these concerts.

The programme, which is of excessive length, runs as follows : —¹

SELECT ORATORIO,

PERFORMED IN CHAUNCY PLACE, BOSTON, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1817,

BY THE

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY,

In presence of James Monroe, President of the United States.²

ORDER OF PERFORMANCE.

Military Movement, composed by F. Granger, called "President Monroe's March."

PART I. — HANDEL.

1. Duet: "Hail, Judæa, happy land!"
Chorus, do.
2. Solo (Hayden): "Now heaven," etc. *Creation*.
3. Chorus (from Israel in Egypt): "Moses and the children of Israel."
4. Recitative: "For the house of Pharaoh."
5. Chorus: "The Lord shall reign."
6. Recitative: "And Miriam," etc.
7. Air: "Sing ye to the Lord."
8. Chorus: "The Lord shall reign."
9. Trio: "Desolate is the dwelling." *Calcott*.
10. Solo: "There rest the sinful Mary's tears." *Shaw*.
11. "He gave them hailstones," etc. *Israel*.
12. "In splendour bright." *Creation*.
13. Chorus: "The heavens are telling."

PART II.

1. "Welcome, welcome." *Semi-Chorus from Solomon*.
2. "David his ten thousands slew."
3. Ode: "Wreaths for the chieftain." *Sung at Peace Jubilee*.
4. Chorus: "Achied is," etc. *Creation*.
5. Solo: "'T is Liberty, dear Liberty."
6. Duet: "Come, ever-smiling Liberty."
7. Trio and Chorus: "Sound the loud timbrel." *Arison*.
8. Solo and Chorus: "The marvellous work."
9. Aria and Chorus: "Strike the cymbal." *Pucitta*.
10. Chorus: "Hallelujah."

¹ Quoted from a volume of tracts in Boston Athenæum. B., 1693.

² The *Centinel* of July 9 says: "About 6 o'clock the President returned to town, and immediately attended a sacred oratorio, performed in honour of his visit by the H. and H. Society, with which he expressed himself as much pleased. The house was well filled, and the performances were very animated. We learn from Mr. F. H. Jenks that at this concert the lady who was to sing one of the solos was suddenly taken ill, or was seized with 'stage fright,' and that Miss Bennett took her place at a moment's notice. *There was some flurry about this, and the usual professional pique and jealousy.*"

This concert¹ was the last given by the Society during Col. Webb's administration.² Having officiated as president for a little more than two years, this worthy gentleman wrote to the secretary on Aug. 31 to decline a renomination, on account of business engagements which called him to the West for an uncertain period. After making his warm acknowledgments for the politeness which he had received during his tenure of office, Col. Webb expressed his regret in giving up the enjoyments in which he had so often participated, and concluded by expressing the hope that the Society may *long continue in peace and harmony to enjoy the pleasures which the sublime art it professes is so eminently calculated to produce*. On receiving this letter, read at the annual meeting, Sept. 1, the new president, Mr. Benjamin Holt;³ the vice-president, Joseph Bailey; the secretary, Matthew S. Parker; and the first trustee, Amasa Winchester, were appointed a committee to present the thanks of this Society to the late president *for the important services rendered by him in the judicious and instructive manner in which he has presided over the Society since its institution, and to express the high esteem the Society have of his gentlemanly manners and refined musical taste, with other qualifications embracing an uncommon suitableness for the office he has filled with great honor to himself, and which has stamped a character upon the Society that cannot be erased but by its dissolution*. This note was communicated to Col. Webb in a letter from the secretary, evidently dictated by feelings of high regard. Official documents are not always to be trusted; but the general tone of this letter, and the affectionate farewell with which it concludes, place its sincerity above suspicion. In 1818 Col. Webb returned to Boston on a visit, and the Society, taking advantage of his presence, invited him to deliver the first of a series of annual addresses at the opening concert of the season. This he declined to do, on account of his intended

¹ The receipts amounted to \$465.

² Weekly meetings were held by the officers of the Society during the summer of 1817, for the practice of sundry pieces of music, "that they might fit themselves to be useful to the members at rehearsals." The frequent entry in the records of, closed at eleven o'clock, shows that they were zealous in their work. On Aug. 8 the secretary wrote to Messrs. Farnham and Badger, who had informed the Society of their intention to bring out an American edition of the Creation, to cost a third less than the English edition, that the want of sufficient funds alone prevented the trustees from subscribing liberally; that they would strongly recommend it to the members, would solicit individual subscriptions, and subscribe in the name of the Society for as many copies as the state of their funds would justify.

³ Mr. Winchester was elected, but declined the honor, while expressing his willingness to promote the interests of the Society as a member.

departure for the West; but he took occasion in his reply to express his approval of a project which, in his opinion, would be *signally beneficial* to the Society. Just a year after this letter was written, the records tell us, under date Aug. 19, that *appropriate services were performed this evening in conjunction with the Philharmonic Society, and the higher orders of Free and Accepted Masons, in celebration of the obsequies of the late Thomas S. Webb, Esq. Eulogy by the Rev. Paul Dean.* This gentleman spoke of the deceased as one *whose whole soul was attuned to harmony. Able in theory, skilful in practice, and favored with the nicest discriminating power, his capacious and discerning mind enabled him to discern the smallest defect, and indicated to him the instrument or the voice that would best supply its place and perfect the harmony of the whole. With what admiring satisfaction, continued the preacher, have we seen him lead in singing the infinitely sublime glories of Creation, Redemption, and the Messiah of God, and almost forgotten that the lays we e mortal and the place was not heaven.*

In less grandiloquent language, but in words which are of far more historical value, as they clearly explain the secret of Col. Webb's influence, his biographer¹ says, *he possessed the faculty of surmounting difficulties, removing objections, and allaying jealousies not infrequent among musicians, and at the same time of retaining the confidence which he had once inspired. Through his urbanity and the persuasive conciliation of his disposition, he was peculiarly fitted to discharge the duties which devolved upon him as president of the Handel and Haydn and vice president of the Philharmonic Societies.* Frothingham, one of Gilbert Stuart's pupils, painted a portrait of Col. Webb, from which an artist named Penniman made a drawing of fanciful design, engraved by Annim & Smith, about 1820² The print (see p. 58), a framed copy of which was presented to the Society by Col. Webb's daughter, consists of a bust encircled by a wreath of roses and supported on a pile of music books. An organ, a precipitous and most unnatural mountain, a halo of glory and clouds evolved from "the inner consciousness" of the artist, form the accessories, and the whole is completed by the following dedicatory inscription:—

¹ J. R. Parker, Musical Biography, p. 185.

² The drawing was burned in Penniman's store, Cornhill, and the plate, with a few impressions, shared the same fate in 1835, when a building occupied by the Bewick Printing Society, corner of Court Square, where they were placed for safe keeping, was burned.

“To the Masonic Fraternity throughout the United States, who were cheered and illumined by the light of his mind, to the Handel and Haydn and Philharmonic Societies, which commenced and flourished under his auspices, to the enlightened and good of all classes of men who reverence genius, and love science, taste, and virtue, this print is respectfully dedicated by their humble servants.

“JOHN R. PENNIMAN.
ANNIE & SMITH.”

HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS.

1815.

First meeting of Handel and Haydn Society . . .	March 30.
Eleventh annual meeting of Handel and Haydn Society,	Sept. 4.
First concert of Handel and Haydn Society . . .	Dec. 25.

1816.

Second concert	Jan. 18.
Act of incorporation signed	Feb. 9.
Third concert	May 30.
Second annual meeting	Sept. 2.

1817.

Fourth concert	April 1.
Fifth “	“ 4.
Sixth “	“ 6.
Seventh “	“ 8.
Eighth “	July 5.
Third annual meeting	Sept 1.



CHAPTER II.

"IF ANYTHING BE OVERLOOKED, OR NOT ACCURATELY INSERTED, LET NO ONE FIND FAULT, BUT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THIS HISTORY IS COMPILED FROM ALL QUARTERS." — *Evagrius*.

THIRD SEASON.

SEPT. 1, 1817, TO SEPT. 7, 1818.

At the third annual meeting of the Society, held on Sept. 1, Colonel Webb's letter, declining a renomination as president, was read by the secretary, and Amasa Winchester was elected to that office. As he refused to accept it, for reasons given though unrecorded, Benjamin Holt, who had served on the board of trustees for the past two years, was nominated and elected. Of this gentleman,¹ by profession a school-teacher, we know but little. Preceded, as he was to be followed, by a president of remarkable ability, his peaceful and reasonably prosperous administration was only notable on account of the occupation of Boylston Hall by the Society, and the appearance of Thomas Phillips and Charles Incedon at its concerts.

Boylston Hall, which was to be the home of the Society for twenty-two years, had been taken about the middle of September, 1817, on a four years' lease, with liberty to give it up at the end of the first twelve months on forfeiture of \$50. At the first rehearsal held there on Nov. 4, the members sang Old Hundredth, selections from the Messiah, and several anthems from the Old Colony Collection, to an invited audience; and, having thus taken possession of their new and yet scantily furnished quarters by the performance of a programme which was repeated at rehearsals during the remainder of the year, they made preparations for a concert. The secretary was directed to advertise the hall as a suitable place for concerts, lectures, and dancing parties, by the trustees, who in December discussed the advisability of inviting ladies to assist at the rehearsals and concerts during the season, and decided this important question in the affirmative, though not without considerable opposition. The Misses Singleton, Wiswall, Wellington, Cade, Lynch, and Dixon were the

¹Mr. Holt married a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Baldwin, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. He passed the latter part of his life at Lancaster, Mass., and died there when past eighty years of age.

favored candidates. The addition of female voices to the chorus, thus made, is worthy of notice as denoting the acceptance of an important principle in the constitution of a chorus; but in point of fact it was at the time harmful, and so continued to be until the then prevalent practice of assigning the tenor part to the sopranos, and the treble to the male altos and tenor, was abandoned. The confused and often painful effects of inverted harmonies produced by female voices singing in thirds and fifths above the melody were too glaring to be long endured, and the parts were in time properly distributed. But it was not until Lowell Mason's day that "order fair prevailed." In 1821 the old system had its advocates in country towns. This is proved by a letter in the *Columbian Centinel*, written by a Mrs. Russel, in which, speaking of a concert at Malden, she says, "The character of some of the finest specimens of psalmody was entirely destroyed by soprano voices singing tenor parts."

With such abuses, and the defects incident to the untrained condition of the amateur chorus of the Handel and Haydn Society, drilled and conducted as it was by an inexperienced amateur, whose ideas about time, expression, light and shade, etc., were purely personal, it is wonderful that the Society should have found not only patient but enthusiastic listeners to their performances of such an oratorio as the *Messiah* during many years of probation. This can only be explained by supposing that Handel's music, and the Scripture texts to which it is set, had become so much a unit in the minds of our forefathers, that, however performed, they accepted it as an integral part of revealed truth. To some extent this is still the case, although, as knowledge of how the music ought to be sung has immeasurably increased, the right and duty of criticism have asserted themselves with regard to the *Messiah* as with regard to any other musical work, sacred or secular.

For the first twenty years of the Society's existence, the *Messiah* was, what it still is, the oratorio of all oratorios to attract the public. Every great work of art has an æsthetic and a scientific side, both of which are appreciated by the artist, and one only, the first, by all who with ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to feel beauty as revealed in human work, have not knowledge sufficient to analyze structure, and be able not only to admire, but to comprehend why they admire.

Thus in painting, while the sensitive though untrained nature perceives and enjoys beauty of form, expression, and color, the nature which is both sensitive and cultivated has the superadded enjoyment arising from a full comprehension of the painter's mastery over materials, his skill as a draughtsman, his power of grouping and composi-

tion, his use of the brush, his management of light and shade, and color.

Music being of all the arts that in which the æsthetic and inspired is most clearly separable from the scientific and intellectual, appeals on the one hand most markedly to those whose nature enables them to enjoy it as they enjoy a sunset or a flower, with charmed senses, but without mental action; and on the other, to those whose knowledge of the theory of the art makes them to dissect the complex structure, to follow the development of the leading ideas, to appreciate the balance of parts, and to trace the evolution of the whole work from its parent germs.

To these sources of enjoyment a third is added in a great oratorio like the *Messiah*, built upon and growing out of sacred Writ, — an enjoyment shared by all religious minds, namely, that of finding in it adequate expression given to the spirit and significance of our Lord's life and words. It is not then surprising that, appealing as it does to the lover of beauty, the musician, and the believer, the *Messiah*, in which the light of Handel's genius shines with incomparable brightness, should have kept an unrelaxed hold upon popular affection for wellnigh a century and a half, and that now, in the year of our Lord 1886, it should be as fresh to our ears as it was to the ears of those who heard it on the 13th of April, 1742, when it was first sung under Handel's direction at Dublin.

But to return to our history at the beginning of 1818. The records for January offer no items of interest, save the election of Samuel Cooper as organist, and the death, on the 19th, of an excellent tenor, William A. Codman, in memory of whom the members sung some appropriate pieces on the 27th, and the *Centinel* of Feb. 17 quoted the lines, —

“ His voice so soft, so clear,
That listening angels leaned to hear.”

Like January, February had its seven rehearsals but no concert. Meantime the work of fitting up Boylston Hall was rapidly pushed forward and completed before the 18th of March, when it is spoken of in the *Centinel* as “ well furnished with settees, brilliantly illuminated with gas, and provided with an orchestra (platform), which good judges from every part of the country pronounced superior to anything of the kind in the Union.” All this new-found splendor was displayed to an admiring public at the ninth concert of the Society, March 31,¹ when Miss Bennett and Miss Glynn, with Messrs.

¹ Proceeds, \$160.

Dodd, Winchester, S. H. Parker, and other members, assisted by the chorus, sang anthems, selections from the Creation, and from the Messiah, in which the principal solos were intrusted to men, Coolidge taking "O thou that fallest!", Phipps, "He shall feed His flock," and Huntington, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." These airs were originally written in the soprano clef, but it is well known that Handel was not at all particular as to the keys in which his airs were sung. Neither did he think it necessary always to allot them to the same voices. "Thus," says his latest biographer,¹ "we find 'Comfort ye,' 'Every valley,' 'Rejoice greatly,' and the airs relating to the Passion, assigned to a soprano or a tenor indiscriminately."

In anticipation of the tenth concert of the Society, which took place on April 2, with much the same programme as that which preceded it, the *Centinel* calls attention to "the laudable exertions of the Society," and with characteristic Bostonian feeling says, "We attend its performances, not only to be pleased, but to be improved. Here," adds the writer in grandiloquent language, "while the critic in music admires the display of skill, and the mere lover of fine sounds enjoys an exquisite repast, the dead spirit may be awed with admiration, melted into tenderness, and kindled to praise."

Among the solo singers whose names constantly appear in the programmes of this period is Miss Bennett (Mrs. Martin). If the current anecdote be true of the gentleman at Roxbury, who, on hearing this lady sing, "Angels ever bright and fair, take, oh! take me to your care," burst into tears and audibly exclaimed, "He will, He will!", this lady must have sung with no little sweetness and pathos; but my duty as an historian obliges me to say that Mrs. Martin failed to recollect the incident when questioned about it in the year 1878. She had still, however, very clear ideas about the special defect in singing at these early concerts of the Society, for on being asked to name it, she replied, "Out of tune."

Of Mr. Amasa Winchester, who was one of the best solo singers, and of Mr. John Dodd, who had a rich baritone voice,² I shall have occasion to speak elsewhere; but of Miss Glynn, one of the leading vocalists of the time, I have been unable to obtain any particulars. All the singers who took part in the first ten concerts of the Society, with one exception, were Americans born and bred; but at the eleventh it had the assistance of an English tenor singer,

¹ W. S. Rockstro's *Life of Handel*, p. 258.

² Letter of Nov. 12, 1874.

Thomas, called Irish Phillips,¹ who, as actor, singer, and lecturer on the art of singing, attained no small reputation in this country, though in England his name is known to few, even of those best acquainted with its musical history. Nothing is known of his career there but that he sung at the English Opera House (the Lyceum) before coming to America; that he lectured on the art of singing at Dublin between his first and second visits to Boston; that he was principal tenor in Elliston's troupe at the Surrey Theatre after his return to London in 1823; and that he was killed in an accident on the Grand Junction Railway, Oct. 10, 1841.

He made his first appearance in Boston, April 10, 1818, as Count Bellino, in the operetta of the "Devil's Bridge," a character in which he was painted by Penniman when singing the popular air, "Fancy's Sketch." In our day the portrait would certainly not be ranked as a masterpiece, as it then was, neither would the singer in all probability escape criticism; but all agree that he had one excellence which would have entitled him to modern favor, namely, that of distinct articulation, — so distinct, we are told, "*that the words of his softest passages were audible in every part of the house.*" Without remarkable compass or specially tuneful quality of voice, he made, by skilful management, the most of what voice he had; and as his personal appearance was striking, and his ability as an actor above the average, he had many admirers. The *Galaxy* of Dec. 26, 1821, says that "he probably did more towards correcting the public ear and refining the public taste, than any other individual"; and if this be so, his visit may indeed be looked upon as "marking an epoch in our musical annals."

Kelly in his reminiscences makes mention of Phillips as a pupil of Dr. Arnold, an accomplished singer and sound musician, and by far the best singing actor on the English stage;² and Ireland declaring that he sung with more feeling and expression than any other male vocalist we have ever had here, Incedon alone excepted. On the other hand, adverse criticism is not wanting. "His voice," says a contemporary, "has not the slightest natural melody in its tones, and he vainly strives to conceal this radical defect by attempts at scientific ornament. Whoever recollects how Braham sang 'Love's Young Dream,' will never sit with patience to listen to Mr. Phillips, whose manner is totally devoid of pathos, taste, and expression. He occasionally tries to imitate Braham in those outpourings of voice which in his case were so grand and overpowering, and gives us little

¹ To distinguish him from Henry Phillips, the famous English baritone, who came to America in 1844.

² Quoted by Richter, *Music in America*, p. 151.

else than plain, downright bawling.”¹ Finally, we feel bound to mention Wood’s² statement: “Phillips regarded music as a trade, and pursued it without the slightest enthusiasm for the art.” Unable as we are to decide between those who praise and those who decry Phillips’s ability as a singer, we can form an estimate of his knowledge of the art of singing from the abstract of his lectures given in the *Euterpiad*, of which, as well as of President Winchester’s estimate of his talents, we shall speak presently.

At the regular meeting of the Society on April 18, 1818, the members voted to engage Phillips to sing at a concert on the 28th, and to pay him \$200 for his services. He was present at the rehearsals held on the 25th and 26th of the month, and at the concert,³ which took place on the appointed evenings, sung “Comfort ye,” “Lord, remember David,” “For the House of Pharaoh,” and “Let the Bright Seraphim,” so much to the satisfaction of the trustees, that immediately after the conclusion of the concert, they met, and wished to engage him on the same terms for another on May 1, at which he sang, “Now Heaven in all her glory shone,” “Lord, what is man?” “In splendor bright,” “Total eclipse,” and “Gentle airs, melodious shrines.”⁴ Well pleased with his reception, and grateful to the Society for the opportunity afforded him of appearing as an oratorio singer, Phillips presented to the library, in June, a duet, “Here shall soft Charity,” in September, an air and sacred dirge, and on the 9th of April, 1821, sent from England a manuscript anthem, “O Lord! our Governor,” composed and dedicated to the Society at his request by Sir John Stevenson,⁵ which was afterwards printed in the third volume of the Society’s collection. In the letter which accompanied the manuscript, Phillips says: “I send it as the best remembrance I can offer for those attentions shown me by the Society at large during my visit to Boston.” Of his second visit we shall speak in its proper place. Hardly had Phillips completed his first visit, when a greater English tenor singer than himself, Charles Benjamin Inledon, arrived in Boston. A genuine English singer of ballads, “not of the modern sentimental cast, but of the original manly and energetic strain.” This celebrated artist, son of a medical practitioner at St. Kenan, Cornwall, was born in 1763, and at the age of eight became a choir boy at Exeter. Having studied music under Richard Langton

¹ *Galaxy*, Nov. 9, 1821.

² W. B. Wood, *Personal Recollections of the Stage* (Philadelphia, 1855), p. 276.

³ Proceeds, \$606.

⁴ Proceeds, \$411.

⁵ For Sir John’s letter to Phillips, see Appendix, letter A.

and Dr. Jackson, of Exeter, he either enlisted on board the "Formidable," 1779, or,¹ according to another account,² was carried off to sea against his will, to prevent him from giving evidence in a trial relating to one of his superiors. After he had been transferred to the "Reasonable" on the West India station, his fine tenor voice attracted the attention of Admiral Pigot, with whom, and with Admiral Hughes, he was wont to sing glees and catches. These officers gave him letters of introduction to Sheridan and Coleman when he was about to return home in 1783. On arriving in London, he joined Collins's company, and made his *début* at South Hampton in 1784, as Alphonso in Dr. Arnold's "Castle of Andalusia." Then followed engagements at Bath; at Vauxhall; at Covent Garden, 17th of September, 1790; and thirty years of activity, during which he was the prime favorite of the English musical world at theatres, concerts, and oratorios. His natural voice, which extended from A below the line to G above, was full and open and simply emitted, while his rich and brilliant falsetto, in which he could execute ornaments of a certain class with volubility and sweetness, ranged from D below, to E and F above the line. His singing was bold and forcible, with little pretence to delicacy or tenderness; his trill was even, and his intonation much more correct than is common to singers so imperfectly educated. As we have seen, Phillips sang for the second time at the twelfth concert of the Society, on the 1st of May. At the thirteenth concert, on the 2d of June, the regular singers sang selections from the Messiah and the Creation, and first performed Handel's Grand Coronation Anthem.³ On the 21st of the same month, Inledon was present at the rehearsal, and as he was known to be thoroughly trained in Handel's music, his opinion was looked for with no little anxiety. We are indebted to the Rev. Dr. William Staunton, of New York, an early and now honorary member of the Society, for the following interesting account of the characteristic manner in which he gave it: "When the chorus, 'For unto us a child is born,' was going on, Inledon became impatient, and finally begged the president to stop the performance, for, as he bluntly remarked, the choir knew nothing about the grand and peculiar characteristics of that chorus. He then, by request, told the Society what he knew by tradition, and proceeding to drill the singers, insisted on the unexcited progress of the semi-chorus portions till the climax was reached with the words, 'Wonderful!' 'Counsellor,' etc., which should burst upon the ear with the square and solid stroke of a vast

¹ *Grove*, II., p. 2.² *Euterpiad*, Vol. I., p. 121.³ *Proceeds*, \$94.

explosion. On this point of contrast, Incedon was strenuous, bringing down his uplifted arms and open hands with resounding strokes on the top of his desk." That was a valuable lesson, and we have reason to believe that it was taken in the right spirit.

Nowhere in the records of the Society is there any sign of that unwillingness on the part of the members to submit to *competent* criticism, which amateur singers often manifest, and it is to this excellent disposition, in a great measure, that the Society owes its long-continued existence and its present prosperity. At the last rehearsal before the first concert in 1815, the president, as we have already said, declared that it should not take place unless the singers "made better work with the music," and in so saying he struck the common chord of exertion, submission, and patience whose sound is still heard in our midst. But to return to Incedon: the records tell us that on the 27th of June the president was deputed to engage him for the fourteenth concert of the Society, which took place on the 1st of July, and at which he sang, "Great God, what do I see and hear?" "Charity decent, modest, easy, kind." "Comfort ye," "Every valley," "The horse and his rider," and "Total Eclipse."¹ There is little doubt that at this period of his life the great singer's powers were considerably impaired, and it must also be remembered that his forte was ballad, and not sacred, music. When he sang "The Storm," which is described as a unique vocal and histrionic exhibition, Incedon could still electrify his audience, but the very qualities which he then displayed were rather hindrances than helps to him when he appeared in oratorio.² How could the man who "sang like one gratified to excess with his own tones and his own expression," adapt himself to music which for its perfect execution demands an elevation of style born of self-forgetfulness? "Vanity," says an anonymous writer, quoted in Saroni's *Musical Times*,³ "was the besetting sin of Incedon, the chief yet amusing abatement to his otherwise just and liberal character. In pronouncing his own name, he believed he described all that was admirable in human nature. Incedon called himself the English ballad singer, *par excellence*, a distinction he would not have exchanged for the highest in the realm of talent."

If his sincerity is to be trusted, he carried back to England a more

¹ Proceeds, \$75.

² Mr. Spear tells me (S. J., Oct. 29, '73) that he has played accompaniments for Incedon; that Incedon would sing wrong notes, and Spear would correct him. Incedon said that he did not know anything about notes. He learned wholly by ear; sang C in alt freely and easily.

³ May 4, 1850.

favorable opinion of the condition of music in this country than he had expected to form. "I have been most agreeably surprised," he said, in a letter to the *Morning Post*,¹ "at finding it in such high cultivation. I have never been more agreeably surprised than by my rapid glance at America. I shall always hold in affectionate remembrance the country which welcomed me as a stranger, and patronized me with as much ardor as it could have showed had I been her son." Under the name of the "Wandering Minstrel," as he called himself in the latter part of his life, Incedon sang in many parts of England up to 1826, when he was attacked with paralysis at Worcester, and dying, was buried at Hampstead, Middlesex.

The report of the condition of the Society, made by the secretary at a meeting held on Aug. 20, is favorable in every respect. Instead of a debt to be paid, there is a small balance of \$120 in the treasurer's hands,² patrons have increased, and the performances have improved in quality. "The Society," says Mr. Parker, "by good management and a strict adherence to the motives and objects which led to its formation, has attained a character which promises durability. Its leading and most important object is, and always should be, the promotion of a uniform, pure, and just style of performing sacred music in our houses of public worship. This requires such a knowledge of its science and practice as shall enable the Society to perform the compositions of the most highly appreciated authors who have written on sacred subjects, that their style may be diffused through the community. To accomplish this desirable object, it is evident that a considerable individual sacrifice of time, as well as of opinion, is indispensably necessary. A punctual attendance is desirable. Ordinary meetings should be well attended, as we are liable to the company of auditors, including strangers, by whom we shall be well or ill spoken of abroad as our performances may merit. It is important that each member should be in his place whether he has to perform or not, as otherwise a bad example is set to young members, and the member appears lukewarm. We have surmounted many obstacles, and are sure of success if we are true to ourselves. Let each member cherish an affection for the Society, which will produce a corresponding spirit of accommodation and forbearance. When called to order, let every member come forward and appear in his proper place, with a heart duly impressed with the solemnity of the employment in which he is about to engage, that of singing praises

¹Republished in the *Palladium*, Dec. 10, 1819.

²Tickets sold, \$2,763.07. Balance to new account, \$120.12.

to the Most High. While thus conscientiously and faithfully fulfilling our duty, may we not humbly hope that the great Fountain of Harmony may be pleased to prosper our sincere attempts to promote His praise?"

FOURTH SEASON.

SEPT. 7, 1818, TO SEPT. 6, 1819.

At the annual meeting, Sept. 7, three of the four chief officers of the past year were re-elected for another twelvemonth; the fourth, Joseph Bailey, was succeeded as vice-president by Amasa Winchester. On the 17th, Joseph Lewis was appointed librarian; and on the 4th of October, Jonas Chickering, who was to prove one of the most efficient and faithful members of the Society, was elected to membership.

The position of organist was offered to Miss Hewitt; but as she declined to take a place which she subsequently filled with so much credit to herself for several years, Mr. S. P. Taylor, of New York, who had played for the Society at several concerts in 1817,¹ was appointed in her stead.

The season opened on Nov. 24, with a concert of selections from Handel, Mozart, Chapple, Shaw, and Webbe, sung by Miss Bennett (Mrs. Martin) and other leading solo singers, who repeated the programme on Dec. 3. Thus far the Society had contented itself with singing portions of the Messiah and the Creation, but had not ventured on producing either, or any other oratorio as a whole. It took this important step with the Messiah, at Christmas, and followed it up before the close of the season with the Creation and the Dettingen Te Deum. The principal singers at the Christmas concert were Misses Sumner and Bennett, Mr. J. Sharp, and Master White, the infant phenomenon who on another occasion made so strong an impression upon "Syphax" by his manner of singing Oliver Shaw's "When the cloud has passed away," that in a letter written in 1874, he says, "The sweet air is as fresh in my memory as though sung but yesterday." At the close of his letter, "Syphax" refers to a custom of these early days which, shocking as it appears to us, was then no stumbling-block of offence. It is difficult to believe, though it is nevertheless true, that decanters of ardent spirits² were habitually

¹ See first number, Chap. I., p. 52, where his name is incorrectly printed.

² That this was a general habit in church choirs at the time is shown by Gould (*Church Music in America*, p. 102), who says: "We have heard with our ears, if not seen with our eyes, that during the recess, ardent spirit was generously handed round

provided for the use of the male singers, by the superintendent of the hall, in one of its anterooms; and when these were thought to be too public, in a place under the platform, fitted up for the purpose. "Among my earliest recollections," writes a gentleman who joined the Society in 1851, "nothing impressed me more than seeing members leave their seats at rehearsals in the old Boylston Hall, and retire down the little narrow and steep stairs on either side of the organ, to refresh the inner man. The process was called 'tuning'; and the members, while engaged in the laborious effort to master Handel's difficult choruses, found it necessary to 'tune' quite often during a rehearsal."

The agitation of the temperance question, and the formation of the Massachusetts Temperance Society, gave a death-blow to this most objectionable custom, and made it a scandal of the past. The new year brought no other change in the work of the Society than the substitution of the Creation for the Messiah at its rehearsals, which were followed by the production of Haydn's masterpiece entire, at three successive concerts, on Feb. 16 and 21, and March 2.¹ The *Dettingen Te Deum* was then taken up and sung on April 1. Thus within four months the Society had added three works to its repertory, of which the two first have been repeated *ad infinitum* from that time to this, while the last had up to 1864 been sung but three times, including its first performance in the spring of 1819.

Mrs. French, a new singer of high reputation, came to Boston from Philadelphia in May, and gave a concert in aid of the Boston Female Asylum on the 18th of June, with the assistance of the Handel and Haydn Society, for whose benefit she sang in return on the 22d, with great and unequivocal success.

This lady is first mentioned by Mr. Dyer,² an English music teacher at Baltimore and Georgetown, in a letter dated July, 1817, written to Mr. Secretary Parker, as the wife of a dry-goods merchant, and pupil of Mr. B. Carr, of Philadelphia. "Her compass of voice and execution," he says, "were considerable. She ascends to D in alt with ease, and I have heard her sing up to F. On the whole, I do not doubt that she is the finest female singer on the continent." "She is," he

among the singers in the gallery of the church, to cheer them on their course. This was done publicly, the minister, elders, members, and the whole congregation looking on with apparent satisfaction to see the young people enjoy themselves. . . . At a certain period, anywhere and everywhere, a glass of liquor was looked upon to be just as proper and innocent as a cup of cold water."

¹ The receipts were respectively \$304, \$211, and \$89.

² S. Dyer, editor of New York and Philadelphia *Collections of Church Music*, 1827, 1828.

adds, "a more scientific singer than Mrs. Burke, called the 'American Catalani,' of whom you have doubtless heard."¹ With such qualifications as a voice so sweet that the silvery charm of every note was to the ear like polished ivory to the touch, great distinctness of articulation, and an extremely lady-like, graceful, and pleasing presence," Mrs. French had no difficulty in captivating her audiences here and elsewhere. The papers of the time vied with each other in praising her, and many were the verses penned in her honor. One poet, writing in allusion to the fall of a part of the ceiling at Washington Hall in Philadelphia during one of her concerts, expressed his overwrought feelings in the following lines, which rise somewhat above the average of like tributes: —

"'T is said that Orpheus played so well,
He raised Eurydice from Hell;
And St. Cecilia sang so clear
That angels leaned from Heaven to hear.

"But our Cecilia far excels
These fabled feats. Her trills and swells
Enchant the vaulted roofs and walls
Until the azure ceiling falls."²

Another poet, of a more sentimental order, thus tunes his lyre: —

"Lady! to thee a voice was given
The sweetest e'er bestowed by Heaven.
Seldom such strains are heard on earth:
They are of more than mortal birth.
Our passions own the sweet control,
To sympathy they wake the soul;
And O! thy soft, melodious art
With love and joy can warm the heart,
Inspire with hope, relief bestow
On the sad child of grief and woe!"

FIFTH SEASON.

SEPT. 6, 1819, TO SEPT. 4, 1820.

We have already spoken in our first chapter³ of the memorial services held by the Society on the 19th of August, with the assistance

¹ Previous to Mrs. French's appearance, Inledon and Phillips had both regarded Mrs. Burke as the best singer in America. "Mrs. French," says the *Palladium*, of May 28, "is her superior in cultivation and taste, while her voice has equal volume and sweetness and greater compass."

² *Philadelphia Gazette*, reprinted in *Palladium* of June 12.

³ See p. 56, first number.

of the Philharmonic Society and the Masonic Fraternity, in honor of its first president, Colonel T. S. Webb. His death, which must have taken place before July 28,—as, according to the records, a committee was then appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the proposed services in his honor,—was followed closely by the election of his real successor, Mr. Amasa Winchester. Mr. Holt had on the 20th of July written to decline re-election, on the debatable ground that “the interests of the Society would be promoted by limiting the term of office to two or three successive years”; and at the annual meeting,¹ Sept. 6, the members, taking him at his word, nominated and elected Mr. Winchester. Assuredly they could not have done a better thing, for thereby the right man was put into the right place. As the president was *ex officio* conductor, the election of a professional musician, like Dr. Jackson, for instance, would have been wiser from a musical point of view; but while he would certainly have drilled the singers more efficiently, his irritable disposition would have kept them in a chronic state of disturbance. With the doctor to conduct and Winchester to preside, all would have gone well; but as the idea of thus openly dividing the responsibility never occurred to any one, the election of the latter was for the best. The Rev. Dr. William Staunton, of New York,² one of the early members of the Society, who claims to have a distinct recollection of Mr. Winchester, describes him as “a man of the old school, courteous and affable in manner. . . . At the rehearsals and concerts he occupied a box or stand resembling an old-fashioned pulpit, which was placed on the main floor in front of the platform. In this post he stood, like our present conductor, between the audience and the performers, but did not really or visibly act as leader, either by gesture or by use of the baton. I have no recollection at that period of seeing any actual conductor, but (with the exception of an occasional hint from the president) there seemed to be an understanding that Sig. Ostinelli’s violin was to be the guiding helm by which all things moved.”

This shows that, in point of fact, the president’s role as conductor was little more than nominal; the burden really rested on the shoulders of the leading violinist, Ostinelli. Mr. Winchester was an amateur, who, as we are told, had a great love for, and a fair knowledge of music, and was, moreover, a good singer. He came to Boston from Newton, where he had at one time been a school-teacher, and

¹ The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$194.51, and stated the amount of debt incurred to be \$1,061.56. Half of this sum was owed to Otis Everett for fitting up Boylston Hall. On Sept. 2, an assessment of \$10 was laid on the members.

² Honorary member of the H. and H. Society. Letter of Nov. 1, 1881.

became a provision dealer in Faneuil Hall Market, and a member of the Rev. J. Stillman's choir.¹

A writer in the *Euterpiad*, who signs himself "Ralph," gives an account of one of the Society's concerts which he attended in 1821, and says: "The president of the Society took his stand among the choir. With a fine body of voice, much true feeling, much exquisite taste, and a very distinct yet musical pronunciation, he sang; and I will only say, in the language of Kirke White, —

'My spirit soared beyond the skies, and left the stars behind.'

Besides his voice, which made him practically useful to the Society, and a fine presence, which made him an agreeable object, Mr. Winchester had a kindness of nature, and a tact in dealing with men, which won for him their affection and respect. Of the many anecdotes which illustrate his character, it will suffice to mention that when an assessment of \$10 had been laid on the members, which some of them could ill afford to pay, he, while insisting upon its being paid, would secretly slip the needed bank-note into the hand of the impecunious. Again, when Tom Granger, the violinist, of whom it was said "that he could play as well asleep as awake," was out of humor, and proposed to throw up his place in the orchestra, the president said to him, "We shall miss you greatly"; and added, "By the by, I have a very superior steak to-day, and I shall send you home a piece." In these ways he left behind him such a reputation for kindly tact that his probable conduct in difficult cases was sometimes cited as a guide to his successors. Thus, during Dr. Lowell Mason's administration, it happened one night that Kendall, the tenor trombone, could not reach some high notes in his part; and Mason, rapping sharply on his desk, said, "We cannot have that trombone." At this the irate musician left the hall. Fearing that he should lose him altogether, Mason said to one of the members, "What would Winchester have done?" "He would," answered the person questioned, "have tapped very lightly on his desk, and said, 'That trombone is very beautiful; but, if you please, we will try the air without it, and see how it sounds.'"

During the four years of Mr. Winchester's tenure of office, John Dodd was vice-president, Joseph Lewis, secretary, and Ebenezer Frothingham, treasurer. The first was a baritone singer, who frequently appeared at the Society's concerts. "His rich baritone still rings in my ears," says "Slyphax"; and the Rev. Dr. Staunton,

¹ Letter of B. B. Davis, April 5, 1869.

in the letter already quoted, speaks of Captain Dodd, as he calls him, as "a conscientious man, always aiming to do his best for the credit of the Society." With this aim, when he was called upon to sing the recitatives in the Creation, "for which he was admirably fitted on account of his distinct utterance," it occurred to him that by committing words and music to memory, he would be able to deliver his part with greater freedom and effect. "The plan," says Dr. Staunton, "worked well for a while; but on one occasion the captain's memory failed him, and, becoming confused, he, to the infinite amusement of his hearers, sang, 'And God created great whales, and He said unto them, be fruitful and multiply, — and — sit and sing on every tree.'" "The gravity of the Society," adds the same writer, "was also to my own knowledge severely put to the proof at times, by the vagaries of a trumpet-player named Rowson, who usually sat on the uppermost tier of seats, apart from the orchestra. He had learned in early life to play on an old-fashioned instrument without valves, on which, for the production of many notes, the action of the lips and tongue was necessary; and his attempts to execute, with his thickened and rugged lips, the long runs of semiquavers in the obligato accompaniment to 'Let the bright Seraphim,' were so uncertain in pitch and frolicsome in movement that, with the utmost self-command, it was difficult to control the temptation to laughter." With all these and other drawbacks, the effect of the Society's performances, if we may trust the memory of early members, was often striking, and, as they tell us, all the more so because the hall in which they took place was of small dimensions. "I have," says a gentleman who was a member during Mr. Winchester's presidency, "a distinct recollection of the clearness with which the several points of attack in intricate fugues were treated and made conspicuous, notwithstanding the mass of sound given out by the choir, the orchestra, and brilliantly voiced organ."

Turning to the records of the last months of 1819, we find little of interest to chronicle. A proposal was made in September to restrict public performances to charitable or other special occasions, and rely on the sale of season tickets at \$10, admitting a gentleman and two ladies, and at \$5, admitting one person, which plan, though not accepted at the time, foreshadowed the later action of the Society. Its twenty-third concert was given on Dec. 23, when a part of the Creation, and selections from the Old Colony and Lock Hospital collections, were performed by the chorus and the usual solo singers, including Miss Bennett. Mr. Merriam having declined re-election as librarian, Mr. S. Clarke was appointed in his stead on Sept. 9. The last

rehearsal of the year took place on Dec. 26, with singing from the Messiah.

With the new year (1820) came the inevitable return to the Creation. As when the sun sets, the moon rises, so in ordered and unvarying sequence the two musical planets which gave light to the Handel and Haydn Society followed each other, giving opportunity for vocal stars to shine when such were available, which, as we have seen, was seldom the case. At the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth concerts, given on the 3d and 22d of February, Miss Bennett and Miss Copeland, with the usual male solo singers, assisted the chorus in singing parts of the Creation and various selections which we shall not enumerate. In this same month, at a meeting held on the 16th, the plan of publishing a Collection of Sacred Music, under the auspices of the Society, was first proposed, and a committee was appointed to draft a subscription paper suitable for circulation. The great financial success of this undertaking, to which the Society probably owed its escape from dissolution, gives an interest to the following short announcement addressed to the musical public by the committee on March 5:—

“The Handel and Haydn Society, desirous of extending the knowledge of sacred music from works of eminent composers (and to effect such an extension they wish to make it an object to all lovers of melody and scientific harmony), have in contemplation to issue a publication, as soon as sufficient encouragement may be given, styled the Handel and Haydn Collection, containing select pieces from Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and other authors of celebrity, many of which have never before been published in this country.”

To this end public patronage is confidently solicited, and it is stated that the work is to be printed with pianoforte or organ accompaniment, in good type, on double paper, in numbers of twenty-four pages, eight of which will make a volume, with all possible despatch. The price to subscribers, who will be allowed to withdraw their names on the completion of the first volume if they be so disposed, is fixed at thirty-four and one fourth cents, and a tenth copy is promised gratis to those who will purchase nine copies.¹ Early in May the committee on selecting and publishing music, consisting of the president, vice-president, and secretary, Holt, Huntington, and Parker, speedily brought out an edition of the first number, consisting of one thousand copies; and on June 15, the title of the work was deposited at the District Clerk's office by the secretary. The *Euterpiad* of

¹ June 3, the price of the first number was fixed at from thirty-seven and one half cents to forty-four cents at the discretion of the committee.

June 3, in noticing the publication, says: "In style, form, and workmanship, it exceeds anything of the kind hitherto attempted in this country." The writer then goes on to discourse upon religious music in a philosophic strain, and winds up with a reference to the diffusion of taste for it which may be expected from the establishment of the Handel and Haydn Society as a permanent institution of this town. A second notice, in the issue of June 24, contrasts the first number advantageously, both as to selection and arrangement, with many late musical publications, encumbered with false harmony, forbidden progressions and fruitless attempts at counterpoint. Upon such it was certainly a great advance in all respects. It contained "The Lord's Prayer," by Denman, a composer unknown to Hawkins, Fétis, or Grove; "Fallen is thy throne," by Martini (the Padre?); "The saffron tints of morn," by Mozart; "Sonnd an alarm," and chorus "We hear," from Handel's Judas Maccabæus; "Total Eclipse," and "Oh! first created beam," from Samson.

A second number was published before July 29, on which day it is reviewed in the *Euterpiad* in like terms of commendation with the first. It contained Haydn's beautiful National hymn, "*Gott erhalte Franz den Kaiser*," set to words by Dr. Collyer; "Lovely is the face of nature"; Handel's "O lovely peace!" from Judas Maccabæus; "Is there a man?" by the same composer; and Kent's¹ anthem, "Give the Lord the honor due unto his name," — printed, unlike the other numbers, with figured bass.

The third number, which was ready for distribution to the members on Aug. 20,² contained Handel's "How green our fertile pastures," from Solomon; "O Lord! whose mercies," from Saul; "How willing my paternal love," "With might endued," and "To fame immortal go," from Samson; Haydn's chorus, "Come, sweet spring," from the Seasons; "He sees and he believes," Bishop; and a trio, "The bird let loose," words by Moore, music by Beethoven. Although nothing could be more simple in harmony, more absolutely tonal than this composition, the writer in the *Euterpiad*, awed by the great composer's name, declares that in it "the author explores many of the inmost recesses of harmony and modulation."

Early in October appeared the fourth number of the collection,³ containing an anthem for four voices by John Mosh,⁴ "O Lord who

¹ James Kent, born March 13, 1700; organist at Trinity College, Cambridge, and of Cathedral and College at Winchester; died Dec. 10, 1736.

² Reviewed in *Euterpiad*, Sept. 9.

³ Noticed in *Euterpiad*, Oct. 14, 1820.

⁴ English amateur, composer, and performer, 1750-1828.

has taught us"; "Winter has a charm for me," quartet, by A. Herbury, an English glee writer of the last century; ¹ "Arm, arm ye brave!" with chorus; "We come in bright array," from Handel's Judas Maccabæus; and the anthem for four voices, "They played, in air the trembling music floats," by Sir John Stevenson, which it will be remembered was sung by the Society at its very first concert, Dec. 25, 1815.² Ring's oratorio, "The Intercession," filled the next two numbers of the volume, of which, and of the remainder of its contents, we shall speak further on, when noting its completion early in 1821. The Society gave its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh concerts on March 31 and May 2, when the Messiah and the Creation were interpreted by the chorus, with solo aid from Misses Sumner and Bennett, and Messrs. Coolidge, Baily, and Sharp. On June 30, sixty members took part in the religious services at the consecration of St. Paul's,³ with Dr. Jackson at the organ, assisted by Messrs. Graupner, Ostinelli, Taylor, and a full orchestra.

SIXTH SEASON.

SEPT. 4, 1820, TO SEPT. 3, 1821.

At the annual meeting on Sept. 4, an encouraging account of the Society's financial condition was presented by the treasurer. The debt had been reduced within the year from \$1,150 to \$161, and the secretary felt authorized to state that the institution "has never been in a more conspicuous situation than at present," — the word "conspicuous," as we presume, being intended to cover all social and financial questions. Well satisfied with the management of its affairs, the members re-elected the same chief officers, appointed the president, vice-president, and secretary, with Messrs. Holt, Huntington, and Parker, to be a committee on selecting and publishing music, and appointed Mr. S. Clark their librarian. So far back as Jan. 10, Mr. S. P. Taylor had resigned his position as organist,⁴ though he offered to serve in it until his successor should be appointed. In September he intimated that he could no longer continue to do so, and on the 26th, Miss Hewitt accepted the place. This lady (eventu-

¹ Musician in ordinary to George III., died June 11, 1796.

² For programme, see p. 57, end of Chap. I.

³ *Euterpiad*, I., p. 55.

⁴ He was then elected an honorary member, and thanked, in a letter from the president, "for the faithful and scientific manner in which he had presided at the organ."

ally Mrs. Ostinelli) was the daughter of James H. Hewitt (music dealer and publisher in Boston and afterwards in New York), violinist, organist, conductor, and teacher, who brought her before the public at the age of seven.¹ Until 1816 she occasionally sung in concerts at New York, where she resided, and taught music in Mrs. Brenton's music school. Dr. Jackson gave her lessons on the organ, and Messrs. Ferrand and Moran on the piano and harp. "Her piano playing," says a contemporary, "is plain, sensible, and that of a gentlewoman; she neither takes by storm nor by surprise, but she gradually wins upon the understanding, while the ear, though it never fills the other senses with ecstasy, drinks in full satisfaction."

We give this quotation as a specimen of the fine writing of the period, but we prefer the more sober record of one who still remembers her as "the leading professional pianist of Boston, whose performances at the Apollo Society were received with as much enthusiasm as those of Joseffy and his peers by modern audiences. Her ability as an organist," says the same gentleman, "may be estimated from the fact that at the rehearsals and concerts of the Society, she played the most elaborate accompaniments from copies which had been sorely neglected by the proof-reader."

That Mrs. Ostinelli's services were appreciated by the Society is evident from the fact that she retained her place as its organist for ten years; but it is also equally clear, from the circumstances which accompanied the appointment of her successor, Mr. Zeuner, hereafter to be related, that she was not fitted for the more advanced demands of a later stage of musical development, which required a more thoroughly educated musician. Her husband, Sig. Ostinelli, the best violinist in Boston, and leader in the Philharmonic Orchestra, was a conscientious and earnest musician, "who," says the same witness, "never scrambled through his work like a hireling, and was always in full sympathy with the chorus."

From May 7, the Society contented itself with rehearsals until Nov. 14, when it gave its twenty-eighth concert, consisting of selections; and this was followed, on Dec. 19, by the twenty-ninth, which concluded with the final chorus in Beethoven's *Mount of Olives*.²

We cannot close the record of this year without drawing the reader's attention to the evidence given of the increased reputation of the Handel and Haydn Society, by the following advertisement of a so-called Grammatical Music School, kept by a Mr. Huntington, in

¹ See I. R. Parker's *Musical Biographies*, Boston, 1825.

² The two programmes are given in full on p. 167, Vol. II., of *Euterpiad*.

Cornhill: "Young gentlemen taught to sing and play upon the flute, and qualified for performance at church, or at the Handel and Haydn Society."

At the third concert of the season, on the 16th of January, 1821, the selections were, in the opinion of the *Euterpiad* critic,¹ "uncommonly choice"; "but," he adds, as he dons the judicial cap, "it would be a dereliction of principle not to declare our unequivocal dissatisfaction with what we heard from all quarters, instrumental and vocal. The apparent want of individual exertion, constituting a palpable neglect of duty towards public expectation, showed itself on this occasion. We were reminded by the effect produced upon our minds of the following effusion of an ancient bard of our metropolis on jargon: 'Let horrid jargon split the air, etc.'"²

In the same strain, a critic writes in the *New England Galaxy*:—

"Why we cannot tell, but one thing is certain, the oratorios of the present season have given less satisfaction to the public than those of past seasons. That of Tuesday evening last could hardly rank above an ordinary rehearsal. The orchestra was lamentably deficient in numbers or power, perhaps in both. The chorus, 'Lord have mercy on us,' was responded to with all the heart by every auditor."

Such severe strictures show that improvement in style of performance hardly kept pace with improvement in public taste, which it should always lead, not follow. The time had come when stricter discipline and better training were needed to keep the Society in the van, and it was perhaps owing to the feeling of non-dependence upon public patronage, engendered by the late pecuniary success of the publishing venture, that a more vigorous effort was not made to obtain it by increased musical excellence. The production of a new work, King's Intercession,³ at a concert given on the 6th of February, and its repetition on the 15th of March, seem to have somewhat stimulated public interest, as might have been expected from the popular character of the music. "It is more modern and more easy of execution than the Messiah and the Creation," says the *Euterpiad*, "and the music admits of more fashionable embellishments than they do. [!!!] The choruses have rather the simplicity of those at the opera"; with more in the same vein, which shows us that while the singers found the Intercession easier to sing, and therefore sang

¹ Jan. 20, 1821. *Euterpiad*, Vol. II., p. 171.

² Billings. See No. 1, p. 24.

³ Matthew Peter King, pupil of C. F. Horn. The Intercession was brought out at Covent Garden in 1817.

it better, the public found it more suited to their capacity, and therefore listened with greater complacency. The work is published in the first volume of the Handel and Haydn Collection, of which it filled numbers five and six. The choruses, simply conducted upon tame, not to say trivial, themes, modulate from tonic to dominant, and occasionally to related minor keys, making no attempt at counterpoint in vocal or instrumental parts. The music is, in short, a modification of the psalm tune and the ballad, to which latter class the once popular solo, called "Eve's Lament," a melody of a commonplace character, belongs. As men's character may be judged of by their associates, so may their level of musical cultivation be tested by the sort of music which they appreciate; whence one may conclude that as the Intercession was admired by Boston audiences in 1821, their level was not a very high one.

We presume that a letter signed "Ralph," reprinted in the *Euterpiad*¹ from the *Galaxy* about this time, relates to the concert of March 15, at which the Intercession was performed for the second time, although the writer refers in it to the selections given. "The singer of the recitative and air from the Creation [probably Capt. Dodd] showed good taste and feeling, but wanted animation. 'Rejoice, O Judah!' was given by a distinguished bass voice [Richardson?], under perfect command. 'Father, thy work is past,' by the president [Winchester], with a fine body of voice, much true feeling, exquisite taste, and a very distinct yet musical pronunciation. A youth with a voice as sweet as a lute sang 'In youth's gay spring.' The choruses were mostly exceedingly well performed, though one, in which the short tenor solo in the word 'Amen' sounded like the cries of a boy afflicted with the colic, might, in the writer's opinion, as well have been omitted."

At its sixth concert,² on April 5, the Society performed the Messiah; and at its seventh, on May 15, sang selections from Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Boyce, and Bray, for the benefit of the Howard Benevolent Society, "thus making" (to borrow the language of a letter, signed "Edward Everett and others," in which the Society's aid is asked for this charity) "the pleasures of harmony a source of happiness and relief to those who are otherwise excluded from their enjoyment."³

The first number of the second volume of the Society's collection

¹ March 17, 1821.

² Programme: "Honor and Arms"; "To thee, Cherubim," from Dettingen Te Deum; "Glory to God," Mozart; "The Smile," Shaw, etc.

³ Proceeds \$150, which sum was paid over to the Howard Benevolent Society.

of sacred music, which was published in August, contains Kent's anthem, "My song shall be of mercy and judgment," Handel's "Pious Orgies," a quartet by I. S. Smith on Milton's words, "Blest pair of Sirens," and Zerlina's "*Batti! Batti! bel Mazetto*," from Mozart's Don Giovanni, arranged for solo and chorus on the words, "Gently Lord, O gently lead us!" It is well, perhaps, "that the devil should not have all the best tunes," but the principle of association is strong in the human mind, and the substitution of "Hallelujah" for "*Batti! Batti! bel Mazetto*," in the following passage,



is as amusing an instance of its violation as could well be cited.

The rehearsal of Aug. 12, which was attended by the West Point Cadets, under Major Worth, had all the "prestige" of a concert. Their leader, Mr. Willis, played the trumpet obligato part to the Judgment Hymn, "The Trumpet shall sound" (sung by S. Richardson), and "Let the Bright Seraphim" (sung by Mrs. Martin).

SEVENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 3, 1821, TO SEPT. 2, 1822.

The conclusion of the season brought the usual business meetings in its train, reports for the year showing the Society to be free of debt, with a small balance in the treasurer's hands; a statement that the sale of the first volume of the Collection had paid all printing expenses; the re-election of the same officers (Sept. 3) for the ensuing year; and of Miss Hewitt as organist, and T. Bird as librarian, *vice* Mr. Clark, resigned.

At a meeting held on Sept. 18, Lowell Mason, who was to play an important part in the history of the Society, was elected an honorary member; but as he preferred to take an active part, he declined to accept, and joined the Society as a regular member in the month of October. The "father of American church music," as he has been called,¹ was born at Medfield,² Mass., on the 8th of January, 1792, and died at S. Orange, N. J., Aug. 11, 1872. He went to Savannah,

¹Oration of Rev. Geo. B. Bacon. *Congregational Monthly*, January, 1873.

²Ritter, p. 169, says Mansfield.

Ga., at the age of twenty, and according to the account of Mr. S. Jubal Howe,¹ who knew him there in 1821, was superintendent of sales in a jeweller's shop, and conductor of a choir, for whose benefit he occupied his leisure moments in harmonizing psalm tunes.² He had previously learned something of thorough-bass by correspondence with Mr. S. G. Taylor, organist of the Handel and Haydn Society, and was then studying with F. L. Abel, a musician who resided at Savannah. Thither, as it chanced, came Mr. W. M. Goodrich, a Boston organ-builder, to set up an organ; and Col. Newhall, a singing-master with a good voice, who had some work to do in connection with a large hotel, then in process of erection. Mason, who became intimate with both these men, was very anxious to find means to publish his collection of church music, consisting of selections from the works of eminent composers adapted to the use of his choir, believing that it would meet with a ready sale, and they probably encouraged him in the idea that he could not do better than make the attempt in Boston. Having determined to do so, he embarked with Mr. Howe, the narrator, on board a sailing ship, in which they were the only passengers. At their request they were landed at Falmouth, where they hired a boy with horse and carryall to take them to Plymouth, which they reached on a Saturday night, and where they spent the Sunday in visiting a Mr. Hobart, whose name was known to Mason as publisher of the Old Colony Collection. Finding that he was not a musician, the travellers proceeded to Boston, where Col. Newhall introduced Mason to Dr. Jackson, who examined his manuscript and gave him a first-rate certificate. The certificate, dated Oct. 5, 1821, five days before Mason signed a contract with the Handel and Haydn Society, by which they became joint partners in publishing a book, to be entitled "The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music, harmonized for three and four voices, with figured bass, for Organ and Pianoforte," runs as follows:—

"I have been highly gratified with the examination of the manuscript of the Handel and Haydn's Society Collection of Music. The selection of tunes is judicious; it contains all the old approved English melodies that have long been in use in the church, together with many compositions from modern English authors. The whole are harmonized with great accuracy, truth, and

¹ T. F. Seward says he was employed at a bank.

² S. Jubal Howe related these facts to Mr. S. Jennison in 1871. They agree in the main with those given in a pamphlet, entitled *The Educational Work of Dr. Lowell Mason*, by Theodore F. Seward, which contains a list of Mason's works, and a sketch of his life by A. W. Thayer, first printed in *Dwight's Journal of Music*.

judgment, according to the acknowledged principles of musical science. I consider the book as a valuable acquisition to the church, as well as to every lover of devotional music. It is much the best book I have seen published in this country, and I do not hesitate to give it my most decided approbation.

“Very respectfully yours,

“G. H. JACKSON.”

“President Winchester,” says Mr. Howe in the letter quoted above, “was also much pleased with Mason’s manuscript, and made a bargain with him about its publication by the Society, without any mention of his (Mason’s) name.” This stipulation was inserted in the contract at Mr. Mason’s request for the following reason, thus given by himself :—

“I was then a bank officer in Savannah, and did not wish to be known as a musical man, as I had not the least thought of ever making music a profession. The clause in the contract which gave the Society the right to dispose of and sell the property was also inserted at my suggestion, because I had more confidence in Mr. Winchester for this purpose than in myself, and besides my residence in Savannah rendered it proper and even necessary.”

The contract “to select and publish from the Collection already prepared by Mr. Mason, stipulates that no piece is to be inserted without the consent of both parties; that the Society is to have the superintendence of the publishing of all editions, and the right to dispose of them for such sums as they may think proper, but *not* to dispose of the copyright without Mason’s consent.” Before this time, as we learn from a letter written by Mason to Mr. Farnham, March 14, 1869, some musical arrangements of his had been published in the Old Colony Collection. He writes :—

“The first music that I ever furnished to the Society will be found at p. 128, in the second volume of that collection. I put the English words to the Kyrie of Mozart, and sent them to a poor musical friend in Waltham, advising him to offer them to the Handel and Haydn Society, and perhaps he might obtain some little remuneration. He did so, and I believe was rewarded, etc. The next thing was the very popular Gloria by Mozart, p. 133. This was about 1820.”

But to return to Mr. Howe’s reminiscences relating to Mason’s visit to Boston in the following year, and his contract of Oct. 10. “Winchester,” he says, “sold the copyright, and Mason probably put \$500 into his pocket, and went back to Savannah, where he was still clerk in a bank, feeling rich.” The first intimation given him of the success of the publication was in a letter from Mr. Howe, who at his request called on Mr. Lord,¹ and learned that it was selling well,

¹ Messrs. Richardson & Lord took 3,000 copies for \$500.

very well indeed, and that another edition would soon be needed. On hearing this, Mason busied himself in preparing the materials, it having been agreed in the first contract that he should continue to select and arrange desirable compositions for future editions. These multiplied rapidly, and at the end of five years had yielded the handsome profit of \$4,033.32, to be divided between the contracting parties. Mr. Mason then came to Boston in 1821, and entered upon a long and successful career, of which more hereafter.

Of the three last concerts before the end of the year, the two first, given on Oct. 30 and Dec. 11, are of no special interest; but the third, on Dec. 25,¹ for the benefit of the family of Col. Webb, was notable for its object, and for the reappearance of Thomas Phillips, the English tenor, after a three years' absence in England. His singing of the recitative and solo, "The horse and his rider," was, says the *Euterpiad*, "superior to anything within our recollection." Warming with his subject, the critic goes on to say that the effect produced by Phillips's delivery of "In splendor bright," will not be forgotten; and then, rising to a pitch of unsurpassable eloquence, he records that on repeating "Lord, remember David," "into whose *ad libitum* passages he had already introduced some new and extraordinarily effective modulations, he added scintillations of science both novel and classical"!!! As if one star of the first magnitude was not enough on this memorable evening, whose performance, "taken as a whole," we are told, "has never been equalled," a second of almost equal brilliancy rose in the sky in the person of Mrs. Holman, who is mentioned in the *Centinel* as "a beautiful and interesting woman, with an admirable voice both in tone and compass." She sang "Angels ever bright and fair," and repeated it "in response to torrents of applause from every part of the hall." Sang an anonymous poet in the *Palladium*:—

"O lady! when the wings of worth
To heaven thy ripened virtues bear,
Breathe but the tones thou breath'dst on earth,
And thou wilt find a welcome there."²

Another female vocalist of merit, Miss Davis, a mezzo-soprano, described as "an interesting and truly classic vocalist," lent her aid

¹ Proceeds \$302.

² Mrs. Holman appeared on the stage with Phillips, who from sundry anecdotes would seem to have been not a little jealous of her success. On consulting him as to whether she should sing the favorite song of "Tally-Ho" at her benefit, he replied, "By G—! madam, you had better put on the breeches at once, and play Macheath." (Beggar's Opera.)

on this occasion. She was Phillips's pupil, and a successful teacher of singing and the piano in Boston.

The newspaper articles of the time show clearly that Phillips's second visit to Boston was less successful than the first. "And why?" asks a writer in the *Galaxy*.

"Is not his voice as full, as perfect, as forcible, his articulation as distinct? Does not his execution display as much feeling? Are not his musical ornaments as brilliant and sparkling, his cadences as intricate and as wonderful as ever? Yes; but in the first place, his most celebrated songs have been sung or played during his absence by almost every real or pretended amateur in music, by professional men on the stage, by every girl who could finger a piano, by every boy who could whistle, and by about every fifer who could play a march before a company of militia."

As his old songs were worn threadbare, his new ones inferior to the old, and his voice less powerful than of yore, it is not to be wondered at that the singer found his hold on public favor diminished; but he must have been gratified by the general verdict that he had done much for musical culture in Boston. This feeling is strongly expressed in a letter written to him by Mr. Winchester after his final leave-taking in 1822. "My regret that the most finished specimens of vocal talent which have ever been exhibited among us should have met with so disproportionate a reception is increased, when I reflect that the improvement of the vocal art resulting from your visit to this place will be a source of delight to the lovers of music for ages; and this consideration," he adds, "will be your best remuneration. It was but little that the Handel and Haydn Society were able to contribute to your happiness, but that little flowed from hearts sensible of the benefits received from your precepts and example."

Our account of Phillips would be incomplete were we to omit reference to his lectures on the art of singing, delivered in Dublin in 1820, and repeated in Boston, at Boylston Hall, on the 17th and 21st of December, with great *éclat*. In these he analyzed different styles of singing; maintained that any one with an average voice, and industry to follow a few plain rules, would soon become an agreeable and perhaps an excellent singer; and illustrated his remarks by singing passages from many beautiful songs and anthems, to his own piano-forte accompaniment. His last appearance in Boston was at a meeting of the Society on the 15th of December, 1822, when he sang Handel's "Lord, remember David," and Haydn's "In native worth." In June, 1823, he took final leave of an American audience at the Park Theatre, New York, and shortly after sailed for England.

We shall conclude our record of the year 1821 with a rhodomon-

tade entitled the "Genealogy of the Common Fiddle," which appeared in the *Galaxy*, June 8:—

"I have been unwearied in my efforts and unbounded in my researches, and with an immense deal of trouble have at last discovered that the Great Fiddle which groans so audibly (we presume with old age) in the oratorios of the Handel and Haydn Society, the mother of all little Fiddles in this quarter of the globe, was left by Columbus at Hayti, in San Domingo, when he landed on the island; and that it was presented and forwarded to the literary emporium of the New World by Prince Saunders, Esq., as a testimony of love and respect for his native city."

Was it in consequence of this humorous diatribe that the Society found it advisable, in 1822, to purchase a double-bass of Mr. Wood, for the sum of \$100?

Both Mr. Phillips and Miss Davis sang for the Society on the 8th and 15th of January. At the first of these concerts, as we learn from the *Palladium*, Phillips sang "Deeper and deeper still" in his best style. In this, and in "Eveleen's Bower," which was rapturously encored, he gave a practical illustration of what may be achieved by following his rules for pronunciation and singing. Miss Davis sang "Farewell, ye limpid streams," and the "Mocking-bird," thus proving that secular music was not excluded from the programmes of the Society when professional singers took part in them. A little more frequent assistance of the sort would have been advisable, for the occasionally severe criticisms which are to be found in newspapers of the time show that the solo singing by members of the Society was by no means of the best.

Here are specimens, — the first from the *Euterpiad*, relating to a concert given in February. "We never," says the writer, "experienced so great a disappointment as in listening to the tenor (J. Huntington) who attempted 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.'" Again, a season-ticket holder, writing to the *Galaxy* at a later date, May 14, 1824, speaks of the performances of solo singers as "calculated to do little credit to themselves or to the Society. If needed, they should be sought outside of its limits. The solo singers at the rehearsal of the 18th of April were thoroughly inadequate.¹ On the whole, we think it is the most ridiculous rehearsal we have ever heard." Stric-

¹ To some of these, the advice given by Haydn, to a minor canon of Gloucester Cathedral about 1753, would have been suitable. This canon, who had sung in the chorus, was violently hissed when he attempted a solo. Haydn said to him, "I am very sorry, very sorry indeed for you, my dear sir: but go back to your cathedral in the country. God will forgive you for your bad singing, but these wicked people in London, they will not forgive you."

tures are not confined to the singers, but extend to the orchestra. "When," says another critic, "professional men are paid for their services, the public is entitled to their best possible exertions; but the inability of some, the incapacity and indifference of others, combined with the absence of those most needed, had a tendency to deteriorate the performance of many of the most effective pieces.¹ Two abuses which existed in 1822, and have ever since been annually pointed out as needing correction, are the habit of applauding at oratorios, "a habit," says the *Euterpiad*, "more worthy the amusements of Thespis than of a place devoted to choral worship"; and that of leaving the hall during the performance of the final chorus. If people must leave, they should do so before it begins, was said sixty years ago, and is said now, and will, we suppose, have to be said a hundred years hence.

I happen to have in my possession a letter written a few years ago by one of the oldest living members of the Society, in which the writer speaks of the very period which we have under consideration, as marked by an "entire absence of applause and of encores during the performance of oratorios and sacred pieces by the Society." The passage just quoted from the *Euterpiad* shows that such was not the case, and proves that, like Elijah, we are not in this respect better than our fathers.

There are occasions when the feelings are so wrought upon that it is well-nigh impossible to resist the impulse to give them outward utterance; but such occasions are rare, and when they occur, though the offence may be condoned, it still remains an offence against propriety.

It seems hardly necessary to remark that we are speaking of applause as ill-timed when bestowed upon such essentially sacred music as that of Handel and Bach. Works like the *Stabat Mater* of Rossini, written expressly for vocal display, savor of the opera house, and may be fitly met with demonstrations suitable to it; but these are out of place when made at performances of works like the *Messiah* or the *Passion*, whose words and music are alike sacred.

The programmes of the concerts given on March 12 and 25, May 31, Nov. 12, and Dec. 1 were made up of the *Intercession*, the second part of the *Creation*, and divers selections, of which the solos were sung by Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Martin, Misses Cambridge and Woodward, Messrs. Sharp, Dodd, etc. These call for no special comment. Phillips, as we have already said, was present at the rehearsal.

¹ *Euterpiad*, II., 196.

sal of Dec. 15, and sang for the last time to the members, who doubtless parted from him with regret.

EIGHTH SEASON.

SEPT. 2, 1822, TO SEPT. 1, 1823.

The annual meeting, at which the same chief officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, was held Sept. 2. The treasurer reported a balance of over \$400 in hand, although a new organ worth \$1,200 had been purchased of Mr. Mackay in the early part of the year. This, with eight hundred copies of the Society's publications, worth at least \$2 per volume, placed it on a sound financial basis. On the 6th of September, Mr. Bird was elected librarian and Miss Hewitt organist, and on the 24th of December the publishing committee was directed to superintend a second edition of the collection of sacred music.

The most interesting matter connected with the history of the Society in the year 1823, to which its progress has brought us, is the fact that Beethoven was commissioned to write an oratorio for it. That the commission was given is certain, but as it is not mentioned in the records, Mr. A. W. Thayer is probably right in thinking that it was given unofficially by Richardson and two or three other members. In October, 1854, Mr. Thayer wrote a letter to Mr. J. S. Dwight, the well-known editor of the *Musical Journal*, to say that he had questioned Schindler, Beethoven's biographer, on the subject, and had learned from him that in 1823, a Boston banker, whose name was unknown to him, having occasion to write to Geymuller, a Viennese banker, had sent an order to the great musician to compose an oratorio for somebody or some society in Boston, and that it was forwarded to its destination. At the time, Beethoven was about to begin a work for a Viennese society, to be called the Victory of the Cross (*Der Sieg des Kreuzes*), the text of which had been furnished by his friend Bernard. Pleased with the order sent him for Boston, he determined at once to fill it with this oratorio. Wishing to know the truth about the matter, I wrote to Mr. Thayer, then, as now, U. S. consul at Trieste, for information, and in reply learned that in one of Beethoven's note-books at Berlin, he had found this passage:—

“Bühler writes — ‘The oratorio for Boston?’ I cannot write what I should best like to write, but that which the pressing need of money obliges me to write. This is not saying that I write only for money. When this period is past, I hope to write what for me and for art is above all, *Faust*.”

Mr. Thayer also found an article on Beethoven in the *Morgenblatt für gebildete Leser*, Nov. 5, 1823, which closes with a notice of three projected works, one of which is the oratorio, with English text, for Boston.¹ Neither at Vienna, nor in the Beethoven papers preserved by Schindler, could Mr. Thayer find any further mention of this matter, and we must conclude that it was never anything more than a project with Beethoven.

We return now to the affairs of the Society during the remainder of the season. Between the 1st of January, 1823, and the annual meeting on Sept. 1, four concerts were given, — on the evenings of Jan. 28, when the whole Creation was sung, and on Feb. 11, March 25, and May 27, when the programmes were made up of selections, and the solo singers were there with whose names we are familiar. “The chorus of this time,” says one of its still living members, “could hardly have numbered more than one hundred and fifty voices, and the orchestra from twenty to twenty-five players, among whom were several vigorous trombones.” The instrumental strength is here probably somewhat exaggerated; at least, we know that but thirteen players took part in the concert of March 25, and that the whole amount paid for orchestral assistance during the season amounted only to \$382.

The purchase of an organ, a double-bass, and a pair of drums left the Society \$353 in debt at the close of the season, despite the largest sale of season tickets ever known. Nevertheless, the condition of affairs might be considered satisfactory, as the treasurer had received \$711 from the sale of the Society’s publications, of which about nine hundred copies remained on hand, valued at two dollars a volume, and its property was valued at \$5,346.

NINTH SEASON.

SEPT. 1, 1823, TO SEPT. 6, 1824.

At the annual meeting on the 1st of September, the chief officers elected were all new, with the exception of the secretary, Joseph Lewis. The successful candidates were Robert Rogerson, president; Joseph Bailey, vice-president; and William Coffin, Jr., treasurer. As the gentlemen who had filled these offices during the present season

¹ “Eine Symphonie, quartetten, ein Biblisches oratorium ihm durch den Amerikanischen Consul, in Englischer sprache, aus dem Vereinigten Staaten übersickt und vielleicht eine der Dichtungen von Grillparzer steht zu erwarten.” This poem of Grillparzer’s was the libretto of a German opera called *Melusina*, accepted and then abandoned.

were now appointed members of the board of trustees, it is evident that their cordial relations with the Society had suffered no change.

The new president, Mr. Rogerson, had been a member of the board during the past four seasons, but his name is not mentioned in connection with the Society after a close of his single presidential year, which was singularly uneventful. A concert of selections was given on Nov. 11, but otherwise the Society remained inactive until the opening of the new year, during which no new singers appeared, and no new works were offered to the public. This total want of enterprise did not pass unnoticed. Severe comments upon the inadequacy of the solo singers, and the shortcomings of the orchestra at the Society's concerts, appeared in the newspapers, and judging by the lame attempts to controvert them, which only succeeded in proving the weakness of the writers' cause, there can be no doubt that the criticisms made were fully justified. Three concerts of selections, on Jan. 20, March 16 and 23, and two, on Feb. 24 and March 16, at which the Creation was sung, represent the Society's work during the five months of 1824 which preceded the annual meeting, and closed the weak administration of Mr. Rogerson.

TENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 6, 1824, TO SEPT. 5, 1825.

It will be remembered that after filling the office of president for four successive years with singular success, Mr. Amasa Winchester had declined a renomination, and was succeeded by Mr. Rogerson. The change of pilot had not proved satisfactory, and an effort was made to induce Mr. Winchester to accept a renomination. Whether he had declined to do so before his election, which took place at the annual meeting on Sept. 5, 1825, we do not know; but on being informed of it, he refused to accept, and the Society was informed on legal authority, that as the existing laws contained no provision for filling the vacancy thus caused, it must pass a special act. A meeting was accordingly called for Oct. 5, at which a motion was made to suspend "any by-law or laws which prevent, or may be considered to prevent, the members from electing a president for the remainder of the present year"; but after considerable debate it was voted down by a large majority, probably because its opponents entertained the hope that Mr. Winchester would cut the Gordian knot by reconsidering his refusal. This we may presume he did, as no further mention is made of the matter in the Society's records, and his name appears as

president in the list of officers for 1824, with the names of Joshua Stone as vice-president, Joseph Lewis as secretary, and William Coffin, Jr., as treasurer. Mr. Chas. Nolen was re-elected librarian, and Mrs. Ostinelli, organist. The financial report for the year showed a balance in hand of \$1,281.71, leaving about \$100 in the treasury when outstanding bills should have been paid. In November, Messrs. Richardson & Lord were appointed to superintend the publication of 5,000 copies of the Society's collection of sacred music, at a cost of \$833.33; and at the same meeting a proposition was made to purchase a piece of land, on which a hall might be erected for the Society's use; but unfortunately, as we cannot but think when we consider the relative value of real estate at that and at the present time, it was not seconded. Had land been then purchased in the heart of the city, at a moderate price, even if no building had been erected, it might have been afterwards sold with sufficient profit to buy and build elsewhere. In such case the Society, instead of being a homeless wanderer, would now perhaps occupy a building of ample proportions, of a simple and somewhat severe exterior, containing a noble concert hall, adorned with statues of the two great titular composers, and with portraits of all the great writers of sacred music hanging upon its walls; having a fine organ, an ample stage, with permanent seats for the chorus singers; rooms for the meetings of the board of government and for the examination of candidates; and a library, where scores, musical histories and treatises, manuscripts, etc., could be consulted at ease. There can be little doubt that sooner or later this "castle in Spain" will become a reality in Boston, but it will be when those who are now living have long since passed away.

May those who are to realize the long-contemplated project, and enjoy what their predecessors would fain have enjoyed, remember that "*Hoc erat in votis*" during many generations.

Whether because a dearth of good singers prevailed in the land, or that funds were wanting to engage such as might have been found, certain it is that none appeared during the tenth season, which we have now under consideration. Its programmes are somewhat more varied than those of the previous year, but they contain the names of no new works, nor, judging by the remarks of the critics, was any improvement in the manner of performing old established favorites perceptible.

Selections were sung on Dec. 21, and on Jan. 25, 1825, King's Intercession was revived, as was the Dettingen Te Deum on Feb. 27. A part of the Messiah was given on March 22, and the whole of the Creation on May 3. Such is the record of a year which may fairly

be regarded as one which added little or nothing to the reputation of the Society, whose activities seem to have been specially devoted to the publication of a third edition of its Collection, and to the preparation of a third volume of its Sacred Music series. The purchase of Dr. Jackson's copy of Dr. Samuel Arnold's edition of Handel's works in fifty-eight volumes folio, effected in the latter part of the season, made an important addition to the library, which remained under the care of Mr. Charles Nolen.

ELEVENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 5, 1825, TO SEPT. 4, 1826.

At the annual meeting on Sept. 5, the same chief officers were re-elected. In October, the board of trustees, moved by the late severe comments of the press upon the public performances of the Society, which had been but poorly attended, and confident that it could support itself on the sale of its publications, voted that its concerts "be and are intended for the improvement of its members and the *amusement* of their friends, and that no season tickets shall be issued." The concert given on Nov. 13 was consequently attended exclusively by the friends of the members, who, as we are told, "were highly gratified by the singing of selections from the Messiah and the third volume of the Society's Collection." With Mrs. Ostinelli at the organ, and an orchestra of eleven musicians, engaged for the season at \$347,¹ the year passed economically and quietly, if not brilliantly; but as the policy of excluding the public was not adhered to, it is clear that the members felt the want of that stimulus to exertion which can only be supplied from without, and thought it better to reopen the doors and let in fresh air, than to die for want of it. Criticism is often disagreeable to societies as to individuals, but it is healthful, if for no other reason than that it draws attention to the little done in comparison with the much that remains to be done.

"Das wenige verschwindet leicht dem Blicke
Der vorwärts sieht, wie viel noch übrig bleibt."

Semi-public rehearsals, to which the members were allowed to invite their friends, were held by the Society in the three first months of 1826, and concerts were given on Jan. 31, April 23, and June 4.

¹ Marcus Colburn, bass, one of the most noted singers of the day, joined the Society in 1825.

In March, an assessment of six dollars was laid on each member, with the proviso that those who paid the first instalment before April 21, should receive three tickets *gratis* for a concert to be given on the 23d. One might suppose that the funds in the treasury were at low-water mark, did not the report of the auditing committee in September mention a balance to credit of \$787.32. "This," says the record, "proves that the Society can exist without extensive public patronage," apparently forgetting that an assessment (always most unpalatable to members) had just been found necessary, and that the Society was kept alive by the sale of its publications. Under the first contract with Lowell Mason, which expired in this year, the Society cleared \$2,516.66, a sum which under the second contract rose to \$5,058.84. A committee was appointed in August to consider the agreement entered into by the Society with this gentleman, in regard to the publication of church music, and it very justly reported a supplementary agreement making provision for Mr. Mason's heirs in case of his death, considering that should it occur, "it would be contrary to every principle of honor and justice to allow that the Society could claim and hold all the property." The subject was probably brought up in consequence of Mr. Mason's arrival in Boston, at the solicitation of Mr. Winchester and other friends who had agreed to guarantee him an income of \$2,000 a year, for two years, if he would make the change. Through their influence he was appointed to take charge of the music in the Hanover Street, Green Street, and Park Street Churches alternately, for six months each; and when he became dissatisfied with this plan, and by making a permanent arrangement with the Bowdoin Street Church, made it necessary to give up the proposed guarantee, they procured him a position as teller in the American Bank.¹ At the church or the bank Mr. Mason was near at hand to prepare new works for the Society, or revise those already published, and this was eminently convenient for all parties concerned.

The most notable event in the history of the Society during the season of 1826 was its participation in the commemoration services held at Faneuil Hall on Aug. 2, in honor of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. These eminent patriots died on July 4, a day whose return this year completed the first half-century of our National Independence, *the* day of all others with which their names are most closely linked.

The exercises, held in the "Cradle of Liberty," opened with a

¹Theodore F. Seward, *op. cit.*

so-called funeral symphony by Mozart. After a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lowell, the Handel and Haydn Society sang selections from Handel's "Anthem for the Queen Caroline's Funeral,"¹ at the conclusion of which Daniel Webster delivered an oration on the lives and services of the illustrious dead in language equal to the occasion.

"A superior and commanding human intellect," said the orator, "a truly great man, when heaven vouchsafes such a gift, is not a temporary flame burning brightly for a while, and then giving place to returning darkness. It is rather a spark of fervent heat, as well as radiant light, with power to enkindle the common mass of human mind, so that when it glimmers in its own decay, and finally goes out in death, no night follows, but it leaves the world all light, all on fire from the potent contact of its own spirit."

After Mr. Webster had ceased to speak, the Society sang a dirge, set to the following text:—

Hark! attendant spirits say,
Patient spirits come away;
Ye on earth whose work is done,
Ye whose glorious race is won;

Ye among the faithful found
With your country's blessing crowned;
Ye to whom free'd millions raise
Hymns of gratitude and praise;

Summoned from this house of clay,
Called in their full hour away,
Longing for their native skies,
Lo! together they arise.

Grieve not for the hallowed dead,
Mourn not worth and wisdom fled,
Filled with years, with honors blest,
They alike in glory rest.

TWELFTH SEASON.

SEPT. 4, 1826, TO SEPT. 3, 1827.

At the annual election on Sept. 4, Mr. Winchester was re-elected president for the seventh and last time. Mr. John Dodd was appointed vice-president in place of Mr. Joshua Stone, and Messrs.

¹ Original score, dated Dec. 12, 1737.

Lewis and William Coffin were respectively re-elected secretary and treasurer. Concerts with miscellaneous programmes were given on Nov. 12 and Dec. 16, and after the new year other concerts of the same sort followed. At those on Jan. 2 and May 13 selections were sung, and at that of March 25 the Creation was performed entire.

This meagre musical record of Mr. Winchester's last season as president is a fair sample of the records of previous seasons under his direction. It is true that under "selections" we are to understand an infinite number of solos, duos, trios, and choruses, many of which were sung in Boston for the first time at some one of the forty concerts given during his septennate, but the complete list of programmes shows that the only new work produced in its entirety on any occasion was a work of the third or fourth rank, King's Intercession, on Feb. 6, 1820. Parts of the Messiah and the Creation were often sung, but the first was given completely, or nearly so, but twice in the seven years, and the second but six times, while the Dettingen Te Deum was sung but once, Feb. 27, 1825. The secret of this lack of enterprise, this apparent indifference to any widening of the field of observation in music by the production of new and great compositions, of which we cannot but accuse Mr. Winchester and his colleagues, is that they allowed themselves to become so completely absorbed in the endeavor to prepare and publish as many volumes of sacred music as possible, that any other work for the Society seemed of little comparative importance. It is true that in this way they did a great deal towards spreading a knowledge of good music throughout the community; and it is also true that their course probably saved the Society from ruinous embarrassment and possible dissolution; but while for these signal services they deserve commendation and gratitude, they cannot on the other hand be altogether excused for overlooking the no less incumbent duty of studying and bringing forward from time to time previously unheard works of the composers whose names the Society bears, as well as compositions of high merit by other great musical writers.

It is, however, certain that those who have had much to do with the management of such a Society as the Handel and Haydn, knowing how difficult it often is to conciliate the material interests upon which continued existence depends with the artistic aims which only a richly endowed institution can exclusively pursue, will be disposed to take a comparatively lenient view of Mr. Winchester's musical shortcomings, especially as he was in every other respect one of the best presidents that the Society has ever had.

THIRTEENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 3, 1827, TO SEPT. 1, 1828.

When Mr. Winchester declined a renomination, there can have been little doubt in anybody's mind as to the choice of his successor. The man whom he had brought to Boston to be the Society's musical editor, the able and enterprising Mr. Mason, was at hand, and upon him all votes naturally united at the annual meeting on Sept. 3, 1827. On being informed of his election, he was introduced by the presiding officer, and after addressing the members "very pertinently," to quote the records, "accepted the trust." A vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring president, "for the zeal and interest which he has always manifested for the welfare and prosperity of the Society, and especially for the talent, independence, and impartiality which have uniformly marked his conduct as presiding officer."

That thanks were never better deserved than in Mr. Winchester's case goes without saying, nor were expressions of regret ever more genuine than those caused by the retirement of one who had endeared himself to all his associates by countless acts of kindness and forethought. In his successor the Society found other qualities, less engaging but more important to its welfare,—the qualities which belong to a very able teacher and a strict disciplinarian. It had, as we have seen, lost much of its hold upon public favor, and stood in need of thorough reform in its methods of study and style of performance.

Impressed with the necessity of providing more competent solo singers as a matter of the first importance, Mr. Mason, within three weeks after his election, persuaded the board of trustees to hire a room furnished with a pianoforte, where he could meet and instruct such members as in his judgment were likely to become proficient in the art of singing. The organization of a solo class, and the appointment of the president as its instructor, which could hardly have been avoided under the circumstances, were wise steps; for the first was a crying necessity, and although more learned musicians might have been found than Mr. Mason to direct it, he was even at this period of his career exceptionally fit for the post. "He was not a genius," says Dr. Ritter, "perhaps only an average talent, but a clear-sighted, practical man, fit leader of the American people as they were," and we may add, in many respects, of the Handel and Haydn Society as it was. First and foremost, he was not so very much superior to the members as to be unreasonably impatient at their short-

comings. Second, he was a born teacher, who by hard work had fitted himself to give instruction in singing. Third, he was one of themselves, a plain, self-made man, who could understand them and be understood of them. At a later stage, a leader with a higher ideal than the psalm tune was desirable, but some preliminary drilling in reading at sight, keeping time, light and shade, enunciation, etc., was needed, and in these things Mason was fitted to do good service. Some details of his career beyond those already given naturally find place here.

From 1826, when he came to reside in Boston, until 1851, when he removed to New York, and there, until within four years of his death, which took place in 1873, he exercised great influence, through his compilations, his lectures at teachers' institutes, and his musical text-books.¹ While in Boston, he lived two and one half years in Essex Street, Hanover and Park Streets, fourteen years in Bowdoin Street, and seven and one half in Central Street. "His long life of more than eighty years," said the Rev. Geo. B. Bacon in a funeral oration delivered in 1873, "spans almost the whole history of sacred music in this country," and by its fruits entitled him to be called the father of American church music. He left behind him no less than fifty volumes of musical compositions and compilations.² The first are generally correctly harmonized psalm tunes, of simple structure and little inspiration. The harmonies shift from tonic to dominant and back again, with an occasional modulation into the relative minor or some closely related major key. For these he will not be remembered, but rather for the real service which he rendered to the cause of music by the introduction of vocal instruction into school education on a practical and sensible plan. Initiated about 1831, by Mr. Woodbridge, after his return from Europe, into the Pestalozzian system as taught by Nägeli and Pfeiffer, Mason adopted it as the basis of his "Boston Academy Manual," and it is to this little book³ that we owe the teaching of singing as a branch of common-school education on sound principles. With some modifications it might be adopted as a text-book to-day, and

¹ Lowell Mason had the degree of Musical Doctor conferred upon him by the University of New York in 1855.

² "Psalm tunes, short anthems, and songs for children's classes, simple treatment, melodic and harmonic; in many, evident endeavor to imitate German chorales; tunes smooth, simple, rhythmical constitution, rather prosaic expression, alternating with commonplace sentimentality, little originality in them. Harmonic treatment confined to closely related chords, generally correct. Four-part arrangement has little individual life. Alto and tenor have a predilection for stationary existence. Mason was not much of a contrapuntist." — *Ritter*.

³ Second edition published in 1836.

do excellent service. This is no slight praise, considering the many laborers who have followed him in the field during the last half-century.¹

As showing the appreciation in which Mason's services were held here in 1851, we may mention that on his leaving Boston in July of that year, he was presented by his admirers with a silver vase thirteen and one half inches high, nine and one half wide, designed by Charles E. Parker,² and executed by Henry Haddock, silversmith, which bore this inscription: "Presented to Lowell Mason by the past and present members of his choirs, July, 1851." The vase was decorated with an elaborately engraved church organ, and with shields supported by musical instruments, on one of which was inscribed "*Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.*" Elsewhere appeared the words "*Laus Deo*"; "*Handel and Haydn Society Collection, 1822*" (the first book published by Lowell Mason); "*Cantica Laudis, 1850*" (the last).³

As at the annual meeting which resulted in Mr. Mason's election as president, the members re-elected Messrs. Dodd, Lewis, and Coffin to the offices of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, he had experienced advisers to assist him in conducting the affairs of the Society. The financial report for the past season stated its expenses at \$2,141.19, the receipts at \$1,502.35, and the profits on sales of copies of the Society's edition of the Creation, \$1,000. This left a balance of \$1,050 in hand for use as required. In September, Charles Nolen was re-elected librarian, and Mrs. Ostinelli, organist. Boylston Hall was hired for another year at a rental of \$500, and there the Society sang the Creation on the 23d of December. The only new name mentioned among the solo singers on this occasion is that of Miss Rock. At the first concert given in 1828, on Feb. 10, selections from the Messiah were sung — "Comfort ye," and "He shall feed his flock" — by Mr. Sharp. Among the selections given at the second concert on March 9 were the *Sanctus* and *Benedictus* from Mozart's Requiem; and at the third, on April 13, the *Dies Iræ* and the *Benedictus* from the same. Mrs. Holden, Miss Pease, Lowell Mason, and S. Richardson were among the singers at this concert, and at the fourth and last for the season, given on Aug. 24, when selections from the Creation were sung. Besides singing at its own concerts in 1828, the Society took part in a concert given on Jan. 6 by Mr. Charles Edward

¹ Lowell Mason went to Europe in 1837, and again in 1852, when he bought the Rink Library at Darmstadt, which he bequeathed to Yale College. See Ritter, *op. cit.* p. 171, and Musical Letters from Abroad.

² Firm of Bond & Parker, architects.

³ Saroni's *Musical Times*, III., 180.

Horn, who, at a later period, as we shall see, became its conductor. This distinguished English singer and composer, who was born in London in 1786, first studied music under his Saxon father, Karl Friedrich, and afterwards under Incedon's master, Vincenzo Rauzzini. Before his first visit to America,¹ he had sung with success at the Lyceum and Drury Lane Theatres, and had officiated as director of music at the Olympic. His voice was poor in quality, but so extensive in compass that he was able to take tenor as well as baritone parts in opera. The secretary's record of Mr. Horn's concert, "as perhaps the greatest and the best musical entertainment ever given in this city, if not in this country," makes us regret that he did not enter into particulars about it. All we know is that Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Blake, Miss Gillingham, Messrs. Paddon and Knight were the solo singers, that the chorus was that of the Handel and Haydn Society, and the orchestra that of the Tremont Theatre.

Of Mrs. Ostinelli's benefit concert on April 20, at which the Society also assisted, we are told that the audience was large and the performance of the first order. Other items of importance connected with this year's history are the agreement between the Society and its president that he should edit a collection of church harmony to be published by Messrs. Richardson & Lord: the hiring of Boylston Hall for a further period of three years, at a rental of \$400; the printing of three hundred to five hundred copies of Haydn's Mass in B flat; and the revision of the by-laws, which, as then revised, and with later revisions, are printed in the edition of 1867.

FOURTEENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 1, 1828, TO SEPT. 7, 1829.

At the annual meeting on Sept. 1, the same officers were elected, with the exception of Mr. Dodd, who was succeeded as vice-president by Mr. J. Sharp.² At this meeting, the small sale of season tickets, the high rent of Boylston Hall, which had been leased for religious services on Sundays during a portion of the year only, were mentioned by the treasurer as sufficiently explaining a balance of \$1,220 against

¹ The notice of Horn in Grote's Dictionary says he went to America about 1833, the date of his second visit. His first, as proved by the Handel and Haydn records, took place in 1828. He was appointed conductor to the Society on July 23, 1847.

² On Sept. 2, Mr. Sumner Hill was appointed librarian, and Mrs. Ostinelli re-appointed organist.

the general account; and the acknowledgment was made by the secretary that the performances of the Society have not been as highly appreciated in Boston as might have been wished. "Its publications," however, he added, by way of consolation, "have found favor in the eyes of the most eminent musicians in every part of the country."

During the season which followed, the publishing interests seem still to have been in the ascendant. The seventh and eighth editions of the Handel and Haydn Church Music book were published, and the receipts derived from it and other Society publications amounted to \$2,213.96. Some evidence of musical enterprise was shown by the production of Haydn's Mass in B flat at a concert given on the 28th of February, and of Mozart's Mass in C at another given on April 12, but the programmes of the other two performances given during the season, on Jan. 18 and March 1, were made up of selections, sung by members of the Society, probably belonging to the president's solo class.

FIFTEENTH SEASON.

SEPT. 8, 1829, TO AUG. 2, 1830.

The annual election on Sept. 8 resulted in the re-appointment of Messrs. Mason, Lewis, and Coffin to their respective offices, and the election of Samuel Richardson, a book-keeper by profession, as vice-president.¹ He had served on the board of trustees in 1826, was elected president in 1832, and at a later period, as we shall see, sang the part of Goliath in Neukomm's oratorio of David. A contemporary describes him "as a man of large frame, noisy, jovial, jolly, generous, obtrusive, free and easy, not too refined, and as given to doing the unnecessary talking business at the Society's meetings." We are told that when he thought the chorus was singing out of tune, he would stamp loudly with his foot; but this is hardly credible, for no musical society could long hold together under a conductor weak enough to tolerate such a breach of propriety. Contrary to their usual habit, the trustees decided in November to announce a series of six concerts to be given during the season, with season tickets, at \$16, admitting a gentleman and two ladies, or two gentlemen, and appointed a committee of twenty-six members to solicit subscriptions. At the first concert of the series, given on Dec. 13, a mass by Bühler, who is spoken of in the records "as one of the most eminent com-

¹Mr. Calvin Bullard was appointed librarian, and Mrs. Ostinelli, organist, on Sept. 18.

posers of the present day," was sung. We must frankly confess that, though tolerably familiar with at least the names of the great musicians of this century, we knew nothing of Bühler, and found it necessary to have recourse to the dictionaries for information about him. Grove gave us no help, and this was consolatory to our pride, as showing that he could hardly have been so eminent as the secretary had been led to believe. This suspicion was confirmed by reading Fetis's notice of François-Gregoire Bühler, chapel-master of the cathedral of Augsburg, who died in that city Feb. 4, 1824, after having written many compositions characterized by his biographer as "weak in style, abounding in ideas unsuited to sacred music"; a composer, in short, "whose natural and facile melodies obtained favour in small towns, where they can be adequately executed with but little trouble." Was it because Boston was then, comparatively at least with what it is at present, considered a small town, and because the mass in question cost the Society but little trouble to prepare it, that it was the one novelty of the season selected for performance? Four of the five other concerts of the series given after the new year, namely, on Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, and June 20, had miscellaneous programmes. The fifth, on April 4, gave the public another opportunity of listening to the familiar strains of the Creation. For the programmes of all these concerts save the first. President Mason was directly responsible, as on the 26th of January the board had empowered him to select the music to be performed during the remainder of the season. While we know what he selected, we should be glad to know how what he selected was sung, so as in some measure to be able to judge what progress had been made since he began to drill the chorus and teach the solo singers immediately after his first election. This we cannot do with the imperfect data which have come down to us.

We notice, among the curiosities of the season, a letter addressed to the board by the committee of the Central Universalist Singing Society, in which complaint is made that its performances and rehearsals are seriously interfered with by the Handel and Haydn's occupation of every Sabbath evening for "performances in sacred music." The object of this address is, says the letter, "to request you to omit your meetings on the first and third, or second and fourth, Sabbath evenings in every month, for the purpose of giving us and other societies who are complaining of the same disadvantages an opportunity for lectures. rehearsals. etc. Evidently the world was not "wide enough for you and me," in the opinion of these gentlemen.

CHAPTER III.

"NO MAN CARRIES HIS BED INTO HIS FIELD TO WATCH HOW HIS CORN GROWS, BUT BELIEVES UPON THE GENERAL ORDER OF PROVIDENCE AND NATURE; AND AT HARVEST HE FINDS HIMSELF NOT DECEIVED." — *Jeremy Taylor* (of Faith).

SIXTEENTH SEASON.

AUG. 2, 1830, TO AUG. 1, 1831.

By a vote passed on the 9th of February, 1830, the time for holding the annual meeting was changed from September to August. It accordingly took place on the 2d of the latter month, when the same chief officers were chosen for the ensuing year. As, on the 30th, the treasurer was empowered to invest \$800 in the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company as the nucleus of a permanent fund,¹ we may conclude that the Society felt itself financially prosperous, perhaps because the ninth edition of its Church Music book had been contracted for, and a good revenue continued to be derived from the other publications, previously prepared by its indefatigable president, whose editorial activity was unceasing. Not that he was otherwise neglectful of the Society's interests, as he proved at this time by using his influence to insure the election of Mr. Charles Zeuner as organist, in place of Mrs. Ostinelli. This took place on the 24th of September, to the great indignation of the friends of the late incumbent, who, in a letter signed by thirty-eight members,² remonstrated against it on the ground that as Mrs. Ostinelli had filled the situation "with ability and success for eleven years," she ought not to be dispossessed by "a German professor of music, a foreigner to whom many of us are strangers, and whose qualifications for the situation, however scientific may be his acquirements, cannot, we presume, be placed in competition with one who has presided so long and faithfully, and with so much satisfaction to a majority of the Society," etc. "We, therefore," say the remonstrants, "request that the president and trustees will, at their next meeting, reconsider their vote, and prevent the existence of discord and schism among the members of an

¹This is not to be confounded with the existing permanent fund which was established on May 25, 1866, during Dr. Upham's presidency.

²See Appendix.

institution whose real object is the creation of harmony in word and deed." This the board declined to do, by a vote of seven yeas to five nays,¹ "moved," as they said in their answer, by "a sense of duty to the Society, whose performances must improve under a professional musician, conversant not only with the organ, but with orchestral effects, and generally skilled in the theory and practice of instrumental and vocal music." This answer admitted no reply. Zeuner, as every one knew, was a trained musician and a man of talent, and so far superior to any person then connected with the Handel and Haydn Society, in knowledge of choral requirements and effects, that his appointment was a step in the right direction. Had his temper been under better control and his temperament less hasty, he would, however, have been of far greater use to the Society than he was, during the nine years of his connection with it. Born, like Luther, at Eisleben, in Saxony, Sept. 20, 1795, he was baptized Heinrich Christophe, a name which, for some unknown reason, he exchanged for that of Charles, after he had established himself in Boston. Moore² says that he came to America about 1824, though as we have no certain information concerning him until 1830, when he became organist of the Handel and Haydn Society, for whose concert of Nov. 20, 1830, he wrote an organ concerto with full orchestral accompaniment, and composed a march, the "Grand Masonic," performed at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple we should be inclined to place the date of his arrival several years later.³ In 1832 he published an oratorio, called the Feast of the Tabernacles, which was performed at a concert of the Boston Academy of Music in 1836.⁴

¹ As some compensation to Mrs. Ostinelli for her ejection, the board presented her with a double ticket to the Society's oratorios and rehearsals, and offered her the free use of Boylston Hall for a concert at the end of the season.

² Appendix to Moore's Encyclopædia of Music.

³ *Transcript*, Oct. 5, 1830.

⁴ Ritter, *Music in America*, p. 250, quotes from Academy Report, as to this performance in 1836. According to an account published in the *Metronome*, October, 1873, Zeuner wrote the oratorio in 1838 or 1839, and offered it to the Handel and Haydn Society for \$3,000. This they refused, and as a counter proposal offered to produce the work at their own risk. Zeuner then offered the manuscript to the Boston Academy of Music, and it was accepted, the oratorio to be performed eight times and the profits to be divided. The rehearsals began with Zeuner as conductor, and George J. Webb as organist, but they soon exchanged rôles, as Zeuner's irritability and impatience with the chorus made it impossible to get on with him. After the eight performances at the Odeon, moreover, Zeuner demanded his share of the profits, and finding that not only were there no profits, but a considerable loss (which the Academy took upon itself), he went to the Odeon, got possession of his manuscript and printed parts, and in his anger destroyed them.

The "American Harp," a thick volume containing all save five of his compositions, appeared in 1839, and this was followed in 1848 by the "Ancient Lyre." Many tunes in the *Psaltery* and new *Carmina Sacra*, published by Lowell Mason, were written by Zeuner, who, while in Boston, officiated as organist at Park Street Church, as president of the Musical Professional Society, as organist of the Handel and Haydn Society from 1830 to 1838, and as its president from May of that year to the following February.¹ He then left Boston for Philadelphia, where he became organist of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and afterwards of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. Towards 1857 he showed signs of aberration of mind; but as he had always been noted for his eccentricities, they passed more or less unobserved. They were, however, called to mind on the 7th of November, when his dead body was found lying in Smith's woods, near the Schuylkill, where the unhappy man had shot himself through the head with a gun.

Zeuner must have taken his place for the first time as the Society's organist at a concert of selections on Nov. 21. Selections were also sung at the second and third concerts of the season, on Dec. 26 and March 16. In April, the *Bühler* Mass was repeated for the second time, as were the *Agnus Dei* from the Haydn Mass on June 5, and the Creation later in the month. In this same month the Mechanic Charitable Association invited the Handel and Haydn Society to subscribe towards the erection of a building containing a hall suitable for their purposes. On this condition, the trustees replied on the 29th that they would recommend the members to become subscribers, and would gladly engage to hire the hall when finished. They did not, however, offer to subscribe for the Society; and perhaps on this account the project remained *in nubibus*. On the 10th of June, the trustees accepted Messrs. Appleton & Co.'s estimate for building a new organ. The price named was \$4,000, and the old organ was ordered to be sold for \$1,000.

SEVENTEENTH SEASON.

AUG. 1, 1831, TO AUG. 6, 1832.

At the annual meeting on Aug. 1, Lowell Mason was elected president for the fifth and last time, with J. S. Withington as vice-presi-

Hack's Musical Magazine for 1840, p. 197, regrets his departure, but says that his loss will be comparatively little felt, "as he has of late lived in retirement, hiding his talent and wasting it on trifles."

dent; Messrs. Lewis and Coffin. were re-elected to their respective offices; and the Society, thus fully equipped, entered upon its seventeenth season, which, sooth to say, offered little of novelty, either in the way of music or solo singers.

Selections were sung with the Haydn Mass on Oct. 2, Dec. 11, and Jan. 15. Washington's Birthday was celebrated by a concert on the 26th of February, when Horn's Ode to the *Pater Patricæ*, an elegantly bound copy of which had been presented by the composer to the Society on Jan. 19, 1829, was sung, together with appropriate choruses and anthems.

The final performance of the season, when selections were again sung, took place on the 20th of May, in Boylston Hall, which was taken on a fresh lease of five years, at \$400 per annum. In the early autumn the stage was re-arranged, the seats in the auditorium raised, so that it became as well suited to its uses, as a hall of its capacity could be.

EIGHTEENTH SEASON.

AUG. 6, 1832, TO AUG. 5, 1833.

The treasurer's account presented at the annual meeting of Aug. 6, 1832, stated the receipts of the past season to have been \$1,146.15, and the expenses \$1,959.29, leaving a debt of \$813.14, which the members voted to pay off from the publication fund. After the usual business had been transacted, they elected Samuel Richardson as president, with the same vice-president, secretary, and treasurer as before. The retiring president, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for "his promptitude, zeal, and fidelity, and his untiring and well-directed efforts to promote the great objects of the institution," was chosen into the board of trustees. On Oct. 23, his new collection of sacred music, "The Choir," was commended by vote.¹ On Sept. 18, Chas. Zenner was re-elected organist, and B. S. Hill, librarian.

Musically speaking, the season now under consideration was unusually active. No less than thirteen concerts were given; but as no new works were produced and no new singers appeared, they are conspicuous rather for number than quality. Selections were given at the four first of the season, which took place on Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, and Dec. 9. The first of them inaugurated the new organ, built by Messrs. Appleton & Co., which had 1,688 pipes, three banks of keys, and pedals comprising two octaves, and a plain case in what the

¹The tenth edition of his Church Music, 14,000 copies, had been published in 1831.

newspapers call the Grecian style, flanked by square towers; ¹ on the whole, a more modest-looking instrument than the great Music Hall organ, that Jumbo among instrumental elephants, and in comparison a pygmy indeed, being but twenty-one feet high and fourteen broad.

At Christmas, or, to be particular, two days earlier, and in celebration of Christmas, the Messiah, which had not been given at this festival since its first complete performance on Dec. 25, 1819, was sung by the Society. Then necessarily followed the Creation, twice given, on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, and this in turn was succeeded by the Messiah in March. On the 24th and 31st of the same month, selections from the Mount of Olives and the Creation, with the Haydn Mass in the second part, were sung, as were other selections on April 29, and on May 12, at Mrs. Ostinelli's benefit concert, and on June 23, in aid of the completion of Bunker Hill Monument. Whether President Andrew Jackson was or was not present on this occasion is uncertain; probably not, as he was indisposed, and went to Cambridge after the morning service on Sunday, and as the reporter of his progress, Major Jack Downing, does not refer to the oratorio.

NINETEENTH SEASON.

AUG. 5, 1833, TO AUG. 4, 1834.

The purchase of a new organ, and the fitting up of Boylston Hall, at an aggregate cost of \$5,000, were unusual items of expense, which told heavily against the Society in the treasurer's account, presented at the annual meeting on Aug. 5. The receipts had been unusually large, \$3,482.29; but so had the expenses, which amounted to \$6,971.21, leaving a balance against the general account of \$3,518.92. Still, as the property of the Society was valued at \$8,433.05, and its many publications still continued to sell,² the new board of chief officers, or rather the old board re-elected, saw no reason for down-heartedness, so far as we are aware. As Ex-President Lowell Mason found himself much pressed with outside work, he declined to serve again as trustee, and Geo. W. Edmunds was chosen in his place. On the 13th of August, Mr. Zeuner was again elected organist, with a salary of \$200, increased on Nov. 1 to \$300, and Mr. B. S. Hill was re-appointed librarian.

¹ *Transcript*, March 18, 1833.

² On Nov. 26, the Society extended its contract for the publication of its Church Music collection four years, in the agreement that it should be stereotyped at the expense of the firm, and that the new book of Psalmody should be printed in new type like the last edition of *The Choir*.

Four concerts were given before the new year, namely, on Oct. 27, selections; Dec. 1 and 8, the Creation; and Dec. 22, parts of the Mount of Olives and the Haydn Mass. We spare the reader the dates of the eleven concerts given between Jan. 1, 1834, and the close of the season, referring him, if he be curious, to the classified list given at the end of this chapter. Nor shall we trespass on his patience otherwise than by repeating, once for all, that the programmes were made up of selections from the Messiah, the Creation, the Mount of Olives, and the Haydn Mass, with Miss Belcher, Miss Adams, and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Cuddy, Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Long as female vocalists. As it seems desirable to illustrate the character of the music included under the oft-repeated word "selections," we shall here reprint the programme of one of the above concerts from a time-worn copy which we happen to have in our possession.

ORATORIO

TO BE GIVEN BY THE

“*Handel and Haydn Society,*”

AT THEIR HALL, ON SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1834.

PART I.

GRAND ORGAN CONCERTO.

[Composed and dedicated to the H. & H. Socy. by their Organist, Charles Zeuner.]

CHORUS.

The great Jehovah is our awful theme,
sublime in majesty, in power supreme—
Hallelujah.

O. C. C. Vol. 2. p 81. HANDEL.

DUET. CH. ZEUNER.

There is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wand'ers given,
There is a joy for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast,
Tis found above in heaven.

There is a soft, a downy bed,
Tis fair as breath of even,
A couch for weary mortals spread,
Where they may rest their aching head,
And find repose in heaven.

CHORUS.

Pharaoh's chosen Captains hath he drowned
in the Red Sea. Thou in mercy Lord hast led
thy people forth, hast led them forth like
sheep.

Soc. Coll. Vol. 2. p 160. HAYDN.

RECITATIVE AND ARIA.

[Composed expressly for the H. & H. Society
by T. Comer.]

[Words from Thompson's Hymn to Nature.]

ACCOMPANIED RECITATIVE.

Great source of day! best image here below
Of thy creator, ever pouring wide,
From world to world, the vital Ocean round,
On nature write with every beam His praise.
The thunder rolls; he hushed the prostrate
world;
While cloud to cloud returns the solemn
Hymn.

ARIA.

Blest out afresh, ye hills, ye mossy rocks,
Retain the sound; the broad responsive low,
Ye vallies, raise; for the *Great Shepherd*,
reigns;
And his unsuff'ring Kingdom yet will come—
There with new powers will rising wonders
sing.

CHORUS.

How Excellent thy name O Lord, in all the
world is known, above all heavens O King
ador'd, how hast thou set thy glorious throne.

Soc. Coll. Vol. 2. p 143. HANDEL.

PART II.

CHORUS.

[From the Oratorio of Israel in Egypt.]

He gave them hailstones for rain, Fire mingled with the hail, ran along upon [sic] the ground.

O. C. Coll. Vol. 1. p 65. HANDEL.

SACRED CAVATINA, BY CH. ZEUNER.

Oh! cease my wand'ring soul
On restless wing to roam,
All this wide world, to either pole
Has not for thee a home.

Behold the ark of God!
Behold the open door;
Oh! haste to gain that dear abode,
And rove, my soul, no more

There, safe thou shalt abide,
There, sweet shall be thy rest,
And every longing satisfied
With full salvation blest.

RECITATIVE & CHORUS.

And Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done, to bring his people to their inheritance.

Arise O Judah, arise in the song of gladness, for the Lord hath chosen his people to their inheritance, hear it O Judah, the Lord is ever gracious to his people. O praise him for evermore. Amen.

S. C. Vol. 2. p 180. HAYDN.

[Recitative and Aria, from the Oratorio of the "Creation."]

RECITATIVE.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit, after its kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth; and it was so.

ARIA.

With verdure clad the fields appear, delightful to the ravish'd sense; by flowers sweet and gay, enhanced is the charming sight. Here vent their fumes, the fragrant herbs; here shoots, the healing plant, by load of fruits th' expanded boughs are press'd; to shady vaults are bent the tufty groves; the mountains brow is crown'd with closed wood.

Recitative and Aria, from the Oratorio "THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES"—(manuscript) Poetry by REV. PROFESSOR HENRY WARE, JR. of Cambridge, (piece No. 10 1st part.)—Music by Charles Zeuner.

High Priest.

RECITATIVE.

Now let the morning sacrifice begin!
Fire the rich censor! Let the incense rise
In rolling clouds of fragrance, till it fill
The *Holy Place*, and with the clouds of heaven
Mingle its perfume.—Bring the victims forth!
Bid the high Altar blaze! And while its fires
Flash upward brightening all the morning
sky,

Ye tuneful Levites, at your sacred post,
Exalt *His* name, for whom these honors rise.

ARIA.

Strike all your strings! Breath forth your loudest voice!

Wake timbrel, harp and lute—wake psaltry,
pipe

And sackbut cymbal, drum and trumpet, wake!
Let Zion hear and Israel's utmost shore,
Let furthest Gentile catch the sound and
know

That Israel's God, is God of earth and heaven.

Grand Hallelujah! Chorus from the Oratorio of the Messiah.

Condon, Printer, 32 Congress Street, Boston.

As after a dead calm at sea a little breeze is refreshing, so is it in the voyage of life. We may therefore imagine that the board of trustees felt a little pleasurable excitement necessary one evening in the month of April, as they listened to a letter from President Richardson complaining of Mr. Zeuner's irritable and jealous disposition, and threatening to resign unless the offender was immediately dismissed. Wisely reflecting that they might find it more difficult to fill the place of organist than that of president, and at the same time desirous of acting courteously towards their chief officer, they directed the secretary to inform him in a respectful manner that the feelings of the board were such as to prevent them from proceeding in any other

way than that of indefinite postponement of the subject of his communication, and before separating, passed a vote requesting him to continue in office. When he carried out his threat on the 27th, they accepted his resignation, and the Society would have been left without a head had not Mr. Richardson finally consented to keep his place until the end of the season. We notice that on June 30 a committee was appointed to examine into the articles of copartnership between Mr. Lowell Mason and the Society, and to obtain a legal opinion as to whether, in case the said bond is dissolved by common consent, the Society will be prevented from printing or publishing new editions of its collections of sacred music. This action seems to have given rise to rumors unfavorable to Mr. Mason, for on the 13th of August he addressed a letter to the board, asking that the joint contracts and accounts may be properly looked into so as to put an end to false reports in circulation. This request was complied with by the appointment of an investigating committee, which in due time reported that the Society had every reason to be satisfied. As concerns its gains in the matter, it certainly had, for on Oct. 31 of this year they had amounted to \$10,621.32. For the rest, we shall have occasion to explain more fully, when we reach the period at which a peaceable separation between the parties concerned was effected.

TWENTIETH SEASON.

AUG. 4, 1834, TO AUG. 3, 1835.

With the close of the season Mr. Richardson retired from office, and the members elected as his successor Mr. Charles W. Lovett, who in 1832 and 1833 had filled the office of vice-president, to which Mr. Jonas Chickering was now appointed. The same secretary and treasurer were re-elected at the annual meeting, as were the same librarian and organist a fortnight later. In September an orchestra of fifteen musicians was engaged, and Mr. Thomas Comer was appointed conductor.

The new president, Mr. Lovett, who was born in Boston in 1802, and died there in 1873, held a position in the State department for fifty years, for the last seventeen of which he was chief clerk to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. His fine tenor voice made him a valuable member of the West Church choir and of the Handel and Haydn Society, which he joined in 1828. Braham, after hearing him sing a certain song, paid him the high compliment of saying, "I know of but one person who can sing it better, and that is myself."

His swan song was "The Heavens are Telling" (from the Creation), uttered so faintly that his son, sitting by his bedside, had to lean over him to catch the broken accents of a chorus in which he had so often joined. Thus died "this worthy gentleman of the old school and faithful public officer, whose death," says an obituary notice published at the time, "will be lamented, and whose memory will be cherished as such by all who knew him." During the autumn and early winter after his election, the Society gave six concerts, at three of which, on Oct. 5, 12, and 26, Mr. Lovett's favorite oratorio, the Creation, was sung. At the fourth, on Nov. 2, Handel's overture to the Occasional Oratorio, with additional accompaniments by Mr. Comer, was performed. At the fifth, selections from the Mount of Olives and the Haydn Mass were repeated, and at the sixth, on Dec. 28, the Messiah.

Between New Year's day, 1835, and the close of the season, nine more concerts were given, at which the Creation and the Messiah, selections, including Zeuner's "Ode to Washington" on Feb 22, were sung. The programme of the ninth concert included selections from the Chevalier Neukomm's oratorio of David, which was brought out in the following year with the most unexampled success. In January the board had voted to print Haydn's Seasons, with a view to its speedy production, but a month later it decided to substitute David, as "having higher claims on its immediate notice," and requested Mr. Masou to superintend the printing of a sufficient number of copies for its use.

TWENTY-FIRST SEASON.

AUG. 3, 1835, TO AUG. 1, 1836.

But one new name appears in the list of chief officers elected at the annual meeting on Aug. 3, namely, that of Mr. Allen Whitman, as successor, in the important place of secretary, to Mr. Joseph Lewis, who, on retiring after sixteen years of faithful service, received a vote of thanks, and a silver pitcher appropriately inscribed.¹ As librarian, Mr. William Bennett succeeded Mr. Hill, but the conductor and the organist were unchanged. Thirty-eight ladies were engaged for the chorus, and fifteen musicians for the orchestra, with Mr. Warren as leader of the violins. Thus equipped, the Society, after singing the Creation and the Messiah each twice, and the Haydn Mass with selections from the Mount of Olives once, between

¹ This pitcher, which cost \$75, was presented to Mr. Lewis on Sept. 29.

October, 1835, and the end of January, 1836, brought out David on the 28th of February, and performed it at seven concerts, the last of which took place on the 10th of April.

The extraordinary vogue of this oratorio in Boston was in a great degree due to the dramatic interest of the libretto, and the popular character of its music. Hack says truly¹ it stands nearer to the stage than to the church, and Ritter² characterizes it as "shallow and empty." Its author, the Chevalier Sigismund Neukomm,³ Haydn's favorite pupil, was a man of talent and facile invention, but he was not a man of genius; and although for a time he enjoyed great popularity,⁴ his name is now forgotten save by the few who knew him personally, and esteemed him for his charming and lovable qualities. These made him welcome everywhere, as, for instance, in Moscheles's household at Leipsic, where he went by the name of the Encyclopædia; for whoever wanted information on any subject, says Madame Moscheles, in the life of her husband,⁵ was sure to obtain it of him. "Sorry," she adds, "that he writes such an inordinate quantity of music, and carries out the principle he advocates, that one must be writing daily." Mendelssohn's "Letters" and Chorley's "Musical Recollections" give the same impression, making us feel that the Chevalier wrote music as Trollope wrote books, by a daily grind: "No matter what the grist-mill might turn out, it had to be put in operation every twenty-four hours." Is it, then, surprising that his numerous compositions for the church, his five oratorios, and his innumerable songs, have alike been shelved for all time? Even at its first performance at the Birmingham festival of 1834, for which it was written, Neukomm's David was characterized by a leading English periodical as "theatrical and noisy"; as occasionally possessing the grace of Haydn, but never approaching the majesty of Handel; as a structure whose parts are consummately put together, rich in embellishment, but wanting in majesty; having melodies frequently graceful but never original, and choruses which, in accordance with the whole style and character of the piece, belong to the theatre rather than to the church.⁶

Now that we have seen what the critics thought of David as an

¹ I., 125.

² History of Music in America, p. 235.

³ Born in Salzburg, July 10, 1778; died in Paris, April 13, 1858.

⁴ Chiefly gained by his two songs, "The Sea" and "Napoleon's Midnight Review." At Birmingham he was familiarly known as the King of Brummagem. — *Grote's Dictionary*.

⁵ Life of Moscheles, I., 248.

⁶ Quoted by Hack, Vol. I., p. 157.

oratorio, let us see what they had to say about the way in which it was presented by the Handel and Haydn Society. Speaking of the performances in the season of 1839 to 1840, a writer in the *Musical Magazine*,¹ whose words are quite as applicable and even more so to those of 1836, which we have now under consideration, says that with the limited resources of the Society in regard to place, choir, and orchestra, the oratorio here labored from the first under a triple disadvantage as compared with those afforded it by the Birmingham Society. Owing to the smallness of the Boston hall, the want of balance between the choir, in which the male voices predominate over the female, and the orchestra, in which the wind smother the stringed instruments (fourteen of the first, half of brass, and only eleven of the last), the oratorio never received its proper effect. Still another cause of failure was the want of *ensemble* in both choir and orchestra, due to the fact that each performer sang or played as an individual, without any reference to the body of performers or to the unity of the whole work. The critic illustrates this remark by an ingenious and apt comparison between ancient battles, in which each warrior attacked an individual enemy to conquer or be conquered, and modern battles, where the various "corps" act in concert with the main body, and never lose sight of its operations. How the solo singers acquitted themselves the deponent sayeth not. As the parts were at first distributed, Colburn sang *David*; Dodd, *Saul*; Taylor, *Jonathan*; Withington, *Goliath*; Lothrop, *The High Priest*; Sharp, *The Messenger*; Mrs. Strong, *Michael*; and Mrs. Baker, *David's Sister*. As for the success, it was prodigious. On the opening night, Feb. 28, "the large audience was most enthusiastic." At the fifth performance, March 27, "Boylston Hall was again filled to suffocation, and many who were unable to procure seats, went away disappointed." And so it went on until the end of the chapter. Verily, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

TWENTY-SECOND SEASON.

AUG. 1, 1836, TO AUG. 7, 1837.

At the annual meeting, held on the 1st of August, Bartholomew Brown was elected president, George J. Webb, vice-president, J. Hill Belcher, secretary, and Abner Bourne, treasurer. The new president,²

¹ L., pp. 125 to 128.

² Born in Danvers, Mass., Sept. 8, 1772; died in Boston of paralysis, April 14, 1854, aged eighty-one years and six months; joined the Handel and Haydn Society, Nov. 5, 1815.

one of the original members of the Society, who proved to be its Jefferson Davis within a year, is thus credited with every virtue by his biographer, Ebenezer Alden.¹ "Eminently popular on account of his goodness of heart, loving and beloved, he was a lawyer of standing, given to literary and musical pursuits, a friend of temperance, and foremost in every good work." Many of his compositions, glees, "anthems, and choruses are printed in the 'Bridgewater Collection of Music,' which he edited jointly with Judge Mitchell, of Bridgewater." How far this excellent record is reconcilable with the two facts that Mr. Brown was the first president who accepted a salary for his services as such, and that, failing to obtain a re-election, he left the Society, and devoted his energies to the formation of a rival institution, we must leave the reader to determine for himself.

Of the new vice-president, Mr. George J. Webb, who was to render valuable aid to the Society in many ways during his long connection with it, we shall speak as occasion offers. The report of the treasurer for the season just concluded, stated the gross receipts to have been \$5,335.44, of which sum \$1,904.50 came from public performances. As the expenses amounted to \$4,760.86, a balance of \$574.58 remained in the Society's favor.

On the 12th of August the board voted the president a salary of \$300 *per annum*. This grave innovation, which was soon abandoned, would hardly have been justifiable, had Mr. Brown come to Boston to conduct the concerts of the Society, as it has been said that he did.² This we doubt altogether. That he came to Boston six years before the Society was founded, we know from Mr. Alden, and that he joined it in 1815, the year of its foundation, is certain; but neither in Mr. Alden's memoir, nor in the records, is he otherwise mentioned than as a member of the chorus.

On the 1st of October, according to an agreement entered into with Mr. Lowell Mason on the 20th of May, the new contract governing their publishing interests went into operation. By it Mr. Mason, after paying \$2,000 to the Society, was entitled to sale profits for two years, at the end of which, and for a like term, the Society was to take two thirds and Mason one, he being at liberty, during the whole four years, to publish on his own account whatever he pleased. Subsequently, during a further period of ten years, at the expiration of which the book property became vested in the Society, it was to

¹ See Memoir of Bartholomew Brown, read at a meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Feb. 5, 1862.

² Mr. James Sharp made this statement to Mr. Jennison.

receive ninety per cent of the profits, and Dr. Mason the remaining ten. In a letter to Mr. Luther Farnham which lies before us, dated March 14, 1869, Dr. Mason says:—

“I was looking over old papers lately, and happened to come across the enclosed agreement between the Handel and Haydn Society and myself. It is our final agreement to dissolve the copartnership in the book matter; I send it to you merely for the purpose of showing you that it was all a quiet, peaceable doing on both parts, notwithstanding much *talk* came out of it, and attempts were made by a few individuals to make it out that our separation was caused by a quarrel, or something worse, on my part. Those, however, who were the most forward to make difficulty, afterwards became my warm friends, though perhaps some, or one at least, may have always supposed that I wronged or took some undue advantage of the Society. I do not write this, dear sir, with any thought that the subject will be alluded to in your history, but merely for your own information, and thinking that the old paper may have some interest to you.”

On Oct. 2 the Society brought out a new oratorio by Mr. Charles E. Horn, entitled the “Remission of Sin,” with text taken from Milton.¹ Composed for the New York Sacred Music Society² in 1835, it was first performed at their hall in Chatham Street on the 7th of May, with the son of the composer, Charles Horn, Jr., his wife, Miss Julia Wheatley, and Mr. Sheppard as the principal vocalists. Partly because the receipts did not cover the expenses, and partly on account of the lateness of the season, it was not repeated in New York at the time, and Mr. Horn accepted the offer of the Handel and Haydn Society to produce it in Boston, if he would furnish the solo singers. Here, too, it was sung but once in 1836, though it had a second hearing in February of the following year.³ Ten of the other seventeen concerts of the season were devoted to Neukomm’s David, four to selections, one to the Creation, one, that of Jan. 1, 1837, to the Messiah, and one to the Haydn Mass and Horn’s “Remission of Sin.”

¹ Hack, II., p. 87.

² *American Musical Journal*, p. 96.

³ The original score and parts of another oratorio by Horn, called “Daniel’s Prediction,” are said in the *Metronome*, October, 1873, to be in the possession of Mr. W. M. Byrnes, president of the Franklin Insurance Company, an old member of the Handel and Haydn Society (joined in 1839), and one of the principal amateurs of his day.

TWENTY-THIRD SEASON.

AUG. 7, 1837, TO MAY 28, 1838.

The annual election, held on the 7th of August, resulted in the election of Mr. George J. Webb as president, Mr. Jonas Chickering as vice-president, Mr. William Learnard as secretary, and Mr. Abner Bourne as treasurer. The election of Mr. Webb seems to have been a surprise to Mr. Bartholomew Brown, who on its announcement addressed the members on the subject of his non-election to a second term of office, and left the hall. Shortly after, he joined a new musical organization called the Boston Oratorio Society, taking with him several other disaffected members; and when the trustees of the Handel and Haydn Society learned that Neukomm's "Hymn of the Night," which they had printed for their own use, and announced for performance on Oct. 1, had been sung on the same evening by the rival association, they appointed a committee to consider what action ought to be taken in the case. On the 13th it reported, that as Bartholomew Brown, Thomas Comer, Marcus Colburn, Allen Whitman, J. C. Brown, Anselm Lathrop, and W. H. Henderson had violated their obligations as members, they were by the fourteenth article of the by-laws deserving of expulsion. A vote to expel in case of non-repentance was taken on the 20th; and on the 25th the same committee reported that, despite all arguments to the contrary, the delinquents persisted in their right to do as they pleased in the matter, stating that they had promised to assist the new society at ten more concerts, and intended to do so, whatever the consequences might be. On hearing this, the trustees voted to expel Messrs. Brown, Lathrop, and Whitman. Mr. Henderson afterwards tendered his resignation to the board, and it was accepted. What, if any, action was taken in regard to Messrs. Comer and Colburn, we do not know.¹

In the month of August, Mr. Zeuner was re-elected organist, and Mr. Sumner Hill librarian; but as he had not returned to the city in September, Mr. Edward Haskell was chosen in his place. The new president, Mr. Webb, made a brief address to the Society on Sept. 3, and thus inaugurated an administration which proved beneficial in every respect; for besides being an accomplished musician, composer, and singer, he was a kindly and efficient officer. The following letter, written forty-six years after his first election, in reply to one

¹In January, 1838, the trustees received a letter from Mr. Brown, complaining of his expulsion, to which they returned no answer.

asking him for some reminiscences of his connection with the Society, to be used in this History, shows that his affection for it had not cooled with the lapse of time.

NEW YORK CITY, 125 E. 24TH ST.,
July 17, 1883.

CHARLES C. PERKINS, Esq.

My Dear Sir; — Owing to the misdirection of your letter of the 2d inst., it did not reach me till within a day or two since. I was happy to hear from you, as it recalled to my recollection some pleasing memories of the long past. My age now is just eighty years; and having kept no written record of the events which transpired during my membership of the Handel and Haydn Society, I am unable to recall any incidents that might serve you in your History of that Society.

The more prominent members during my official position were Jonas Chickering, Richardson, Chas. Lovett, James Sharp, and Capt. John Dodd. The solos were chiefly sustained by the four latter names. At that time it was an exceptional thing to engage outside professional singers, though at about this time we employed Caradori, Madam Bishop, and the English tenor, John Braham.

I am really sorry not to have it in my power to aid you in your purpose, and I must beg you to take the "will for the deed."

With sincere regards, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE JAMES WEBB.

In this letter Mr. Webb alludes to three distinguished artists who sang for the Society presumably while he was president. Madam Bishop did not, however, appear in Boston until 1859, when he had long since ceased to take an active part in Handel and Haydn affairs. Braham, however, came in 1840, during Mr. Webb's second term of office, and Caradori Allan in 1837, during his first. This great singer, then in her thirty-eighth year, and the fourteenth of her professional career, after singing in opera with great success on the Continent and in England, abandoned the stage, and made her first appearance in oratorio at Westminster Abbey in 1834. Subsequently she assisted at many festivals and concerts in English cities, and after her return from America sang at Birmingham in the *Elijah*, at its first performance on Aug. 26, 1846. Her high brilliant soprano voice had lost none of its beauty when she crossed the Atlantic, and gave to crowded audiences in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, new ideas of the enchanting power of the human voice. The critics thought her style somewhat too florid for oratorio, and such perhaps it was; but with this admission enough remained to make her singing a thousand times welcome to the thousands who were privileged to listen to it. She sang twice in Boston for the Handel and Haydn Society in the

Messiah, on New Year's eve and on the 7th of January. At the first of these concerts, says the secretary, her delivery of "I know that my Redeemer liveth" will long "be remembered as a masterly performance, just in intonation and exquisite in taste." At the second, he records that "she acquitted herself with the same distinguished ability as on the former occasion."¹ About seven hundred and fifty persons, including chorus and orchestra, were present at the first concert, but at the second the audience was somewhat smaller. The orchestra of twenty-three musicians, eight of whom were volunteers, was distributed as follows:—

Three first violins (one volunteer), six second violins (five volunteers), two flutes (one volunteer), two clarinets, two altos, one double bass, two trumpets, two horns (one volunteer), one trombone, one bassoon, one kettle-drum.

The records from which these details are taken mention that a number of Indian chiefs, Sacs and Foxes, were present at a rehearsal of the Society on Oct. 29, 1837, and that they were especially delighted with the organ, which they conceived to be the abode of the Great Spirit. Between Jan. 7 and the close of the season, the Society sang the Creation twice, Neukomm's "Hymn of the Night," with selections, once, and once selections only.

In April, Mr. Webb, whose salary we notice had been fixed by a vote of the board at \$150, wrote to decline a renomination, and a committee was appointed to urge him to reconsider his action, as his withdrawal after a single term would be highly prejudicial to the interests of the Society. As he refused to do so, although his return to office two years later shows that this was not on account of any want of cordial feeling between him and the trustees, they passed a vote thanking him for the dignity and impartiality with which he had discharged his duties as presiding officer, and expressing their high respect for his talents and character.

TWENTY-FOURTH SEASON.

MAY 28, 1838, TO MAY 27, 1839.

At the annual meeting on May 28, Mr. Charles Zeuner, whose appointment as organist eight years before had, as the reader may

¹ Mme. Allan had agreed to sing in the Messiah on the following terms: After deducting \$60 for expenses, she was to have three fourths of the receipts. These amounted to \$569 at the first of the two concerts; at the second, \$480 were taken at the door.

remember, met with violent opposition, was elected president. Certainly no better proof that he had in the mean time gained the respect and confidence of the members could have been given than this; but, as the sequel showed, it would have been wiser to have taken some other mode of recognizing his signal services than this. The only good result which followed was that the place of organist, left vacant by Mr. Zeuner, was filled by Mr. A. U. Hayter, an English musician and composer, who was destined to play a most important part in the annals of the Society. Born at Gillingham, England, on the 16th of December, 1799, at the age of six¹ he was sent by his father, Samuel Hayter, an eminent organist, to the collegiate school connected with Salisbury Cathedral. Here he received instruction from Mr. Corfe, organist of the cathedral, whose place he eventually occupied for several years. Called to a like post at Hereford, he remained there until 1835, when he came to New York, and took the place of organist at Grace Church, of which his friend, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, was rector. Shortly after, Dr. Wainwright, who had accepted a call to Trinity Church, Boston, went to England to purchase an organ; and in 1837, when it had been received and set up, he sent for Mr. Hayter, who came and took the place of organist, which he was to fill for more than twenty-five years. One who knew him well² says that he was "an English churchman and organist of the strictest sort in his creed and playing, so strict in the first" that thousands of dollars would not have tempted him to play at any other than the Episcopal service, and in the last "severely proper." In the records of the Handel and Haydn Society, Mr. Hayter is first mentioned as having taken Zeuner's place at the organ on Feb. 11, 1838, at a rehearsal. In May, as we have seen, he was called to fill it for a season. This proved to be a prelude to many other seasons, during which he not only played the organ, but also advised the trustees in all musical matters; instructed those members who had been selected to sing solos, how they should be sung; and virtually conducted the performances, although the office of conductor was, more or less nominally, vested in the president. When, as in the case of Mr. Webb, he happened to be a trained musician, Mr. Hayter's role was that of a wise counsellor in time of need; but there can be little doubt that non-professional presidents, like Mr. Clark and Mr. Chickering, were only too glad to give the baton into the hands of an organist whose knowledge

¹ These biographical details are taken from a notice of Mr. Hayter which appeared in the *POST*, 1873.

² Mr. James Sharp, vice-president of the Handel and Haydn Society in 1828, and for several seasons member of the board of trustees.

and experience so far surpassed their own, and thus to make him conductor *de facto* if not *de jure*.

Proof that they often did so is furnished by the statement of an old member¹ that, he “distinctly remembers attending rehearsals night after night conducted by Mr. Hayter, through whose untiring patience and energy the Society was enabled to give some of the finest performances ever given in this country, and without the aid of outside talent.” After the annual meeting which made Mr. Zeuner president, he officiated as the Society’s organist for the last time, on June 4, when services incident to the two hundredth anniversary of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company were held in Chauncy Place Church, and “Old Hundred,” the “Hallelujah Chorus,” and “Awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound” were sung by the Society. After this, until October, public performances were suspended. The trustees had indeed discussed the advisability of giving them up altogether, as they had become a source of expense instead of profit, and confining the work of the members to rehearsals, to which they would be allowed to invite their friends. That those who advocated this course had some show of reason on their side, is evident from the small receipts taken not only at ordinary concerts, but also at those given with the aid of distinguished singers. Thus, for example, at the three last given in the early winter and spring of 1838, with Mrs. Franklin’s aid, the receipts were respectively \$30, \$38, and \$27.50; while at the two preceding, when Caradori Allan sang, they amounted only to \$361 and \$264. Now as Mrs. Franklin’s salary was \$200 for the season, and Madam Caradori was paid three fourths of the receipts, minus \$80 taken by the Society for expenses, it is evident that with the ordinary or the extraordinary prima donna, the giving of concerts was a losing game. The *Musical Magazine*² finds reasons for this state of things in the want of a proper building³ and the want of sufficient rehearsals. “If the Handel and Haydn Society would every year give us only one new and sterling oratorio, thoroughly rehearsed, and repeat that often enough to make the audience familiar with it, we think it would do much good to the cause of music. It has the means to do it, so far as the director, chorus, and orchestra are concerned; and with careful practice the same would be true also of its

¹ *Transcript*, August, 1873.

² *Iluck*, Vol. I., p. 15.

³ The subject of obtaining one was again brought up in June, 1838. On the 18th, a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Pike about a new hall, to ascertain terms for the purchase of an estate, make a survey of it, and obtain a general plan for the building to be erected on it.

solo singers, for it has good tenor, bass, and soprano voices at command." The proposal to give up public concerts, and the above advice given by the editor of the *Musical Magazine*, were alike disregarded, and matters were allowed to take their usual course. In October, Madam Caradori sang in the Creation twice to tolerable houses. November had its two concerts of selections, with but a beggarly sale of tickets; and December, one on the last day of the year, when the Messiah was sung to an audience which brought \$27.50 into the treasury.

It was evidently high time to "sound an alarm." Called together, the trustees determined to summon David to their aid, trusting that, armed with the sling and the stone of Neukomm's music, he might avail to slay the Goliath of public apathy. In this they were not disappointed. Eleven times before the close of the season did he give proof of his power, bringing \$1,142 into the treasury, and giving the Society about \$500 profit.¹ Instead of Colburn and Withington, who had sung the parts of the Philistine giant and the Israelite shepherd boy when the oratorio was first brought out, Messrs. Jonas Chickering and Samuel Richardson were substituted. "This selection," says the Rev. William Staunton, in an already quoted letter of personal recollections, "was obviously made in view of their vocal ability, and of the spirit in which they would be sure to perform the duty allotted to them; but over and above this, it happened that there was a very marked correspondence between the physique and general bearing of these gentlemen and the current ideas which we have of the ancient combatants whom they were called upon to represent. Richardson was a tall, bulky, and muscular man, of jovial aspect, with a radiant countenance and powerful lungs. Added to this, one of his eyes was in true position, while the other sensibly verged toward a squint. I honestly think that a better Goliath could hardly have been found either in or out of the Society's ranks. And when in the course of the oratorio he came forward as the champion of the Philistines, the dismay and uproar of the Israelites, expressed in the chorus 'Behold the Giant!', seemed fully justified. On the other hand, Chickering was a man somewhat delicately made, rather below the average stature, and with a face expressive of all that was gentle, winning, and benignant. And when he modestly stepped to the front in a line with the towering giant, who glanced at him with a droll

¹ At the fourth performance, March 17, the aisles, galleries, and every seat and every foot of flooring were occupied. Hundreds were turned away, unable to find their way within the doors of the hall.—*Transcript*, March 19, 1839.

contempt, exclaiming, 'Give me a *man*, that we may fight together!', the only check to the expression of sympathetic feeling on the part of the audience, was the secret assurance that Chickering would speedily give the braggart heathen his due with a sling and a stone."

An article on Hayter, in the *Metronome* for September, 1873, says that Richardson, who had previously sung the part of Goliath in a very crude manner, was correctly retaught it by Hayter. It says nothing of Mr. Chickering's David, but mentions Colburn in the part as "a shouter rather than a singer, relying rather on coarse, violent effects than on the skilful management of his voice." Marshall Johnson, who, as we learn from the same source, was selected from the chorus and trained in the part by Hayter, sang it "in far better style than Colburn, doing great credit to himself and to the Society." As a fitting conclusion to the history of the Handel and Haydn Society's performances of David, we give the Chev. Neukomm's answer to a letter written by the secretary, at the board's request, to inform him of his election as an honorary member, and of the great success of his oratorio in Boston.¹

PARIS, Dec. 21, 1839.

Gentlemen,—I have just received the letter which you did me the honor to address to me on the 27th of May last. Not finding me in Paris, it was forwarded to London, which I had just left, and then sent back to Paris, where I have just received it. All these circumstances will serve as an excuse for my tardy answer. Accept, gentlemen, my best thanks for the kind reception which you have given to my works. Permit me also to express my grateful sense of the honor which you have done me, by inscribing my name on the list of members of the Handel and Haydn Society. May the New World, under the protection of these two sublime men of genius, preserve the sound doctrines of our art, and with them the purity of musical principles. May it forever repudiate all those extravagant productions of the prescut day engendered by the mania for novelties, which tend to destroy even the traditions in our old and decrepit Europe, together with the masterpieces which a better age had left us. Accept, gentlemen, all the wishes which I shall not cease to form, for the prosperity of your Society.

I am, with the highest consideration, gentlemen, your devoted servant,

SIGISMUND NEUKOMM.

Address:

Care of M. A. Leo, banker, 11 *Rue Louis le Grand*.

Reference has been made to the salary first attached to the presidential office during Bartholomew Brown's administration, and accepted by him and his successor, Mr. Webb. On Jan. 9, 1839, it was fixed at \$300, but President Zeuner refused to accept it. Whether

¹Records of Handel and Haydn Society, Vol. IV., and letter on file.

he would have had the same conscientious scruples if he had felt himself at ease in his new position, and working in harmony with the board, is questionable. Certain it is that within a month of the time when the salary was voted, remarks were made (Feb. 3) in the board upon his continual absence from its meetings and those of the Society, and a committee was appointed to inform him "that the interests of the Society and his own reputation seem to require him to resign," and to request him to do so. This he did on the 7th; and the board replied by passing a vote of regret and of high esteem for his talents as a composer and executant of sacred music. Thanking him for his long continued services as organist, they express the hope that he and the Society may soon again co-operate in the promotion of the art divine. This co-operation they endeavored to bring about on June 11, by electing him organist for the season; but as he declined the position, Mr. Hayter was re-appointed, and authorized by vote to spend \$100, during his proposed visit to Europe, in the purchase of the scores of the Messiah with Mozart's additional accompaniments, St. Paul, Mt. Sinai, and sets of parts for the Creation and the Mount of Olives, and one new oratorio not specified.

Mr. Zeuner shortly after left Boston for Philadelphia, where, after a residence of some eighteen years, he, as has been already recorded, put an end to his life during a fit of insanity in 1857. Hack, in a review of the winter season of 1839-40,¹ speaks of Zeuner as one whose name stands identified with the history of music in Boston, "for he has contributed towards elevating our style of church music by his publications."² "His loss is comparatively little felt at the present time," adds the writer, "as he had lately kept much retired, hiding his talent, and wasting it on trifles." "We hope," he concludes, "that his new career [as organist in Philadelphia] will excite him to new exertions, and will again place him in that station in regard to the art which he is qualified and ought to fill. Otherwise we would remind him of the man in the parable who hid his Lord's talent in a napkin."

¹ *Musical Magazine*, Vol. II., p. 197.

² So also Hack, I., p. 80, refers to David, given on 24th of February, and adds, "We are sorry to see Mr. Zeuner no longer at the head of this [Handel and Haydn] Society. We regret the necessity which led to his resignation, will not examine into who is to blame, but will say that, if there had been on all sides a genuine love for the art, mutual good-will and forbearance, Mr. Zeuner would, by his talents and knowledge, have been capable of bringing the Society forward very much."

TWENTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1839, TO MAY 27, 1840.

Mr. Increase S. Withington, who had been a member of the board of trustees in 1828 and 1829, and who had sung the part of Goliath in the oratorio of David as originally cast, was elected president at the annual meeting on May 27, with Mr. George Hews as vice-president, and Messrs. Learnard and Parker as secretary and treasurer. As the new president had had experience in the conduct of affairs, and as he was a good amateur musician, we may believe that Hack was justified in saying that it would have been difficult to make a better choice among the members of the Society. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$1,436.44 to the Society's credit, and the secretary stated that with but two exceptions during the last twelve years, there had not been, as now, money enough on hand at the end of the season to meet all demands.

Between Sept. 29 and Nov. 3, five performances were given, — two of selections and three of David. They were the last concerts of the Society in Boylston Hall, which it had occupied for so many years. The first steps towards a change of quarters were taken in October, when negotiations were opened with Mr. Redman, proprietor of the Lion Theatre, to hire the building for five years at \$1,700 *per annum*. The bargain was concluded late in the month, and a committee was appointed to fit up the hall, which finally received the name of the Melodeon.¹ Additional regulations for the government of the Society in its new home were thought necessary, and the secretary being requested to report them, wrote a circular, which was printed for the convenience of the members, and written out at length in the fifth volume of the records. Beginning with a short statement of the reasons which made a change of quarters desirable, Mr. Learnard reminds the members, that to secure all the advantages incident to the occupation of larger and more suitable accommodations, it will be necessary for them to be faithful in their attendance, zealous to improve the character of performances, and active in exerting influence with their friends to attend the concerts of the Society, so that it may have funds to enlarge the scale of its operations, and be able to add to its library. More than all, they must attract the public by increased excellence in choral singing. Among existing evils he points out too much nominal membership; too loose an observance of the

¹ It was at first proposed to call it the Adelphi.

by-laws, which ought to be more energetically enforced than they have been. It is only by "individual exertion, and steady devotion to the interests of the Society," he adds, that it can be raised to a higher place than it has hitherto occupied. In conclusion he points out that the Handel and Haydn Society ought to be regarded as a *school of instruction*, and expresses a hope that professors of music will generally take an interest in the rehearsals, and, when not otherwise engaged, will, whether members or not, attend them. When, on Saturday, Dec. 8, the members met for the last time in Boylston Hall, which they had occupied for twenty-three years, the president proposed that they should take leave of a place which had been the scene of so many pleasant meetings, by singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the close of the rehearsal. This they did, as the record says, "with full organ accompaniment and in excellent style."

On Dec. 22 they met again for the first time at the Melodeon, seventy-one in number, to rehearse the Messiah for performance on the 26th, when it was sung before an audience of nearly one thousand persons, by a chorus and orchestra of about one hundred and seventy-five persons, with Mrs. Franklin, the Misses Wakefield and Fuller, and Messrs. Richardson, Baker, Taylor, and Johnson as soloists.

The new hall is spoken of in the *Musical Magazine*¹ as elegant and commodious. "The stage part of the house," says the editor, "is fitted up with seats rising in a semicircular form for the choir and orchestra, in the midst of which, at the end, the Society's large and excellent organ is to be placed. We congratulate the Society on their new and superior accommodations."

TWENTY-SIXTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1840, TO MAY 31, 1841.

On May 25, Mr. Withington informed the trustees of his resolution not to accept a renomination as president. They received it with expressions of regret, followed by a vote of thanks, which he acknowledged "in a few brief but pertinent remarks." Two days later, at the annual meeting, Mr. George J. Webb was elected as his successor, with the same vice-president, secretary, and treasurer² as before, and Mr. Withington was appointed to the board of trustees.

¹ Vol. I., p. 407.

² Mr. Abner Bourne, who had been treasurer for the past four years, died on the 10th of July, 1840. On the 21st, Mr. Matthew S. Parker was elected in his place, and Mr. I. F. Payson to that of Mr. Parker in the board of trustees.

The report of the secretary made at this meeting speaks of the financial condition of the Society as unexpectedly favorable, considering the heavy expenses incident to its removal to the Melodeon. These, including the sum expended on necessary alterations and the rent, will, he thinks, be covered by the sum derived from the lease of the building, when not needed by the Society, to outside parties. He acknowledges that good results have followed upon the issue of the circular a twelvemonth previous, in which members were admonished of their shortcomings in regard to attendance at rehearsals and concerts, but at the same time he seizes the opportunity to remind them that the existence and prosperity of the Society depend more than ever upon their hearty and constant co-operation, now that other societies are laboring in the same field, and that the diminished sale of the Society's publications betokens the speedy termination of further profit from that hitherto fruitful source of support. After alluding to the fact that at the close of twenty-five years since the foundation of the Society, but three of its original members, Messrs. Dodd, Parker, and Richardson, still take an active part in its affairs, he mentions that others are still living, who, though seldom present at its meetings, have lost nothing of their old interest in its prosperity. Of these, three, Messrs. John Mackay, Otis Everett, and Winchester, the ex-president, "to whom perhaps more than to any other person the Society owes its present high and honorable popularity," have within the year given substantial proof of their good-will by gifts, the first and last named of \$100 each, and the second of \$50.

The twenty-sixth season was opened on the 4th of October, with a new oratorio, Nenkomm's Mt. Sinai, sung on that evening and on four subsequent occasions, the last on Nov. 1, by Mrs. Franklin, Miss Stone, Messrs. Withington, Wetherbee, Johnson, and Wellington. Lacking the dramatic and sensational elements of David, which it preceded in the order of composition, though superior to it as an oratorio, it met with a rather cold reception in Boston, and was soon laid on the shelf. The *Musical Magazine*¹ praises Mrs. Franklin's tuneful and expressive singing in Mt. Sinai, but it takes exception to meretricious cadences and embellishments which she saw fit to introduce. It also commends the solo bass singers for their unassuming good taste in delivery, but it more than hints that they had but little command over their voices; and while mentioning that the tenor had a powerful voice, of good compass, expresses the regret that he had done so little to improve the capital which God had given him; the

¹ For an analysis of Mt. Sinai, see Vol. II., p. 374 *et seq.*

chorus has improved in light and shade during the past year, and had the brass instruments in the orchestra been less blatant, the general effect would have been satisfactory. Though by no means the first critic of the Society's performances, the editor of the *Musical Magazine* brought more ability and experience to bear in the execution of his task than any of his predecessors; and as he took care to make allowance for existing conditions, and tempered censure with praise when it was deserved, he secured for himself a hearing, and did good service to the cause.

In the first number of his periodical, after arguing in favor of the Society's practice of giving concerts on Sunday evenings, he reminds the members that they thereby declare them to be not social, but *religious*, exercises; which they only can be, if care is exercised in selecting such works for performance as breathe a duly religious spirit, like the compositions of Haydn, Handel, Mozart, and Bach, and when much attention is given to the manner of performing them. The first condition he says is easy; but the second, as depending upon steadiness of purpose and an entire absence of selfishness, is more difficult. "For it is not only the spirit in which music is conceived and composed, but also that in which it is performed, which gives it its sacred character." This position he illustrates in another place by commenting on the way in which a bass singer in the Creation came leisurely down from his seat, and carelessly sang the recitative "And God said;" and by pointing out as disrespectful the habit of many people in the audience of putting on their overcoats and crowding to the door as soon as the signal for the final chorus in an oratorio is given. Hack had furthermore the sense to see that the shortcomings of the chorus were due not only to insufficient rehearsals, but also to the incompetency of their amateur conductors; and in the *Musical Magazine* of Jan. 4 he pointed out the remedy; namely, the separation of the office of president from that of conductor, who, as he says, ought to be "one of the most talented professional men in the city." This needed reform was virtually effected by the election of Mr. George James Webb, whose competency no one could dispute. He had shortly before resigned his connection with the Boston Academy of Music owing to some not fully explained dissension between himself and its conductor, Mr. Lowell Mason, and was therefore able to accept the position again offered him by the Handel and Haydn Society.

The greatest musical event of his administration was the appearance of the great English tenor, John Braham, then in the sixty-seventh

year of his age,¹ at the Society's concerts. After filling Europe with his fame, and amassing a large fortune, which was swallowed up in theatrical speculations undertaken in 1831, Braham determined to cross the ocean, believing that the strength of his reputation, and the voice which yet remained to him, would suffice to attract the public, and enable him to replenish his purse. In his best time his voice had a compass of nineteen notes, and his falsetto from D to A was so entirely under control, that the point of transition between it and his natural voice was hardly recognizable,² but in 1840 it had lost a great deal in power and tone.³ Still, his noble style of delivery, which time could not affect, remained to charm his hearers. If I may judge from my own experience, the impression made by this truly great singer is ineffaceable; for though forty-six years have elapsed since I, a lad of seventeen, heard him sing "Total eclipse" at the Melodeon, it is still clear and strong. This must have been at one of the four concerts given by the Society with his assistance in November, 1840. On turning to the records after writing the above, to consult the programmes of these concerts, I found that on Friday evening, Nov. 1, the concert began with the overture to Samson, and that immediately after it Braham made his *début* by singing the famous aria in question. As he did not, so far as subsequent programmes show, repeat it, I must have heard him at this concert, when, according to the record, the veteran tenor "fully sustained his pre-eminence" as the first living vocalist, and completely answered the high expectations which had been raised in the public mind. While it is interesting to know what the Handel and Haydn Society thought of Braham, it is interesting to hear what so good a judge of chorus singing as he said of the Society. In a letter to President Webb, dated Baltimore, March 15, 1841, he writes:—

"I never heard choruses more beautifully given than by the Society. The different lights and shades, so difficult to be attained, the delicacy of delivery by a body of choristers as if performed by a single voice, do the utmost credit to the conductor, Mr. Webb, the organist, Mr. Hayter, as well as to the ladies and gentlemen of the Society."

The announcement of Braham's first appearance on Friday evening, Nov. 1, excited great interest. One thousand four hundred and twenty-

¹ Born in London in 1774; died there Feb. 17, 1856.

² Grote's Dictionary, Vol. I., p. 269.

³ His skilful performances gained him as many friends and partisans, as the want of youthful buoyancy in his voice, which no skill could completely disguise, and his style of singing (sometimes so exaggerated and affected as to border on the absurd) made him bitter antagonists. — *Huck*, Vol. I., pp. 173 and 419.

five tickets were sold at the door before the concert began, and the audience numbered about sixteen hundred persons, who enthusiastically applauded the great tenor's singing of "Total eclipse," "Waft her, angels," "Sound an alarm," and "In native worth." He again appeared on the 20th and 22d, with undiminished success, and then left Boston to sing elsewhere, promising to return shortly. After two other concerts of selections in November, the Society sang the *Messiah* at Christmas, and repeated it on the 3d of January.¹ This last was the better performance of the two, says Hack.² "Comfort ye" was beautifully given, but in "Thou shalt break them" the tenor broke down, a catastrophe "which he would have avoided had he not tried to imitate Braham." So much for high-vaulting ambition. The great original re-appeared on the 17th and 24th, in Neukomm's *David*. Hack, who speaks of the first performance as one of the best of this oratorio which he has ever heard,³ takes Braham to task for loading the first recitative with embellishments, and for sighing and dragging his voice from one note to another in the air. "I will lay me down in peace," on the 24th, he sung more "simply and in a nobler style;" but on the 31st, he closed Luther's Judgment Hymn⁴ with "a prolonged figurative cadenza," which raised the critic's ire.

This was appeased at a subsequent concert, the second of two given with Braham in February, when he sang in *Mt. Sinai*, and abstained from all extemporaneous embellishments, and "delighting us," says Hack, by the expression which he gave to every word of his text, "which is the principal excellence of his style."⁵ "Again the mighty grandeur of the Commandments, and the beautiful accompaniment of the very melodious solo songs throughout, struck us as the principal excellences of the work, which is of far greater excellence than the same composer's *David*; though for want of a tale to tell, and lack of action, it failed to excite any great interest in the audience."⁶ After Braham's departure, *David* was repeated, on May 2, for the benefit of eight musicians, who, having been dismissed from the orchestra of the Tremont Theatre for having assisted the Society in six concerts during

¹ Receipts, \$59.50.

² Vol. II., p. 15.

³ Vol. II., p. 48.

⁴ The last lines are said to have been delivered by Braham, in the declamatory style of which he was master, with thrilling impressiveness. Fairbanks's letter to S. J., Oct. 24, 1871.

⁵ Hack, Vol. II., p. 64; and on p. 172, he says, "How many have learned from Braham to use judgment in giving effect to every note of the song, to every tone of the voice."

⁶ April 20, funeral obsequies of President Harrison. Society assisted, and secretary acted as marshal; no singing mentioned; Rufus Choate, orator.

the engagement of Mr. Braham, had, as they stated, suffered a loss of \$240.

On this occasion the members of the orchestra volunteered to play without remuneration, and the Society purchased tickets liberally. The concert yielded \$223, which sum was paid over to the beneficiaries. In this same month of May (28th), the board decided to establish a class for musical instruction, under the direction of President Webb, and to grant the gratuitous use of the Melodeon for that purpose. The prospectus, printed by Hack,¹ calls it an annual class to be held during the sessions of the National Musical Convention, and from the first meeting on Aug. 18, choral, glee, and solo singing are included in the course, together with lectures on thorough-bass. Evidently this class was started in emulation of one of the same description previously established by the Boston Academy of Music, under Lowell Mason's direction. Hack² very justly observes that instruction limited to so short a period as the meeting of the Convention, ten days, can be of little use, especially in the theory of music; and says that if the Society really means to do good, it should make the class permanent.

Other editorials and communicated letters published in the *Musical Magazine* show that the Academy and the Society were pitted against each other in this matter of teachers' classes, and that the rival leaders, Mason and Webb, had their hot partisans. "The Convention met," says Hack,³ "and we are sorry to say our fears [of the result of rivalry] are fully realized; for it has ceased to exist. Two new Conventions have grown out of it, — the American Musical Convention, organized at the Odeon, and the National Musical Convention, re-organized at the Melodeon. . . . We fear that this separation will not end the war," etc. According to the record, the Convention was dissolved on the 26th of August, "owing to the discussion of a question intended to injure the Handel and Haydn Society." This question, as Hack tells us,⁴ was, "'Do oratorios, as they are generally conducted, exert a salutary influence in the cause of church music?'" This was taken by the one party as a direct attack; and in their defence they took the broader ground of defending the salutary influence of oratorios in the abstract, in which the other party met them; and poor Handel had much to suffer for his wickedness and want of religion in composing the Messiah for the amusement of the people.⁵ Thus our confused ideas of sacred music, not music

¹ Vol. II., p. 208.

² *Ib.* p. 204.

³ Vol. II., p. 328

⁴ Page 328.

⁵ An Orthodox clergyman was represented in the newspaper report as having said that *Handel* knew nothing of sacred music, and that there was nothing which partook of the nature of sacred music in the *Messiah*. — *S. J., ms. note.*

sacred to us, but music contained in the psalm books, (*rem acu tetigit*) again worked mischief," etc. Ritter, in his *Music in America*,¹ referring to the short duration of the first National Musical Convention, says: "It owed its independence to a quarrel which in 1839 arose between Mason and Webb. The importance which it seemed to acquire was detrimental to the interests of the class conducted by Mason. Means were therefore found by the Mason party to destroy the independence of the Convention, in order to protect their private interests." A dissolution, as we have seen, followed; and of the two new associations then formed, only one lived for a few years, namely, the American, under the control of Mason and the Academy.² From it issued the so-called *convention music teacher*, who composed psalm tunes, compiled old collections "with new and startling titles," and evolved new singing methods out of stale material or musical manuals, in order to diffuse musical knowledge, according to the eclectic system or no system.³ The Handel and Haydn Society made no further attempt at giving instruction, and in October the board indefinitely postponed all consideration of a scheme for founding a conservatory of music, proposed by President Webb on Sept. 8, and reported on favorably on the 15th.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

MAY 31, 1841, TO MAY 30, 1842.

At the annual meeting on May 31, it appeared from the treasurer's report, that owing partly to the cost of publishing Neukomm's oratorio of Mt. Sinai, and of making certain indispensable alterations in the Melodeon, calculated to increase its usefulness as a lecture-room, etc., the expenses for the season had exceeded the receipts by about one thousand dollars. The secretary, in view of the deficit, recommended fewer concerts during the ensuing year, giving more time for study and consequent improvement. He stated that the Society's performances had never been more highly commended than during the past season, referred to Braham's warm praise of "their manner and style," ended his report with an exhortation to the mem-

¹ Page 259.

² Saroni, *Musical Times*, Teachers' Institute, Webb and Mason Lectures, p. 27, 1849; pp. 580, 90, and 603, 1850. Persons attending musical conventions in New York can hardly form an idea of what a Boston convention is. Teachers and pupils here mingle together to work for the common good. Mr. Mason is their god, and Mr. Webb is his prophet. — *Sept. 2, 1850.*

³Ritter, p. 261.

bers to do all in their power to secure the permanency of an institution which has thus far "happily withstood the open assaults of its adversaries and the cunning artifices of its secret foes."

On this same evening, Messrs. Webb, Hews, and Learnard were respectively re-elected to the offices of president, vice-president, and secretary, and Matthew S. Parker was chosen treasurer. On June 22, the president's salary was fixed at \$300, and in view of the necessity of economy, that of Mrs. Franklin was cut down to \$150. This she at first refused to accept, and when in July she reconsidered the matter, it was too late, as other arrangements had been made with Mrs. Turner, Miss Wakefield, and Miss Stone, who in the mean time had volunteered to take solo parts when required, and "thus save the Society from the expense of hiring any female singer permanently."¹

At the first concert of the season, given in November, the Society sang Spohr's cantata, "God, Thou art great," and Romberg's "Transient and Eternal." These works had been so insufficiently rehearsed that the performance is noted in the records as "the most inferior given for many years." Instead of repeating them after more careful preparation, the trustees engaged Braham to sing in the Creation on Dec. 12, and in the Messiah on the 19th. The receipts were, respectively, \$320 and \$260; but at a repetition of the latter oratorio with local singers on the 26th, they fell to \$95.

In February, 1842, Braham returned to Boston for the last time. At a concert of selections given on the 6th, he sang "The Better Land" with much feeling and fine taste; and at his farewell performance on the 13th, "All is Well," with his son Charles, "a youth not yet out of his teens, with a voice of great compass, of exceedingly pleasant and melodious quality."² "To hear this duet," said Miss Stone, "was alone worth the price of a ticket."

The rehearsals of Spohr's Last Judgment,³ which had been continued through January, were resumed after Braham's departure, and the oratorio, brought out on the 20th of March, was repeated on the 27th, and on the 3d, 10th, and 17th of April. At three of these performances the principal soprano part was sung by the daughter of

¹ Aug. 16, excursion to Nahant, complimentary to lady singers engaged for season; about one hundred and twenty present; dinner, dancing, and singing of songs and glees. Expenses defrayed by a voluntary contribution. President Webb in attendance.

² *Transcript*, Feb. 26.

³ *Die Letzten Dinge*, first produced at Dusseldorf in 1826, is not to be confounded with Spohr's earlier work, *Das Jungste Gericht*, written in 1811.

the composer, Madam Spohr Zahn, whose great artistic merits were not at all appreciated. Hack¹ says, "that while Braham, whose performances, by their exaggeration and affectation, sometimes border on the absurd, was cheered and flattered, Madam Zahn, with her powerful and touching presentation of German song, was entirely neglected." The contrast to the ear between the ornate manner of the English tenor, and the severely classic style of the German soprano, must have been as great as that to the eye between a flamboyant Gothic cathedral and a Greek temple. Braham gave all the world something to admire, purists as well as sensationalists, but Madam Zahn addressed herself only to the educated, who form the minority in every audience. Again, in singing her father's really great oratorio, she stood at a disadvantage with a public, whose taste for the sensational in music had long been assiduously cultivated by listening to Neukomm's David. Meditative, suggestive, and undramatic save in the highest sense, Spohr's Last Judgment seemed tame to ears attuned to cheap effects, and it was withdrawn after a few performances. Again the Society had recourse to David; but whether, as the secretary opines, the public had become satiated with concerts foreign and native during the season, or because it had had enough even of its long-established favorite, it was sung to small audiences both on April 24 and May 1. The part of Micah was taken by Miss Anna Stone (now Mrs. Ellsworth Eliot), who for many years rendered signal service to the Society. Her name first appears on its records as one of the three ladies, already mentioned, who, when Mrs. Franklin declined to sing during the season on the terms offered her by the trustees, enabled them to dispense with her assistance by volunteering to take solo parts when required. This she did in Romberg's "Transient and Eternal," and in the Messiah in the latter part of 1841. It is evident that she was at once regarded as the best solo singer in the Society, for in February of the following year she was called upon to sing Handel's duet, "O Lovely Peace!" with Braham. "Possibly," we should say *certainly* from our own recollections, "Miss Stone was one of the most effective singers that Boston has produced."² She began as an alto; but Paddon, the great teacher of those days, decided that her voice had the treble ring to it, and in the course of a season or two brought her out in soprano solos. She was never refined or delicate in her vocal efforts, but she possessed a voice of phenomenal force and compass, and in such selections as "Let the bright seraphim," and "Rejoice greatly" she was without a rival.

¹ *Op. cit.* III., p. 44.

² *Boston Budget*, March 2, 1884.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1842, TO MAY 29, 1843.

As Mr. Webb had declined a renomination to the presidency, Mr. James Clark, a builder by trade, and one of the original members of the Society, was nominated, and elected at the annual meeting, with the same vice-president, secretary, and treasurer as before. On the special qualifications he may have had for the office, history is silent; but his short administration, which bridged a gap between two remarkable presidents, Messrs. Webb and Chickering, is notable for the production of two new works of great importance, Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*. Before either was brought out, the members, having refreshed their spirits by an excursion to Horn Pond in July, where, with their invited guests, they greatly enjoyed an entertainment conducted on strictly temperance principles, once more endeavored to attract the public by putting the once magic name of David on their programmes; but the four performances in October and November were thinly attended, and the last, on the 13th, brought only \$32.50 into the treasury. On the 11th of December they sang selections and Romberg's "Transient and Eternal," and at Christmas the Messiah, but with no better results. The Society had entered upon one of its periodical fits of depression, which the two new works, brought out soon after New Year's day, failed to relieve. *St. Paul*, first given on Jan. 22, with Misses Stone, Garcia, and Emmons, and Messrs. Taylor, Kimberly, Baker, Byram, and Wetherbee, as soloists, was twice repeated within a month to audiences which grew small by degrees and beautifully less. This was partly owing to the want of special vocal attraction, and partly to the inability of the public to appreciate music so lofty in its strain of inspiration and so scientific in its character.

Greatest of modern oratorios in the opinion of many musicians, *St. Paul* never has been and never can be a popular favorite like the *Stabat Mater*, which succeeded it on the Society's programmes, but the latter work needs great singers to give its operatic arias and concerted pieces due effect, and these were not obtainable when it was brought out in the English text,¹ on the 26th of February, before a somewhat larger audience than any which had attended the performances of *St.*

¹ : Mr. George Parker translated the Latin text, and Mr. Hayter adapted it to the music. He also taught the singers how it was to be sung, and *arranged the orchestral parts in an effective manner!* — *Metronome*, September, 1873; *Transcript*, Dec. 5, 1846.

Paul. At the second and third repetitions the attendance steadily diminished, and at the fourth, was so small that the receipts amounted to \$62.50 only. "This," says the secretary, "was not an adequate return for the expense and labor of preparing new and beautiful music, which the public is not inclined to encourage and patronize."

After this double failure, the Society returned to Neukomm's "Hymn of the Night," Romberg's "Transient and Eternal," and selections, which were given at three concerts, whose receipts amounted, respectively, to \$16, \$29, and \$19.50.

No wonder that at the close of such a season the affairs of the Society were found to be anything but prosperous. With a debt of \$1,798, the cessation of all income from the sale of its publications, and perplexity as to what could be done to win back public favor, the situation was not a little depressing. Feeling himself unable to cope with it, or influenced by some other unknown reason, Mr. Clark declined a renomination, and retired, with a suitable vote of thanks for his services.

TWENTY-NINTH SEASON.

MAY 29, 1843, TO MAY 27, 1844.

The same page of the records which contains the vote of thanks to the retiring president, contains a second vote, thanking Mr. Jonas Chickering "for his generous loan of a pianoforte during the past season, and for his many acts of liberality to the institution." If the gratitude thus expressed was founded on a lively sense of favors to come from the same quarter, no feeling of the sort was ever more fully justified by the result, for the vote of 1843 has been substantially passed, with a change of Christian name, at every subsequent annual meeting up to the last held in May, 1886. The subject of the original vote has long ago gone to his honored rest, but his example has been followed by his sons, to one of whom, Mr. George Chickering, its present vice-president, the Society continues to be indebted for the annual loan of a grand piano at its weekly rehearsals. Standing so high in the esteem of the members of the Society as Mr. Jonas Chickering did, it is not surprising that they chose him for their president at the annual meeting held on the 29th of May.¹ He had been a member of the board of trustees in 1831,

¹ The other chief officers elected were: J. Q. Wetherbee, vice-president, replaced in October by B. F. Baker; A. O. Bigelow, secretary; M. S. Parker, treasurer; J. F. Payson and S. Moody, librarians.

1832, 1833, and vice-president in 1835 and 1837, so that he was thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the Society, which was now, as we know, in special need of such wise guidance and counsel as it had every reason to expect from him as chief officer.¹ The secretary's report, which was read on the evening of his election, suggests several extreme measures calculated to free the Society from debt, such as dropping the orchestra altogether, or reducing it to a string quartette, limiting the performance "of gems like the Messiah and the Creation" to extraordinary occasions, inasmuch as in his opinion "the community has a positive disrelish for orchestral sounds when administered in large doses," and giving only miscellaneous programmes, "which," he sarcastically suggests, "approach nearer to the understanding of those who are paying auditors."

None of these propositions was adopted. On Nov. 16, the trustees, at the suggestion of the president, discussed the bold policy of giving a series of oratorios on a much more magnificent scale than hitherto, "for the purpose of re-establishing the reputation of the Society, it being very evident that its performances have during the last two or three years been of a less high order than before." With this intent, the president and orchestral committee were empowered to engage the orchestra of the Academy of Music for twelve successive Sunday evenings, if it can be done for \$50 per night; and when, on the 24th, the committee reported that this was impossible, they were authorized to engage as good an orchestra as could be obtained for the sum specified, with Leopold Hering, a remarkable violinist who had lately taken up his residence in Boston. Admitting that he had little knowledge of oratorio music at the time of his appointment, as has been said,² and that Hayter had considerable trouble in teaching him how to play Handel's music, he was from the first a valuable

¹ The following biographical details are taken from the *Metronome*, for April, 1873, p. 4. Jonas Chickering, son of a blacksmith at New Ipswich, N. H., was born in April, 1797. At the age of seventeen, he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker for three years. The next year he showed his ingenuity by skilfully repairing the one pianoforte in the town belonging to Mr. S. Batchelder. His love of music induced him to learn to play on the clarinet. In 1818, Feb. 15, he came to Boston, worked for some time at his trade, and then found employment in Mr. Osborne's pianoforte factory, the only one in Boston, until Feb. 15, 1823, when he and a Mr. Stewart entered into partnership as pianoforte manufacturers under the firm name of Stewart & Chickering. On its dissolution in 1826, Mr. Chickering carried on the business single-handed, and gained no little reputation as a maker of pianos. On Feb. 13, 1830, he formed a partnership with Mr. Mackay, which lasted for ten years, and carried on business at No. 334 Washington Street, afterwards on Franklin Square. Mr. Chickering occupied the Music Temple, where he fitted up a room for chamber concerts. Died Dec. 8, 1853.

² *Metronome*, October, 1873.

addition to the orchestra, which he strengthened and steadied with his violin. We can well believe that the president, when conducting the intricate passages of an oratorio, found it convenient to lean upon so skilful a leader as the new incumbent.

The first concert of the season on June 18, when selections were sung by members of the Society, was made socially notable by the presence of the President of the United States; while the second, on Sept. 24, had a musical importance, as the *Stabat Mater* was then sung by the Seguin troupe, which had lately arrived from England to begin a long and successful series of operas and concerts in the principal cities of the Union. Though not vocalists of the first class, Mr. and Mrs. Seguin were conscientious and pleasing singers. The lady had a soprano voice of considerable compass, with some previous training as an oratorio singer; her husband, a deep bass, which so fascinated the ears of a tribe of Indians, to whom he sang in Canada, that they made him a chief, and gave him a name in their language signifying "the man with the deep mellow voice."¹ During the remainder of the season, the Society contented itself with its own solo singers, giving three performances of the Creation on Oct. 29, Dec. 3 and 10, and two of the Messiah, on the 27th and 31st. David was once more revived on Jan. 21, and repeated on the 27th, and on Feb. 4 and 11. Then followed Spohr's Last Judgment, on the 3d, the 10th, and the 17th of March, and the season closed with three performances of the *Stabat Mater*, on the 7th, 14th, and 21st of April.

THIRTIETH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1844, TO MAY 26, 1845.

The secretary's report at the annual meeting, which took place on the 27th of May, and at which the same chief officers were re-elected, is written in a gloomy tone, fully justified by circumstances. The debt of the Society amounted to \$2,018.13. The Melodeon had not been let for some time, and of the one hundred and seventy-eight members, not more than half had attended at rehearsals or concerts during the past season. To meet the debt, the secretary proposed a quarterly assessment of fifty cents, or an indirect assessment by the compulsory sale of a copy of Neukomm's Mt. Sinai to each member.

Fortunately better days were at hand, and the necessity of resort-

¹ He died in 1852, in New York, where his wife, who retired from the stage, taught music for many years.

ing to either measure was avoided by an unexpected turn of fortune's wheel. Meanwhile the members cheered their spirits by organizing an excursion to Horn Pond, where a complimentary dinner, attended by one hundred and six persons, was given to the ladies of the chorus on the 5th of August. They met again to sing the Creation on the 30th of September, at a concert which may be taken as marking the nadir of the Society's fortunes. These began to rise towards the zenith on the 20th of October, when the eminent English baritone singer, Henry Phillips,¹ the original *Saul* to Braham's *David*, made his first appearance in this country at a concert whose programme was made up of selections. In England he had made a great reputation for himself, both in opera and oratorio, and since 1825 had filled the position of first bass singer at the concerts of ancient music. His voice can have lost but little when he visited America,² as on his return home, after a year's absence, he with little difficulty regained his place as the leading English basso over such rivals as had meanwhile disputed it. During his first visit to Boston, he sang four times with the Society after his first appearance, namely, on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 in the Creation, on Nov. 10 in the Messiah, and on the 17th in a miscellaneous programme. Two other concerts of the same kind were given in December, the first on the 8th and the second on the 15th, with the assistance of Mme. Arnault, about whose powers as a singer I can find no record.

We now come to the happy moment when the mighty Samson did by his strength partially pull the Handel and Haydn Society out of the pit of debt into which it had fallen.

The great success of the oratorio was mainly due to Mr. Hayter, who suggested it to the Society, and did everything in his power to perfect its performance. This is duly acknowledged in the following inscription, engraved upon a silver pitcher and a pair of goblets, which were given to him after the thirteenth performance: "Presented by the Handel and Haydn Society, of Boston, to A. U. Hayter, in token of their estimation of his services as organist, and his assiduous exertions in bringing so successfully before the public

¹ Born in Bristol, Aug. 13, 1801; retired in 1863. Phillips sang for the last time in public, in May, 1871, at St. James's Hall. His name, associated imperishably with the classic days of ballad singing, was known only by report to many of the audience. (*Metronome*, p. 5.) He died in Dalston, Nov. 8, 1876.

² A musical critic of the time says: "We are among those who think that Phillips excels Braham in sweetness and purity of tone, in flexibility of voice, and in that power which gives true expression to the more tender emotions of the human heart." — *S. J.*, note; extract from *Mr. Stone's scrap-book*.

Handel's oratorio of Samson, May 20, 1845." After a few rehearsals of the oratorio late in 1844, it was laid aside until the new year, when it was again taken up, and finally brought out on the 26th of January, with Miss Stone, Miss Garcia, and Messrs. Baker, Marshall, Aikin, and Taylor as chief vocalists. A writer in the *Metronome* for September, 1873, states that Hayter taught the solo singers their respective parts. This arduous task, together with his professional engagements, occupied his whole time, and robbed him of needed rest and recreation. He also drilled the chorus until they could sing their parts almost faultlessly, supplied additional orchestral parts to Handel's meagre score, and on the evenings of the public concerts "played the organ in such a marked manner that it held the whole mass of singers and players together. The president did, indeed, stand up and wave his baton, but in point of fact everything depended upon Hayter, who conducted the oratorio from his organ bench."¹

In contemporary comments upon the performance of Samson, we find complaints of the accompaniments as "altogether too loud and boisterous for the solo parts," but the piercing tones of Bartlett's trumpet in the accompaniment to "Let the bright seraphim" are spoken of as more than rivalled by the magnificent voice of Miss Stone, elsewhere compared to "the shower of meteors which illumine our November nights." Much delay is said to have occurred between the recitatives, airs, and choruses, perhaps to afford the conductor an opportunity of changing his place from the piano to the organ, and also in the rising of the chorus. The most important error in the cast of Samson was the assignment of the part of his father Manoah, and announced by Micah as "the reverend sire, old Manoah," coming "with careful steps and locks as white as snow," to a handsome young man of eighteen or twenty, whose juvenile appearance destroyed all dramatic effect. The effect was almost ludicrous, when, at another moment, the youth sang, "Where is my son, Samson, proud Israel's boast? Infirm my age!" Despite all these drawbacks, the success of the oratorio was unequivocal. It was given thirteen times, for which the receipts were about three thousand dollars; and the season, in consequence of this unexpected turn in affairs, is spoken of by the secretary in his annual report as "the most successful ever known." At the ninth performance, on March 23, the part of

¹ A writer in the *Transcript* for 1842 speaks of the peculiar and admirable style in which Hayter played accompaniments, adapting himself to the singer without display, accompanying and not presiding at the piano and at the organ without a rival.

Samson was sung by Mr. Jones, an English vocalist of some celebrity, before "a house crowded to its utmost capacity;" and at the twelfth, on April 20, by Henry Phillips, under equally successful circumstances. The same distinguished singer took the part of Saul in Neukomm's David on the 13th and 19th of April.

One more piece of good fortune occurred in this season, namely, the renting of the Melodeon, on Feb. 13, to the Rev. Mr. Parks's society, for Sunday services, at \$1,200 a year.

THIRTY-FIRST SEASON.

MAY 26, 1845, TO MAY 26, 1846.

We may believe that members present at the annual meeting held on May 26, who listened to the report of a season spoken of by the secretary as "the most successful ever known," were cheerful and hopeful in spirit. With a profit of fully \$2,000 on the thirteen performances of Samson and a decidedly increased average of attendance at rehearsals and performances, there was ground for confidence in the future. It is true that the financial condition was not yet as sound as might have been desired, but it was sounder than it had been three months before, when, as stated at a meeting held on Feb. 11, the liabilities of the Society amounted to about \$5,500. As the treasurer had but \$1,518 on hand to meet them, a quarterly assessment of two dollars was voted, to be continued until the debt should be extinguished. On May 24, although the Melodeon had been refitted at an expense of \$4,000, the debt stood at \$3,500, and with the hope of reducing it still further by Samson's aid before the end of the year, the annual meeting broke up, after the same chief officers had been re-elected. The autumn campaign opened with Samson, which was sung three times in October, on the 10th, 19th, and 26th, and it would have been repeated on the 2d of November, had not the sudden death of Leopold Hering, of disease of the heart, on the day previous, caused a postponement. This event caused great regret, expressed in the resolutions adopted by the Society, commending this accomplished violinist as man and musician. At a general meeting held on Dec. 8, a motion to discontinue the assessment laid in February, prevailed, partly, perhaps, because it had been found difficult to collect it, and partly because it was thought possible to get along without it, in view of the approaching production of Moses in Egypt, which the Society counted on, and, as the event proved, justly, for a success second only to that of Samson. It was brought out in the English text on the

21st of December,¹ and after the Messiah had been sung on Christmas evening, was repeated on the 29th, by Miss Stone, Mrs. Franklin, and the English tenor, Mr. Jones, aided by solo singers from the ranks of the Society. "Miss S.," says a contemporary critic, "sang with great spirit." For good reading, time, intonation, and steadiness, she particularly commended herself to all good musicians. The presence of Sanguiso with Signora Basili, his prima donna, and the other members of his Italian troupe, is said to have given "fresh impulse and animation to the singers," who, at this and at the seven subsequent repetitions of the oratorio during the next three months, were greatly applauded for their efforts. These repetitions took place on Jan. 18 and 25, Feb. 1, 8, and 22, and on March 1 and 8. After Samson had been twice performed on the 22d and 29th of the same month, Moses again continued his triumphant progress on the 4th, 5th, and 12th of April. The receipts for the fourteen performances given during the season are stated in the treasurer's report, presented on May 22, to have been \$2,700; the balance against the Society, \$1,938.27. On April 14, Miss Stone was paid \$142.50 for her services, which, considering how great they had been during the season, seems but a meagre recompense.

THIRTY-SECOND SEASON.

MAY 26, 1846, TO MAY 31, 1847.

The annual meeting held May 26 resulted in the re-election of the same chief officers,² and the musical season opened on Oct. 11 with the Creation, which was repeated on the 18th. The subsequent performances of David on Nov. 8 and 15, and of Moses on Dec. 6, 13, 20, and 27, were attended by small audiences, and severely criticised in the newspapers as inferior to the general standard. The chorus had grown careless, and the public tired of hearing these familiar works interpreted by the same singers, while the orchestra no longer had the help of Hering, whose place was inadequately supplied by Herr Müller, the new leader. The appointment of a professional musician as conductor was suggested in the board as most desirable, but this needed step was not taken until the following year, as the

¹ "Its production in English not attempted in any other part of America, nor even in England."—*S. J.*

² The treasurer reported the debt of the Society to be \$1,938.27. The receipts from ten performances of Moses during the season, amounted to about \$2,700.

president considered it inexpedient. Between New Year's day and the close of the season ten concerts were given, at which Moses was performed six times and Samson four, with but mediocre results.

THIRTY-THIRD SEASON.

MAY 31, 1847, TO MAY 29, 1848.

With the exception of the secretary, Mr. A. O. Bigelow, who was succeeded by Mr. Joseph G. Oakes, the same chief officers were re-elected at the annual meeting on May 31. The report of the secretary speaks of the large number of members who had absented themselves altogether from rehearsals during the past season; of the want of proper rehearsals, which had caused the poorness of several performances to be severely commented upon by the press; and of a falling off of \$1,500 in the receipts of the season, as compared with those of that which preceded it. All these things gave the new board of trustees matter for reflection, and it resulted in the taking of two important steps, namely, the bringing out of a new oratorio, *Judas Maccabæus*; and the appointment of a conductor, with a salary of \$300. The gentleman selected for this important office, never before formally filled, was Mr. Charles E. Horn, an English musician and composer long known to the Society, which had assisted him at his first concert in Boston in January, 1828, and had sung his oratorio, "*The Remission of Sin*," in 1837 and 1838. With such a musician at the conductor's desk, and Mr. Hayter at the organ, great progress was to be looked for in the style of performance, and we are not surprised to be told that when, after twelve careful rehearsals, *Judas Maccabæus* was brought out on Dec. 5, the chorus showed the effect of "careful training in promptitude and decision of attack, and solid, unwavering execution." At the third performance on the 19th, the tenors were found fault with for want of precision in attack, and Mrs. Franklin for continually singing below pitch. "See, the conquering hero," says a critic, "suggested *Bombastes Furioso*, for the drum came in with such force as to bear down chorus and orchestra, both of which were out of tune." At the fourth performance on Dec. 26, Mrs. Franklin contrasted unfavorably with Miss Stone; Mr. Jones, the English tenor, sang flat; Mr. Thomas Ball,¹ bass, here first mentioned, lacked spirit and flexibility; and in the final chorus the orchestra made a bad slip, which passed unperceived, "thanks to the homeward

¹ Admitted to membership on March 3, 1847.

rush of the audience." "Despite these drawbacks," says the critic, by way of making up for his previous strictures, "the concert gave great satisfaction." However this may be, the oratorio did not attract sufficiently to pay its expenses; and after one more performance, on Jan. 2, it was laid aside for *Elijah*, which fortunately met with the heartiest approval and support. The first rehearsal of this great work,¹ second only to the *Messiah* in favor with the Boston public, took place on Jan. 16; and the first performance, after only six rehearsals, on Feb. 13, with a chorus and orchestra of nearly two hundred performers. The solo singers were: Thomas Ball, *Elijah*; — Jones, *Obadiah*; E. Taylor, *Ahab*; Miss Stone, *the Queen*; Miss —, *the Widow*; Miss Emmons, *the Angel*.

According to the newspapers, the hall was crowded, and the applause, not customary on Sunday night, was hardly restrainable. Such success, says the *Chromatype*, was never before known to attend a first performance. In the trio "Lift thine eyes," Miss Stone's voice was too prominent, but in the declamatory airs, "Hear ye, Israel," "Thus saith the Lord," "its unequalled brilliancy told with wonderful power." Mr. Ball, who made his *début*, sang with feeling, power, and dignity; but in "Is not His word" he wanted fire; "in a word, his musical boots were a little tight." After this brilliant beginning, *Elijah* continued its triumphant course until April 9, when it was sung for the ninth and last time during the season. Within the following week the Society took part in the funeral services held (April 15) in honor of John Quincy Adams at Faneuil Hall, by singing a chant, "Blessed is the man," a hymn to the tune Savannah,

"Oh, what is man, great maker of mankind,
That thou to him so great respect dost bear!"

and an air and chorus from the *Messiah*. Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. A. Bartol, and a eulogy delivered by the Hon. Edward Everett.

At the two last concerts of the season, on May 6 and 14, the *Stabat Mater* was sung by Misses Stone and Emmons, Sig. Perelli, Sig. Novello, and Signora Biscaccianti, daughter of the well-known violinist, Louis Ostinelli, whose name, with that of his wife, who was for ten years organist to the Society, has been so often mentioned in these pages. Miss Eliza Ostinelli, born in Boston in 1827, went abroad in 1843 to perfect her musical education, under Madame Pasta, Vaccai, Nani, and Lamberti.² In 1847 she married Signor Biscaccianti at

¹ Originally sung at Birmingham, under Mendelssohn's direction, on Aug. 16, 1846.

² Moore.

Milan, made her *début* in Verdi's *Ernani*, and soon after returned to America, with the reputation of an accomplished singer. With her fine soprano voice, which had a compass of two octaves and a half, and effective presence, she became an established favorite from the date of her first appearance in Boston at the concerts of the Handel and Haydn Society in May, 1848.¹

THIRTY-FOURTH SEASON.

MAY 29, 1848, TO MAY 28, 1849.

No change was made in the list of chief officers nominated for election at the annual meeting on May 29, at which time the whole number of members was two hundred and thirty-three. The secretary complained in his report of the scant attendance at the Society's monthly meetings, three of which had adjourned for want of a quorum during the past season. He reported the death of the Ex-President Samuel Richardson, and spoke with great satisfaction of Mr. Horn, who, on June 10, was re-elected conductor, with a salary of \$400.

On July 25, by order of the trustees, members who had not paid assessment dues, were notified that, unless they did so on or before Sept. 1, they would forfeit their membership.

The concert programmes, from October to January, present three new names of solo singers, with which all are familiar; namely, those of August Kreissmann, tenor, who sang with Mr. Ball and Miss Stone, in *Moses*, on Oct. 29; John Liphett Hatton, tenor; and Mme. Anna Bishop, soprano, who appeared with Miss Stone, Messrs. Ball, Provost, and Millard, in the two performances of the *Messiah* given on Dec. 24 and 31.

Mr. Kreissmann, president of the Orpheus Society, and long a successful singing teacher in Boston, was a familiar figure in its musical circles, until illness, of which he died in Germany, obliged him to retire from active life. His pleasing voice, excellent style, and sympathetic delivery made his singing of German *lieder*; of Beethoven's *Adelaide*, and songs of its class, most acceptable; his kind and gentle disposition endeared him to his friends; and his

¹After separating from her husband in California, Biscaccianti returned to Europe, and established herself as a music teacher in Florence. Several years ago her friends in America, hearing that she was in need of pecuniary help, raised a subscription for her, and seven or eight hundred dollars were contributed towards it in Boston.

excellent musical training enabled him to do very excellent and efficient work in his profession. Mr. Hatton,¹ an accomplished English musician, bred in the traditions of the old school, was a facile composer of ballads, glees, and part songs, and is remembered as such rather than as a vocalist, though his fine style and good voice management enabled him to produce an excellent effect in the concert-room. Of Mme. Anna Bishop, the third new singer who assisted the Society in December, 1848, we have been able to obtain but scant information. In England, her highly cultivated soprano voice gained her a position second only to that of Clara Novello as a concert singer, and as, unlike that celebrated artist, she travelled extensively, not only in the United States, but in Mexico and Australia, her name became far more widely known. Notices of her visit to Boston eleven years after her first appearance speak of "her classic features, her bewitching eyes and mouth, of her voice, which still retained its peculiar purity,² and of that clear, crisp enunciation and breadth of style characteristic of the best English vocalists, which marked her delivery of recitative."³ This is referred to by another critic,⁴ who says "her correct English style of delivery in recitative is highly to be commended. Her voice is a full-toned soprano, of a rich, melodious quality, and under the best possible control of a mind that understands and is capable of appreciating the great works of the immortal Handel."

Madame Bishop sang again for the Society with Mr. Hatton on Jan. 7 in a miscellaneous concert, and then probably left Boston, for at the next, on the 28th, the *Stabat Mater* was sung by Biscaccianti, Perelli, and Rosi. Mr. Hatton re-appeared in *Elijah* on the 11th and 18th of February, and perhaps sang in the final concert of the season on the 18th of March.

THIRTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 28, 1849, TO MAY 27, 1850.

At the annual meeting on the 28th of May, the same chief officers were re-elected. two of them, the president and vice-president, for the last time. The season had not been remunerative, partly, in the opinion of the secretary, on account of bad weather on many concert

¹ Born in 1809; chiefly self-taught; wrote several operas and musical *entr'actes* for tragedians, which were brought out at the Princess's Theatre, when he was music director under Charles Kean. His sacred drama of Hezekiah was brought out at the Crystal Palace in 1877.

² *Boston Journal*, 1859.

³ *Boston Post*, 1859.

⁴ *Daily Evening Traveller*.

nights, and partly because an unusual number of concerts had been given during the winter. On the 21st of October the Society met with a serious loss, by the death of its conductor, Mr. Charles E. Horn, whose place was not professionally filled until 1851, when Mr. J. E. Goodson received the appointment. The death of Mr. Horn was particularly unfortunate at the time, as the Society was about to bring out Donizetti's *Martyrs*, originally sung in Paris as an opera in 1840. It was performed in Boston for the first time on Dec. 16, with the following cast: Miss Fanny Frazer, *Paulina*; Mr. F. Howard, *Polyeucte*; Mr. J. L. Hatton, *Severus*; Mr. Thomas Ball, *Felix*; Mr. D. A. Granger, *Calixtus*.

Despite the musical weakness of the work, which even as an opera occupies an inferior place in the list of its author's compositions for the stage, the *Martyrs* achieved a success so decided on the first night of performance that it was repeated six times before the end of January to full houses. Saroni,¹ who attended the fourth performance, speaks of Miss Frazer as a great acquisition. He commends her pleasing voice and her decidedly impressive manner of singing sentimental passages. He has also a good word for Mr. Ball, "who sings with taste and discretion," and for Mr. Granger, the basso; but about Mr. Howard and Mr. Hatton he is silent. The choruses, he says, were for the most part well sung, though not exempt from deficiencies and inaccuracies in time, and the orchestra pretty good, when not so overpoweringly loud as to mar the effect of solo passages. *Samson* was to have followed the *Martyrs*, but, after several rehearsals, it was laid aside, on account of the lateness of the season, which closed with two performances of the *Stabat Mater*, on April 7 and 21, by Max Maretzek's Italian troupe, under his direction. As the singers were Bertucca, Patti, Perrini, Guidi, and Novelli, it goes without saying that the audiences were large and enthusiastic.

THIRTY-SIXTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1850, TO MAY 26, 1851.

Before the annual meeting, Mr. Chickering had written to decline a renomination, on account of his increased business occupations. His decision, which caused much regret, gave the board an opportunity of expressing their "deep sense of obligation to him for the zeal and intelligence with which he has discharged the very responsible duties

¹ *Musical Times*, Vol. I., p. 181.

of his office." These words were a preamble to the following resolution, passed at the annual meeting:—

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this board be presented to Jonas Chickering, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Society and of the board of trustees; also for his liberality in permitting the Society and the board to hold their numerous meetings at his extensive warerooms during the past seven years of his administration."

The election which followed resulted in the choice of Charles C. Perkins as president, and Abraham O. Bigelow as vice-president, with Messrs. Oakes and Parker as secretary and treasurer. Never having belonged to the Society, I was elected a member before my election as its chief officer, and on June 4 took the chair at a meeting of the trustees, with what the secretary was pleased to record as "very appropriate remarks, and thanks for the honor bestowed." At this meeting a committee was appointed to consider and report upon a plan of proceeding calculated to advance the interests of the Society, including the selection of oratorios to be performed; an arrangement for the sale of tickets which would, as far as possible, preclude loss; rules for securing regular attendance at rehearsals, and the engagement of competent solo singers.

The report of the committee on Aug. 4, advised that two oratorios should be given at six concerts; that one thousand tickets should be sold by subscription through the efforts of the members; that free passes should be dispensed with; and that any member who had failed to attend the three rehearsals held before each concert should not be allowed to sing or enter the hall without having purchased a ticket. These recommendations were adopted, and two oratorios, the Creation and the Elijah, were selected for performance. But to give them, it was absolutely necessary to find that *rara avis*, a competent tenor singer, and this proved to be a matter of no small difficulty. The first selected was a Scotch ballad singer, Mr. Dempster, who proved himself so incompetent at a rehearsal of the Creation on Dec. 1, that the president was requested to advise him to withdraw, rather than run the risk of injuring his reputation by attempting to sing music completely foreign to his style. This delicate mission having been performed with the desired result, Sig. Guidi, an Italian tenor belonging to Max Maretzek's troupe, was tried with success on Dec. 13, and he was engaged for three performances of the Creation, which took place on Dec. 22, 29, and Jan. 3, Misses Stone and Garcia, and Mr. Ball, singing the other solo parts. Rehearsals of Elijah began on Nov. 10, and it was sung in public on March 2, 9, and 16, by the

Misses Stone, Emmons, and Lothrop, Mrs. Fowle, Mrs. Hill, and Messrs Thomas Ball, Guidi, Webb, Clark, and Bothamly.

The season closed with two performances of the Creation on April 6, with Sig Guidi, and April 27, with Mr. Arthurson, an English tenor who took his place. All these concerts were well attended, and warmly praised by the newspaper critics.

The success of the *Elijah* was due in so great measure to Mr. Ball, that the Society moved to give him a solid proof of their appreciation of his services. Accordingly, on April 28, the secretary sent him a letter saying that —

“As for the first time in many years the concerts have been sustained by the public, the government wishes to express its feelings of gratitude to those who have assisted gratuitously at them; and ‘in view of Mr. Ball’s past services, and the able way in which he has sung *Elijah*, beg to offer him a testimonial of a purse containing one hundred dollars in gold,’ and a watch inscribed ‘A tribute to the vocal merits of Thomas Ball, from the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston, April, 1851.’ With best wishes for your health and prosperity, and our hopes that your purse, like the widow’s cruse of oil, may fail not till Time in his course around the dial of your watch shall find you, like the *Elijah* of old, ready to die, we remain,” etc.

To this letter Mr. Ball replied on the 30th, saying that he shall always look upon the watch with pride and pleasure, — “pride that I have been called upon to take so conspicuous a part in the concerts of so great a Society, and pleasure in possessing such a proof that my efforts, however unsuccessful, have been approved.”

At the close of this successful season ¹ I addressed a letter to the board, declining the honor of a renomination on account of my intention to pass several years in Europe, and a few days later received a highly gratifying answer, containing a copy of resolutions passed by the government, and signed by the vice-president and secretary. These expressed “regret for my departure, thanks for untiring efforts, close attention to the interests of the Society, and uniform courtesy,” and tendered “warm wishes for my welfare and success.” Thus terminated my first short connection with the Society, which, after the lapse of twenty-five years, was destined to be more enduringly renewed.

I shall conclude this chapter with a letter addressed to “Messrs. Handell and Hayden, Musicians, Boston, Mass.,” which I received during my year of office, and have carefully preserved as a literary curiosity.

¹ Receipts, \$6,359.43; expenses, \$5,218.49.

CLARKSBURG, VA., July 27, 1850.

MESSRS. HANDELL AND HAYDEN

Gentlemen. Hearing from a gentleman lately from Boston, that you were the instructors of a musical society in that place, I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines for the purpose of obtaining some information regarding your Society, and you will please excuse the liberty I have taken, as I am an entire stranger to you. I wish to know the terms upon which you take scholars for instruction, and whether you take any for their services, who have not the means to pay for their tuition. I have thought lately of cultivating my taste for music, which I think is very good, or at least tolerably good. The first time I attempted, I could play a tune on the violin, and in three or four days I could play most any tune I knew except some difficult waltzes or reels. I can play on the flute as well, or very nearly as well, as our best performers, and some of them have been to our fashionable watering-places playing. Besides playing on several bass instruments, on the accordion and the piano, but I never tried the piano but once, and I played a tune on it then. I can play some ten or twelve instruments all together. Please let me hear from you soon, and if your terms suit, I can give you most any number of certificates of my musical talents. Awaiting your answer, I remain yours faithfully.

Then follows the signature, here suppressed for obvious reasons.

PREFACE TO VOL. I. — NO. 3.

So far had this History of the Handel and Haydn Society progressed, under the able hands of its late lamented president, CHARLES CALLAHAN PERKINS, when, through a fatal accident,¹ he was so suddenly summoned from a useful, beautiful, and happy life to, doubtless, higher fields of usefulness, for which his cheerful, unremitting, and unselfish labors here had been a constant education.

As one of his friends and fellow-laborers for many years in the musical vineyard of our dear native Boston, and as one who, unprofessionally, has had a pretty intimate acquaintance with our musical development for half a century, especially during the period of the *Journal of Music*, which bore my name for nearly thirty years (April, 1852, to September, 1881), I am requested by the Society to continue these annals from the point where he left off. With no great assurance of my own worthiness to follow in his footsteps, I fear it would trouble my conscience were I to decline the task. So, trusting to indulgence, I will do what in me lies to carry on the record a few stages further.

JOHN S. DWIGHT.

BOSTON, April, 1887.

¹ From the very interesting memoir of Mr. Perkins by his friend and kinsman, Samuel Eliot, LL. D. (reprinted from the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society), I take the following paragraph: —

“In the latter part of August, 1886, he went to Windsor, Vt., to make a visit at his son’s summer home. Two grandchildren were there to welcome him, and with them and their parents a few serene and happy days sped by. On the afternoon of Aug. 25, he went to drive with two companions, one of them a young lady, who afterwards spoke of his enthusiasm at the beauty of the country and of his conversation on many lovely things. Something about the harness gave way, control of the horses was lost, and the carriage was swept on as to destruction. The young lady relates that the last thing she remembers of him was the smile he gave her, as if to save her from alarm. Then the crash came; he was thrown and instantly killed.”

CHAPTER IV.

THIRTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

MAY 26, 1851, TO MAY 31, 1852.

WE resume the history at a comparatively feeble, uneventful period, just upon the eve of the completion of the Boston Music Hall, through which and other stimulating influences the old Society was soon to feel new life, and gain expansion. Its members and supporters regretted the absence, in Europe, of its late president, Mr. Perkins, from whose zealous devotion, sincere, enlightened, practical, so much was to be hoped. But they knew that even from the Old World his eye was on them, and he watched their progress, looking about him for what good means might fall in his way for furthering it. Meanwhile, the Society did not despair, but looked around among its foremost for the man to take his place. The annual meeting (May 26) resulted in the election of Abraham O. Bigelow for president, with J. S. Farlow for vice-president; and for treasurer and secretary, Messrs. M. S. Parker and J. G. Oakes, as before.

Mr. Bigelow, long known as the senior member of the prominent firm of Bigelow Brothers & Kennard, jewellers, was born at Westminster, Aug. 2, 1812, and died (as it were, but yesterday) on the 29th of April, 1887, at the ripe age of seventy-five, at Jamaica Plain, where he had long resided with his family. He was well known and held in high esteem. He had served the city for two years as alderman a quarter of a century ago, and was sent to the State Legislature for two successive years. Like his brothers, he had a real love for music, and from the time of his short presidency to his death was always interested in the work and success of the Handel and Haydn Society. For several years he had been president of the Massachusetts National Bank. He is truly described as "a man of warm affections and deep sympathy, and any work tending to the benefit of the city or the people of Boston always had his cordial support and co-operation."

On June 24, a letter, accompanying a service of plate, was sent to the secretary, J. G. Oakes, in thankful recognition of his services for four years past, to which Mr. Oakes replied with "deep gratitude" a few days later.

President Bigelow did not essay to wield the baton *in propria persona*; but, Aug. 15, Mr. J. E. Goodson, an accomplished English musician and organist, — one of the first, within our recollection, who played fugues of Bach here, in Tremont Temple, — a thinking man, too, with mind much occupied in philosophical and social questions, was appointed conductor. We have the impression that he stayed not longer than a year or two in Boston, and then sought his fortune in the West; but we have quite lost sight of him. At the same time, Mr. George F. Hayter, son of A. U. Hayter, was appointed organist.

Early in October, five hundred and ninety-five subscribers were reported for a series of six concerts, at the good, old, popular price, be it remembered, of fifty cents per concert! But it was a period of depression and of small things for the remainder of the year. After a noble beginning with the *Elijah*, in March, the too sleepy public required more “realistic” stimulus, and the old year went out with a return to Neukomm’s *David*, which was given Dec. 14, 21, and 28. The heavy giant’s forehead was still impressible to the sharp stone from the young shepherd’s sling. Saroni (*Musical Times*, Jan. 3, 1852) thinks “they might have spent their time on something worthier than this *threadbare* product of the Chevalier N., which, for the most part, possesses little intrinsic merit.” He hails good promise in the directorship of Goodson, though “he allows himself to be carried away by the powerful choruses, he following them, rather than they him.” “He has one requisite, *i. e.*, spirit and enthusiasm.” According to this writer, some of the choruses were sung very well; some, very badly; the principal fault being want of attention on the part of the singers. “In the final chorus it appeared to us that choir and orchestra vied with each other to see which could produce the greatest discord.”

For the three remaining concerts of the subscription series (Feb. 8, 15, and 22, 1852), *Samson* was selected, and vigorously rehearsed thirteen times, partly, we can imagine, as being in its subject somewhat kindred in dramatic interest to *David*, and popular on that ground, while in the higher musical sense contrasting with it as a work of pure Handelian gold. Counting from its performances by the Society in 1845, when it ran through sixteen Sunday evenings in succession, with a single interruption (and that *David!*), these were to be the twenty-third, twenty-fourth, and twenty-fifth renderings of *Samson*. Evidently, it was not a success financially, however it may have been from an artistic point of view, for, at a meeting held Feb. 24, it was decided not to repeat it, on account of the expense.

So the season was allowed to close with two presentations (March

25 and April 4) of a miscellaneous programme, more economical, inasmuch as the solos were gratuitously sung by members. On the first evening the audience numbered about twelve hundred, at the Melodeon. The first part consisted of selections from the *Creation*; the second was more miscellaneous. In that very month of April it was — if mention of the coincidence be pardonable — that the first attempt, both serious and persistent, at instructive musical journalism in Boston, *Dwight's Journal of Music*, always an ally of the Handel and Haydn Society, and at least an honest and a friendly commentator on its work, during the nearly thirty years of its continued publication, first made its modest bow to the friends of music in this country. In its second issue (April 17), the editor, who had not heard the *Creation* extracts, wrote: "But the second part displayed much laudable and not ineffectual ambition on the part of a number of our native amateurs and choristers. Miss Bothamly is a new germ of rare promise. . . . To a voice of liquid purity, large, penetrating, and of good soprano compass, she unites unmistakable assurances of soul and real talent. Her sister, Mrs. Emmons, too, possesses a large and generous contralto, which she blended with the more trained voice of the other, with true musical feeling and perception, in Rossini's 'Quis est homo.' Only by the best Italians have we heard their rendering of that duet surpassed." Praise is also given to "a very precise and delicately balanced piece of male quartet singing" of *The Chapel*, by Kreutzer.

About this time, in the illness of Mr. Oakes, Mr. J. L. Fairbanks was made secretary *pro tem*.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

MAY 31, 1852, TO MAY 30, 1853.

At the annual meeting, May 31, Messrs. Bigelow and Oakes having declined a re-election, the following choice of officers was made: —

SILAS P. MERRIAM	<i>President.</i>
JOHN DODD	<i>Vice-President.</i>
JOHN L. FAIRBANKS	<i>Secretary.</i>
MATTHEW S. PARKER	<i>Treasurer.</i>

The reports of treasurer and secretary were not altogether encouraging. The receipts of the past year were \$2,275.98; the expenses, \$2,930.32. The secretary reported nominally 200 members, of whom 80 had not appeared during the season. The average attendance at

rehearsals and concerts was only 68. "A faithful nucleus keeps the Society alive." But we may hope that better days are coming. Are we not soon to have a grand new music hall, with a Beethoven statue in it, and a great organ at a vast expense, to be the pride of all the land? And are we not to have a permanent conductorship, in a man of tact and presence and authority, wielding the baton to this day (1887), and who knows how much longer? And shall not the old Society expand and strengthen under new quickening influences and in a broader field, not limited to three oratorios of "Mr. Handell" and the one by "Mr. Hayden"?

The summer and autumn records offer only the following items: Aug. 19, resolutions were passed in honor of the late secretary, J. G. Oakes, who died July 2. Aug. 31, Mr. George James Webb was appointed conductor. Sept. 7, of three candidates for the place of organist (A. U. Hayter, G. F. Hayter, and F. F. Mueller), Mr. Mueller was elected. On the question of orchestra, it was proposed to engage the "Musical Fund" for three concerts, and the "Germania" for three. But the former would have "all, or none"; and it was voted to take the Germania; in which case Mr. Webb declines to conduct. The Germania, on being asked, refuse to retire from the field; and Mr. Webb's resignation is accepted (Nov. 10), after a few rehearsals of *Judas Maccabæus*.

In October, proposals were issued for six oratorio performances: three of Handel's *Judas*,* and three of *Engeddi*, the Anglicized rechristened (or un-christened) version of Beethoven's *Christ at the Mount of Olives*; all the music was retained, but transferred to an older subject, with other characters and words, except in such choruses and airs as might fit any sacred subject.

But meanwhile, in anticipation of the season's programme, an episode occurred which may in some sense be regarded as the starting-point of a new period in the Society's development. In November of this year the long-expected Boston Music Hall stood complete in all its grandeur and its beauty. Here was a hall, larger and finer than any in this country, or hardly any in the Old World, destined thenceforth to be the theatre of oratorio, as well as other noble music. Its architecture, internally, was noble and attractive, although externally the building stood far back of the two streets, Winter and Tremont, nearly concealed from view, while sheltered from street noises, and required no architectural adornment, — only plain, solid, fire-proof, well-proportioned walls. Its height from floor to ceiling was 60 feet, length 120 feet, and width 60 feet; in shape, a regular parallelogram, having on three sides two shallow balconies, though the

lower balcony opposite the stage was wide and capacious. It was beautifully lighted by jets of gas running round the cornice on all four sides far above the audience. It had seats for 2,700 people. It was owned in joint stock, largely held by a few munificent subscribers, among whom occur the well-known names of Upham, Apthorp, Perkins, Curtis, Chickering, and others, but also as widely as possible distributed in small shares among actual musicians and music-lovers of humbler means. This arrangement gave excellent assurance for some time that the costly structure would be kept sacred to its proper end and use, to art, and not become the foot-ball of stock-jobbing interests. Unfortunately for the future, in the rules of the corporation it was forgotten to require the general sanction for the transfer of individual shares; and cunning speculators, unobserved, soon began to pick them up, in the hope of acquiring, collectively or singly, a controlling interest, with power to divert the property from its original uses, which they had not much at heart. Only by the zealous intervention, more than once, of some wealthy and right-minded individual has the Music Hall thus far (1887) been saved.

The new hall was inaugurated on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 20, by a brilliant concert, in which all the leading musical societies of Boston eagerly took part, to wit: besides the Handel and Haydn, the Musical Education Society, the Musical Fund Orchestra, the Germania Serenade Band, and Kreissmann's Liedertafel, of German part-singers. And, by a lucky chance, just then two of the world's famous queens of song, each with her concert troupe, were singing to delighted crowds here in our city. Not Jenny Lind; that queen of all, with her commanding power, her genius and her magnetism, had taken her farewell, after being married to Otto Goldschmidt, in the house of Boston friends; and though the first thought of the new hall really sprang from a feeling of the lack here of any sufficient place for such a singer, her voice was never heard in it, nor with the old Society at all in oratorio. But, next to the Lind, we probably were never favored by two finer singing birds of passage than Mmes Soutag and Alboni. The latter was engaged at great expense to add special lustre to the inaugural concert. The great contralto sang on this occasion, strange to say, only soprano or mezzo-soprano arias, the same as in her own opening concert a few nights before, — such as “Casta Diva,” a canzone from *La Fille du Regiment*, “Non più mesta,” from *Cenerentola*, and in a trio from *Il Barbiere*, with Sig. Sangiovanui and Sig. Rovere. But her voice had great compass, as well as that rich, warm, generous, unctuous quality, which corresponded with her person; and her execution had such perfect ease and

finish, that in spite of characteristic *nonchalance*, she always roused enthusiasm. The two oratorio societies, united, sang "The Heavens are Telling" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*; the Handel and Haydn sang the "Hallelujah" from Beethoven's *Mount of Olives*; and the Musical Education Society the chorus, "Happy and Blest," from *St. Paul*; and the latter was the more fortunate effort of the two; for the younger chorus was ambitious, and took pains; while the parent society, so to speak, was not just then in perfect health and discipline. Its "Hallelujah" in the new hall was heard confusedly, imperfectly, while the delicate and lovely *St. Paul* chorus told with perfect distinctness in every corner of the hall, even its softest passages. The overtures to *Die Zauberflöte* and *Oberon*, which opened the two parts, were neither heard nor played well; the Andante of the Fifth Symphony was better. But miscellaneous occasional programmes, combination concerts of societies and artists co-operating only for the nonce, are seldom satisfactory. And then it was the first test of a great, brand-new hall. And the walls of a hall, like those of a violin, must ripen and grow musical by frequent and continuous response to musical vibrations; they must outgrow their crude condition, and become gradually attuned, acclimated to harmony. Besides, there were all manner of theoretic speculations and opinions, some *à priori*, some only of the moment, about the acoustics of the hall, to distract the ear and mind from listening to the music musically. The truest tones were heard the best. Every note of the Alboni (who had her own conductor) "found all that space obedient and responsive to its true vibrations." Mr. G. J. Webb was the conductor-in-chief.

This dedication of the hall was supplemented the next evening (Sunday) by a concert given jointly by the Handel and Haydn Society and the other bright star, named above, the ladylike, refined, accomplished Henrietta Sontag, one of the purest and most finished of soprano singers, no longer in her prime, but one in whom a rare perfection of art and faultless taste went far to make up for the loss of virgin freshness in a voice once so exquisite. Rossini's *Stabat Mater* was never before heard to such advantage in our city. The solos were sung by Mme. Sontag, Mlle. Caroline Lehmann, and Sigs. Badiali, Pozzolini, and Rocco; our own Society supplied the chorus; the Germania, largely augmented, the orchestra; Carl Eckert (of the Sontag troupe) conducted admirably; and Carl Bergmann led the violins. Mme. Sontag was at her best; her finest *floriture* and her *pianissimo* were heard distinctly in the farthest parts of the hall. She also sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth," so the record

saith, "as so consummate an artist could not help singing it, but with no peculiar loftiness or genuine fervor of expression; that song was not inspired with her." The choruses were "unimpeachable," and though there were fewer instruments than on the night before, this time there was no complaint of their not sounding well.

This episode well past, with the new Music Hall completed, tested, and approved, and with its ample theatre secured as field for oratorio practice and performance, the old Society resumed its steady course with a fresh, buoyant spirit and hopeful signs of progress. The next step was to appoint Carl Bergmann conductor *pro tem*. Mr. Bergmann, who first joined the Germanians as a trombone player, was also a violoncellist of rare skill and taste, at home in all the finest classical chamber music. He was a sterling musician, in the best sense, and was soon called to the headship of that choice little orchestra, where he proved himself "a conductor of the true stamp; one who not only feels and understands the music, but who, by a sort of natural eloquence of look and gesture, expresses the force of each musical idea as it is coming, keeps *before* the music, visibly anticipating each effect, possessing all his men with the same feeling in safe season for the attack." Such a conductor, with his model orchestra, which, though small, could be filled out according to requirement, was a real gain, as the rehearsals of the winter's programme showed.

Leaving the Christmas performance of *The Messiah* to another society, this time, as for one or two years before, the Handel and Haydn proceeded to give the three promised performances of *Judas Maccabæus*, on Dec. 19 and 26 and Jan. 2. The chorus was larger than ever before, — two hundred and fifty voices. The solos were by Anna Stone, brilliant in "From mighty Kings"; Mrs. Emma A. Wentworth, whose sweet, *petite*, fine, clean birdlike notes penetrated every hearer in "Pious Orgies"; Mrs. T. H. Emmons, and Messrs. Frost, tenor, Hamilton, Low, etc. Mueller was organist; but through most of this period the organ was so out of order that the pianoforte did duty for it. The spacious auditorium was completely filled. The three performances were, on the whole, thought unsurpassed by any former triumph of the old Society, — especially the chorus singing and the orchestral accompaniment.

On Feb. 5, 1853, the Germania Society, under Bergmann's direction, gave to Boston its first hearing of the great Ninth or Choral Symphony of Beethoven. The Handel and Haydn Society sang in the last or choral portion of the work, to words from Schiller's "Hymn to Joy," a most arduous undertaking, in which no singers can succeed except by sheer enthusiasm, which lifts them, for the

time, above themselves. The quartet of soli, commonly deemed impossible by any but the most exceptional voices, was fairly represented by Miss Stone, Miss Humphrey, Mr. Low, and Mr. Thomas Ball. The assembly was immense, — larger than could find seats; and though there was a very great variety of opinions regarding the charm and value of a work so difficult to understand without repeated hearings, yet by the more appreciative it was heard with wonder and delight; and the performance, even on so small a scale orchestrally, was pronounced a great success, — so great that it had to be repeated April 2. The concert had a frontispiece consisting of the *Zauberflöte* overture, a concerto of Viotti, by the “little Camilla Urso,” and the second piano concerto of Mendelssohn, played by Alfred Jaell.

On the next evening, Feb. 6, came the first performance of *Engedi*, with Bergmann for conductor, and the Germanians for orchestra; for soloists, Miss Stone, Mrs. Wentworth, Mr. S. B. Ball, and Mr. B. F. Baker. The oratorio was preceded by a short first part, which included Mehl’s overture to *Joseph*, and selections from *Elijah*. The choruses exhibited the fruits of thorough drill under Herr Bergmann, one editor exclaiming, “What a godsend to us is this man!” The solo singers received favorable mention, the ladies high praise. The distant chorus of approaching soldiers (not Romans!), and that expressing the fear of the surrounded party (not Christians!), were made graphic and impressive, and the closing Hallelujah was sublime. It was a night of drenching rain, and the receipts were only \$125.50 at the old fifty-cent price, remember. Besides, how could *David in the Wilderness* be half as interesting and impressive, or how could Beethoven’s music, in such forced connection, sound as well as it would wedded to his own chosen subject, *Christ at the Mount of Olives*? Verily, the Anglican ecclesiasticism is not so human, not so large and catholic as music! *Engedi* — if we must take it in that form — was repeated Feb. 13, with selections from *Judas* and the *Creation*; and Feb. 20, with some from the *Messiah*; and again in an extra concert on the 27th. On March 6, *Judas* was given once more to the delight of a great audience; the organ, now rehabilitated, contributed not a little to the effect, under the skilful hands (and feet) of Mr. Mneller.

On the 17th “a social levee” was held at Union Hall, to “celebrate the victory” of an uncommonly successful season. April 3, the *Creation* was given, with Anna Stone, Mrs. Wentworth, and Messrs. S. B. Ball, J. H. Low, and Thomas Ball. Audience immense. April 24 and May 1, the Sontag company gave the *Stabat Mater* again, preceded by miscellaneous selections. The Sontag orchestra

was "not so congenial" to the chorus singers as their now accustomed Germania; and all agreed that these renderings were not very felicitous.

THIRTY-NINTH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1853, TO MAY 29, 1854.

At the annual meeting, May 30, the principal officers were re-elected. In a long report the secretary tells of the lease of the Music Hall for five years, for such evenings as the Society might require during its active season, at a rent of \$50 for each Sunday-evening concert, and \$15 for each use of the lower, or Bumstead Hall, for rehearsal. He spoke highly of the services of F. F. Mueller as organist. Twenty-nine meetings of the Board of Trustees had been held. The season was financially and otherwise successful. Income exceeded outlay by \$1,448.58; deducting rent of halls (\$780), there was a net cash balance of \$668.58.

The summer passed with nothing to record except the presentation, July 5, of a silver service to the indefatigable secretary, J. L. Fairbanks, and a merry excursion down the harbor to Hingham, — indications that the happy, social spirit, resulting from a successful concert season, had not yet wholly effervesced, — until Nov. 19, when six subscription concerts were announced, at popular prices: for the series, \$2.00, for the single evening, fifty cents. *Samson* and *Moses in Egypt* were to divide the course equally. The Germania to be the orchestra; with Bergmann for conductor, and Mueller at the organ. On the 27th, *Samson* was performed with, for solo artists, Miss Stone, Mrs. Wentworth and Messrs. Low, H. M. Aiken, T. Ball, and B. Wheat. Again the Handel and Haydn waived the performance of the *Messiah* at Christmastide. But it was given twice: on Christmas eve, by the Musical Education Society, with Bergmann for conductor, and with Anna Stone and Miss Doane, soprani, Miss Agnes Stone, contralto, Mr. Arthurson, tenor, and Mr. Aiken, bass; and on the evening of Christmas, by the newly formed Mendelssohn Choral Society, for its *début*, also under the baton of Carl Bergmann, and also with Anna Stone, besides Mrs. Wentworth, Miss Humphrey, Mr. S. B. Ball, and for a powerful basso, Herr F. Meyer. We mention these particulars to show how dependent on the same solo talent and the same conductorship the three choral societies of that day were. On Dec. 4, Mme. Sontag having been persuaded to give the first of her farewell series of concerts with the Handel and Haydn Society, selections were sung from the *Messiah*, *Samson*, *Judas*, and Rossini's *Stabat*, with a

brilliant success. Furthermore, Dec. 11, the same factors were combined in a performance of the *Creation*.

But meanwhile a shadow of great mourning came over our old Society, — as in fact over the whole community. On the 9th of December was announced the death of JONAS CHICKERING!¹ No personal loss could have been more deeply felt. An ardent and most useful member of the Society almost from its beginning, and at one time its president, he was endeared to all its members by his generous and gentle traits of character; his practical good judgment, energy, and uprightness;² his proverbial charity and kindliness, and his unceasing benefactions, not only toward the choral society which he loved, but to all deserving musical enterprises and musicians. Prosperity only set in a clearer light that native simplicity and modesty, which went with real dignity in him. It was truly said of him, “He was a representative man; the words friend, neighbor, fellow-citizen, *meant more* to us when we met his face and took his hand.”³

The old Society was prompt to meet and pass resolutions expressive of the general feeling, one of which “requests the privilege of paying some tribute to his memory at his funeral.” We read: —

‘The funeral *cortege* was very large, consisting, besides the immediate family and friends of the deceased, of the members of the Handel and Haydn and Musical Education Societies, the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, several Masonic bodies, the workmen of his factory to the number of some two hundred, and other bodies of pianoforte manufacturers and their employés. These, with nearly all the resident musical professors

¹ See pages 68, 133-4 of this vol.

² Which suggested the playful toast once offered to his health: “Jonas Chickering, like his own pianos, grand, upright, and square!”

³ In the preceding September, at a dinner of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, of which Mr. Chickering was then the president (shortly after the destruction of his pianoforte warerooms by fire), the following tribute was received from the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop: —

“I had intended to avail myself of the opportunity to propose the health of my valued friend, your president. May I ask you to do this in my name, if it has not previously been done by somebody else?”

“I have met Mr. Chickering in more than one association, civil, political, and religious. I may almost say, in the well-remembered words of Shakespeare, “I have sounded him from the lowest note to the very top of his compass”; and I can truly add, that I have always found him in perfect chord, and tuned to concert pitch. He makes perfect harmony wherever he goes.

“The sympathies of the whole community were with him, when the devoting element arrested his business for a moment, and we all rejoice that he has re-established himself so speedily and so successfully.

“I would offer as a sentiment—

“‘JONAS CHICKERING, who fulfils the whole idea of a President of a *Mechanic Charitable Association*. He has been tried in the fire, and has come out pure metal.’”

and principal amateurs, and many of our most distinguished citizens, occupied the body of the church. There were crowds who could not find entrance. The solemnities consisted of the Episcopal service read by Bishop Eastburn and assistant, and of solemn music by the organist and choir of the church. The societies above named escorted the procession to Cambridge bridge, where carriages were provided for the many who wished to follow his remains to their last resting-place at Mount Auburn."—*Journal of Music*, Dec. 17.

Handel's very dramatic oratorio, *Samson*,—full of deep and tender, as of grand and stirring numbers, yet apt to weary by its overproportion of recitative and aria to great choruses, which should preponderate in oratorio proper,—was repeated with the same singers on the evenings of Jan. 1 and 8, 1854. Then a retirement for a few weeks, until Jan. 29, for a new run of the popular opera done over into *quasi* oratorio shape, Rossini's florid, sensuous, enchanting strains of *Moses in Egypt*,—always a good charm to conjure by when the public appetite seemed dull to food more strengthening. With the same conductor, orchestra, and organist, and with the usual soloists of that time (Miss Stone, Mrs. Wentworth, Miss S. E. Brown, and Messrs. Arthurson, T. Ball, Aiken, and Wheat), it was repeated Feb. 5 and 12, to complete the series of six, to overflowing crowds on pleasant nights; but, on the plea that several of the nights were stormy, an imperative demand was raised for *extra* performances of *Moses*, which were given on March 5, 12, and 19, and April 6. Whereat one "discomfortable cousin" of a critic remarked: "We cannot blame the Society for harping upon any string that vibrates to the chink of dollars; but it *would* be good to hear some solid choruses of Handel once more!" Nay, once again, on April 18, were the mellifluous strains set playing, like an exhaustless artificial fountain. Verily the "Swan of Pesaro" was in the ascendant! *Vox populi, vox Dei!*

And so ends the thirty-ninth season. And with it the long connection with its brilliant soprano, Anna Stone, who soon after became the wife of Dr. Eliot, and removed to New York. Can we do less than reproduce our own words at the time?

"Boston can hardly realize the loss it will sustain in the departure of Miss Stone. Every oratorio known to the present generation of music lovers hereabouts is associated with her voice in the principal soprano part. To the *Messiah*, *Samson*, *Judas Maccabæus*, etc., of Handel; to the *St. Paul* and *Elijah*, of Mendelssohn; to the *Stabat Mater* and *Moses in Egypt*, of Rossini, and to many others she has been indispensable: not to speak of the choir singing, and the mis-

cellaneous or classical concerts in which she has so frequently borne distinguished part. Her clarion-like soprano, in some of Handel's most soul-stirring songs, and especially on the top waves of a sublime surging chorus with solo, can hardly be replaced. Her great facility in reading music, too, however difficult; her quick comprehension and mastery of complicated musical relations, have made her services invaluable in the first study and first bringing out of the great masterpieces of oratorio." — *Journal of Music, April 22.*

CHAPTER V.

FORTIETH SEASON.

MAY 29, 1854, TO MAY 28, 1855.

At the annual meeting, May 29, the secretary paid a feeling tribute to Jonas Chickering, by whose death the Society had lost a great benefactor and an ever-thoughtful friend. He also suggested a measure calculated to benefit the Society, both economically and otherwise, namely, the formation of a solo class, composed of a few singers on each part, to be taught at the general expense during the summer months. The idea was received with favor, and on the 30th of June a plan of organization was considered and adopted. When it came to the annual election, Mr. Merriam having declined further service, after a presidency of two years, the following officers were chosen:—

J. L. FAIRBANKS	<i>President.</i>
GEORGE HEWS	<i>Vice-President.</i>
H. L. HAZELTON	<i>Secretary.</i>
M. S. PARKER	<i>Treasurer.</i>
O. J. FAXON	<i>Librarian.</i>

Here properly begins a new chapter of our history, for this year solved the problem of a permanent conductorship. In September, to the general regret, the Germania Musical Society disbanded. Youth and single-blessedness were essential to its fraternal tie. Some of its members had yielded to the dual destiny, and they scattered, settling singly or in groups in various cities. Boston retained a goodly share of them; but their excellent leader, Carl Bergmann, could not be induced to stay among us; Chicago, and afterwards New York won him, for he felt more at home in a community of Germans. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Carl Zerrahn, the first flute player of the Germanians, a good musician, a gentleman of refined tastes, full of zeal, and of commanding presence, as well as of persuasive manner, was on Sept. 5 made conductor of the Handel and Haydn. With a few of his old comrades and some of the best resident musicians, he soon began to organize and train a small local orchestra.

According to a recent biographical notice, Carl Zerrahn was born at Malchow, in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, July 28, 1826. He began to study music in his twelfth year, at Rostock, with Friedrich Weber, and continued his musical education at Hanover and Berlin. How long, we are not informed; but not many years after he had entered upon his professional work, he found himself obliged, like many other young musicians in Germany, to look abroad for those means of support which, owing to the grave political disturbances of the year, 1848, had been greatly imperilled at home. He accepted the position of flutist in the "Germanian Orchestra," newly formed by young men in the spirit of *Liberté, Egalité et Fraternité*, full of enthusiasm, to give concerts in the United States. On their way hither, by the advice of the distinguished musical amateur, Lord Westmoreland, then British ambassador at Berlin, they gave several concerts in England with more honor than profit; and then, Aug. 2, 1848, embarked for New York, where their performances, begun in October, excited the greatest enthusiasm. Their progress in the principal cities of the Union was triumphal; and no wonder, considering their very great superiority (in all but numbers) as an orchestral organization to any previously heard in America. When it broke up, its members scattered to sow good seed single-handed, and among them no one more abundantly than Carl Zerrahn, who immediately entered upon his new duties as conductor to the Handel and Haydn Society. Each was eminently suited to the other, as the event, now for three-and-thirty years, has proved. The members needed for their leader just what they found in Zerrahn. A well-trained musician, quick to recognize shortcomings, but at the same time fully conscious that some of these must be overlooked in order to gain the maximum of attainment possible from a body of amateur singers, brought together at weekly intervals during a portion of the year; with eminently good judgment as to what he could command; with unflinching patience and good-humor, and many popular qualities, Zerrahn soon won and has always kept the esteem and confidence of the chorus, whose members will bear from him a sudden and sometimes sharp rebuke, or a playful bit of sarcastic comment, which from any one else would rouse their opposition and generate ill-feeling.

By the terms agreed upon with the Society, Mr. Zerrahn was to be paid \$25 for each public performance during the season. The first rehearsal under him was held at Bumstead Hall, Sept. 24, when the members sang "The horse and his rider," from *Israel*, and the "Hallelujah," from the *Mount of Olives*. In October, a programme of eight subscription concerts was issued, which included three perform-

ances of *Elijah*, the *Messiah* at Christmas, and selections from *Israel in Egypt*, Neukomm's *Mt. Sinai*, etc., while for more popular bait, the same old clusters from the Rossini vine still dangled in near prospect. *Elijah* opened the season on Dec. 3, with Mr. Aiken as the *Prophet*, and Mr. Arthurson, the English tenor, a conscientious, refined singer, with a sweet voice and good style, and a fine model for our singers at that period in the art of recitative. For female solo talent, reliance was mainly placed on young debutantes from the new Handel and Haydn Solo School. Credit was won by Miss Twichell, contralto, Miss Hazeltine, soprano, and Miss Hill, in the part of the Widow. It was repeated on the 10th and 17th. By these performances the new conductor made his mark. The new orchestra was fairly good; the chief drawback was in the solo singers, and some thought it a pity that, instead of economic fledglings from their own solo school, the Society could not have secured, for one, the English prima donna, Miss Louisa Pyne, then giving English opera at the Boston Theatre. On Christmas eve another tenor, Mr. Harrison Millard, an American, proved himself an acquisition in the *Messiah*; besides whom, Miss Anna Stone was induced to come on from New York, and Mr. Aiken sang with good effect, supported in "The trumpet shall sound" by the excellent trumpet playing of Mr. Heinicke. Some of the most important alto and soprano arias were intrusted to the pupils of the solo school.

The sixth concert, Jan. 7, 1855, consisted of selections from *Samson*, *Jephtha*, and Neukomm's *Mt. Sinai*, — the last commonly voted dull. Millard's two tenor solos, "Total eclipse" and "Waft her, angels," gave great satisfaction; his voice, even in its lower tones, filling the ear in all parts of the great hall, and with no loss of its native sweetness. The air, with florid accompaniments, from *Mt. Sinai* was well sung by Mrs. Hill. The quaint overture of *Samson* pleased; and the great choruses, "Great Dagon," "O first created beam," and "Let their celestial concerts all unite," were made effective. Here, too, the solo requirements were eked out by pupils of the solo school; and here, too, we take leave regretfully and finally of this school, finding no further mention of its doings. It does not seem to have proved so fruitful a nursery as had been expected. Why, we are at a loss to say, for certainly the idea was good. These selections were repeated on the following Sunday, with the wise substitution of some things from *Elijah* for some from *Mt. Sinai*.

The seventh concert of the season, Feb. 11, was a star occasion. A double star, of rarest lustre and of world-wide fame, shone over Boston, — Grisi and Mario were singing here in opera. Of course,

they must illuminate one of the Handel and Haydn nights, at least; and, of course, *Stabat Mater* — what we may call the *purple* cluster from the Rossini vines — must be hung out in front again; for what else is there at all available for a sacred concert with Italian opera song-birds? These great artists came not in their prime. The “Diva” was at least forty-four years old, and had been singing in public for a quarter of a century without interruption when she came to America. The magnificent voice, which for sixteen consecutive seasons had enchanted Frenchmen, Englishmen, and Russians, was so far in its decline that those who heard her in this country for the first time could form but little idea of what she had been in her prime. “My own recollections of them,” says the beginner of this history, in a note, “go back to the year 1843, when they sang together, ‘*Aux Italiens*,’ with Tamburini and Lablache, in *Don Pasquale* (composed for them by Donizetti); when as Norma, Anna Bolena, Semiramide, and Donna Anna, Grisi seemed the very queen of song; when she and Mario were the rose and the nightingale of Heine’s Parisian letters — ‘the rose, the nightingale among flowers; the nightingale, the rose among birds.’ What mattered it that those who were behind the scenes said that Giulia Grisi was no musician; that she learned her parts by rote and with great difficulty? With her superb voice, her noble beauty and her dramatic power she filled the stage, and left an ineffaceable impression. Mario, handsome as a picture, showing the gentleman in every movement, with a real tenor voice, whose quality lapped the senses in delight, was then the ideal Almaviva and the Don Ottavio *par excellence*, from whose lips pearls and diamonds fell as from the lips of the princess in the fairy tale. When, twelve years later, he came to America, the voice was less rich than of yore, the falsetto less easily reached and more frequently resorted to; but it was still lovely at times, and with him what had been was more evident to them who heard him for the first time than with Grisi.”

With them came to the *Stabat Mater* Signorina Donovan and Signor Cesare Badiali, the ripe and noble basso who had sung before with the Society in the inaugural concerts of the Music Hall, November, 1852. As he made his first appearance on the Italian operatic stage at Trieste in 1827, he had seen nearly thirty years of professional life when he came to America; but as his method was singularly good, his execution facile, and his voice of fine quality, he was still able to astonish and delight an audience. Both chorus ranks and auditorium were remarkably full that night; the Orchestral Union had been “strengthened in its strings, not to say fearfully in its brass, by spare hands from the Italians”; and after a fugue voluntary

on the organ. Sig. Arditì waved his baton and the orchestra gave what is called Mercadante's Overture to the *Stabat Mater*, of which, of course, there followed a notable performance, which need not be described.

For the eighth and last subscription concert, Feb. 18, the other, shall we say the *golden* cluster from the old Rossini vines, *Moses in Egypt*, was brought out once more, with Miss Stone, Mrs. Hill, Arthurson, Aiken, and J. W. Adams, to such overflowing audience that it was waved before them twice more, on the evenings of Feb. 25 and March 4. So closed the season. The promised selections from *Israel in Egypt*, if they were rehearsed at all, were prudently reserved for a future season.

FORTY-FIRST SEASON.

MAY 28, 1855, TO MAY 26, 1856.

At the annual meeting, May 25, Mr. J. S. Farlow was elected president, and all the other officers were re-elected. The event of the season was the production, for the first time in this country, of Handel's *Solomon*, of which the work of rehearsal, under Carl Zcr-
rahn, began in September, and the public performances followed on Nov. 18 and 25. and Dec. 2 and 9. This last but three of Handel's twenty-six oratorios, composed in 1749, contained much to interest and charm even a popular audience, both by its picturesque dramatic characters and situations, and by its wealth of noble music full of variety and contrast. The proportion of recitative, aria, and duet to chorus is, perhaps, too great, and added so much to the length of the first performance that it had afterwards to be abridged. The subject is treated in three parts (reduced here to two). Part I. celebrates the wisdom, piety, wedded love, happiness, and splendor of King Solomon. It is a sort of royal, religious idyl. Part II. is dramatic; its theme is justice, and it recites or sings in aria, duet, and trio the judgment of the wise king in the case of the two mothers claiming the same infant. Part III. introduces the Queen of Sheba, and is mainly lyrical, being largely occupied with a series of contrasted choruses, somewhat in the manner of Dryden's "Ode to St. Cecilia," illustrating the power of music in describing various passions. The audience nearly filled the hall; the chorons numbered over two hundred singers; the orchestra was on the scale of four first and four second violins, — effective as it well could be without "added parts" to the thin and incomplete instrumentation. The choruses, so far as we remember, were sung with precision, fair balance of parts, rich and full ensemble

of tone, and plenty of spirit, especially the grand and splendid ones ; in the lovelier and softer ones — some of those passion choruses, for instance — there was room for more light and shade, and the exquisite “Nightingale” chorus had not the *pianissimo* suggested by its words.

The parts of both queens were rendered in a sweet, silvery, flexible voice of large compass, and well trained to such florid music, by an English lady, Mrs. Leach, a favorite soprano in the concerts of New York. The two women were represented by Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Hill, fairly, considering the ungracious character of some of the music. Mr. George W. Pratt,¹ a young Bostonian fresh from Leipsic studies, sang the part of Solomon in a strong baritone, rich and telling in the upper notes, with clear, correct, sustained delivery, distinct articulation and good recitative. He could have learned a grace or two from the two Englishmen, Mr. Leach, who sang the two bass airs of the Levite, and Mr. Arthurson, our model Handelian tenor of that time, who took the character of Zadoc.

At the second performance of *Solomon* a severe storm thinned both audience and chorus ; but it went off with spirit, being reduced to more reasonable length, and several of the solos were sung better than before. It was much improved the third and fourth time, Dec. 2 and 9. Mr. Hayter had heightened the expression of that tender song of Solomon, “What though I trace,” by tasteful additional accompaniments. But there was still reason to think that the dramatic scene of the two women added more to the tedium than to the edification of the evening ; the music rewards study, but must be ineffective without more accompaniment and very superior singers : it could be spared. Mr. Millard took Mr. Arthurson’s place the last time. *Solomon* was at all events a solid, rich addition to the Handel and Haydn repertoire ; yet it was laid upon the shelf, not to be taken down again for a quarter of a century, namely, at the Festival of 1880.

The Christmas season was at hand ; and so was our Boston favorite of the dramatic stage and concert room, our rich contralto, Adelaide Phillipps, who, after long and earnest European studies, particularly under Manuel Garcia in London, to whom she had been strongly commended, with substantial gift of means, by Jenny Lind, had returned to America in the spring of this year, the result justifying every promise. She was born at Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare’s birth-place. Her father brought her to this country, at the age of seven. Her mother was of Welsh extraction, and from her she inherited

¹ Died in March following.

many noble and tender traits of character. In Boston at a very early age she began to be known and admired upon the dramatic stage at the Museum, where she was the favorite for years. Her first lessons in the art of singing were with Mme Arnoult, who took great interest in her voice and talent. She returned from Europe an accomplished artist.¹ She had already earlier in the month been singing to enthusiastic acceptance in the *Messiah* and *St. Paul*, as given by the Mendelssohn Choral Society. Now she was to be heard with the Handel and Haydn, who gave the *Messiah* on the Sunday evening before Christmas, Dec. 23. The hall was packed in every corner a good half-hour before the beginning, for there was a feeling that the old Society was about to do its best. We read, too, that after a succession of stormy, dismal Sundays, "the day itself had been beautiful beyond any of the rare and rosy winter days in one's remembrance; the earth smelt sweet of spring; it seemed a day borrowed from some better, purer planet; you met cheerful faces everywhere." All the more so after that notable performance. Miss Phillipps made a very deep impression by her rendering of the great contralto arias, especially "He was despised," and even in "I know that my Redeemer liveth," which was transposed half a tone to accommodate her voice. "He shall feed his flock" and "Come unto Him" were divided between her and Mrs. Wentworth. Mr. Millard surprised all by his pure and simple style in "Comfort ye"; and though he had not all the depth of sentiment for "Thy rebuke," or all the strength for "Thou shalt dash them," yet he acquitted himself artistically in both. Mr. Leach, for a bass voice not ponderous, did excellent service. The *Messiah*, with the same singers, was repeated on the 30th.

For the second, or new year half of the season, the record is as follows: Feb. 10, 1856, the *Creation*, with Mrs. J. H. Long, Mrs. Wentworth, Mr. C. R. Adams, and Mr. J. Q. Wetherbee. Feb. 17, selections from *Moses in Egypt* and *Stabat Mater*. with artists from Maretzek's Italian opera: Mme. Lagrange, Mlle. Nantier-Didiée, Miss Elise Hensler, and Signori Brignoli, Salviani, Morelli, and Amodio. March 30, April 6 and 10, *Moses* thrice again, with Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. F. A. Hill, and Messrs. Arthurson, J. W. Adams, Wetherbee, and S. B. Ball.

¹ For a full account of her life and character, and her distinguished career, see the "Record" by her devoted friend, Mrs. R. C. Waterston. — Boston, 1883.

FORTY-SECOND SEASON.

MAY 26, 1856, TO JUNE 3, 1857.

At the annual meeting, May 26, Charles Francis Chickering, second son of the late Jonas Chickering, was elected president; Geo. Hews, vice-president; Loring B. Barnes, secretary; M. S. Parker, treasurer; and O. J. Faxon, librarian. In July, Mr. Zerrahn was reappointed conductor, with a salary of \$250; and Mr. F. F. Mueller, organist. The first suggestion of the new president was to produce the new English oratorio, *Eli*, by Costa, the famous conductor of opera and oratorio in London, where the new work had excited so much attention during the year. Rehearsals began Sept. 21. There was also talk of giving Mehl's *Joseph*, one of Mendelssohn's two oratorios, besides his *Christus* fragment, and one or two of his Psalms, chorals of Bach, etc. Vain hopes were entertained of the great English soprano, Clara Novello. The mood was enterprising. There was no public performance, however, until Dec. 23, when the *Messiah* was given with a chorus of two hundred and fifty voices, brought well up to "concert pitch" by their months of work upon the fresh material of *Eli*, and with Mrs. Long, Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. I. I. Harwood, and Messrs. C. R. Adams, J. P. Draper, and Thomas Ball for solo singers. The hall was crowded. The newspapers pronounced the chorus singing the finest yet heard in Boston,—prompt, distinct, expressive. Orchestra unusually good; in it were such men as Suck, Eckhardt, Fries, Gaertner, Schulze, and Riha. The solos were thought less commendable, though high praise was awarded to Mrs. Long in the great soprano arias; and Mrs. Harwood's fresh, rich mezzo-soprano, of a peculiarly sympathetic quality, was much relished in the contralto songs. Mr. Draper pleased by the good tenor quality of his voice and his good style, but wanted power. Mr. Adams to a delightful voice added tasteful delivery and good conception of the music. Mr. Ball sang as of old, with lack of life and elasticity, and a tendency of the ponderous voice to droop away from pitch; "evidently he had been moulding beauty out of marble more than out of tones those two years past in Florence."

Now for the first time in eight or ten years was the old Society without rivals in the oratorio field. Both the Musical Education and the younger Mendelssohn Choral Societies,¹ weary of courting fickle

¹ The Musical Education Society, under the direction of Mr. George J. Webb, dated back to about the year 1847. The Mendelssohn Choral Society was formed in October, 1853, under the presidency of "that vigorous organizer in choral as in military matters, the late Gen. B. F. Edmands."

public favor, had retired into private sessions for their own improvement and enjoyment. They had done good work, both of them, and must have the credit of devoting their time to worthy tasks, such as *St. Paul*, *Alexander's Feast*, parts of *Jephtha* and of *Israel in Egypt*, etc.; but they had not succeeded in proving any actual necessity for their existence, while it was so hard to find support for even one great choral organization.

The study of *Eli* still went on industriously. Meanwhile Thalberg, the first of the "new school" pianists, was in town; and with him the renowned contralto Mme. D'Angri and the baritone Morelli; and it was thought advisable to enlist these artists in a Sunday-evening concert. Accordingly, the Handel and Haydn, with very short time for rehearsal, gave, on January 18, the *Requiem* of Mozart, a truly great work, of which few of the Boston audience had ever heard more than a few extracts. Mrs. Long and Mr. Arthurson also sang in it. In spite of not a few shortcomings, the work made a great impression upon many, although one writer notes it down as a discreditable fact that the *Requiem* was received with chilling indifference. That for the first part. The second part included the Rossini *Stabat Mater*, which seemed secular and showy after Mozart, and the aria "Ah! mon fils" from the *Prophète*, sung with great sweetness and expression by Mme. D'Angri. And what was there for the great pianist? Why, he played two of his operatic fantasias,—two "sacred" ones,—namely: on his own Erard instrument, that on the Choral, etc., from *Les Huguenots*, and on a Chickering grand, his broad transcription of the Prayer from *Moses in Egypt*, followed by his *Andante* for an encore.

Costa's *Eli* reached performance Feb. 15. The chorus exceeded three hundred voices, and the orchestra (Mr. Zerrahn's "Philharmonic," with which he had been for some time giving symphony and miscellaneous concerts with good success) numbered thirty-six instruments. The new oratorio (composed for the Birmingham festival of 1855) surpassed the expectations of the severely classical, and proved to be a noble and impressive composition, learned and musician-like, tasteful, dignified, often beautiful and occasionally grand,—not a work of genius, but of high musical culture. Never did a first performance of an oratorio here pass off more successfully. The solos were by Thomas Ball, as Eli; Miss Mary E. Hawley, a refined and musical contralto from New York, as Samuel; Mrs. J. H. Long, with her clear and flexible soprano, as Hannah; Mr. C. R. Adams, tenor, as Elkanah; Mr. Wilde, whose fresh and resonant baritone told to advantage in the denunciations of the Man of God; and Mr. S. B. Ball,

tenor, who struggled manfully with the ungracious war-song of Saph. *Eli* was repeated Feb. 22, improving on acquaintance; yet the moderate attendance was so discouraging that it was then laid aside until a better time, and *Elijah* was taken up for rehearsal, mainly with reference to a new plan, — what might be called an “epoch-making” movement in the old routine of the Society. This was nothing less than a great three-days’ musical festival, after the model of those at Birmingham, Cologne, and elsewhere, for which singers and musicians should be drawn together from all quarters, and three oratorios be given, with perhaps miscellaneous or orchestral concerts between, — all on a large scale for these parts. But in the mean time, Thalberg, with Mme. D’Angri and company, had returned to Boston, and on the 29th of March the Mozart *Requiem* was again performed by the Handel and Haydn, with a quartet of solo artists: Mme. D’Angri, Mrs. Long, Mr. Arthurson, and a new basso, Herr Weinlich, who seems to have made sad work with the *Tuba mirum*, though his voice told in concerted pieces. For second part, a “sacred concert” followed, in which Thalberg played mainly the same things as before; Mme. Johannsen sang the old church air by Stradella, *Pietà, Signore*, admirably; D’Angri again, *Ah! mon fils*; and the Hallelujah Chorus closed the whole.

The Festival was the suggestion of Mr. Chickering, March 15. It was warmly seconded, and a special committee appointed to mature the plan. On the next day the members were asked to sign a book, promising to attend all rehearsals and concerts during the Festival, which was to take place on the 21st, 22d, and 23d of May. A subscription guaranty fund was raised to the amount of \$8,000, — twice the amount asked for. The Society’s debt, April 21, was represented to be \$1,905.46, which was paid off by subscriptions among members and friends. The terms for the Music Hall were \$300. Mr. Zerrahn, the indefatigable conductor, had \$300 for his services. He went to New York and engaged musicians enough to swell the number of the orchestra to seventy-eight instruments; namely: twelve first violins, twelve second violins, nine violas, ten violoncellos, eight double-basses, three flutes, three oboes, four clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, four trumpets, four trombones, one tymph. and triangle, one bass drum and cymbals, one side drum. The chorus, at its fullest, as in the *Messiah*, numbered six hundred. The solo singers engaged were: Mrs. Eliot (Anna Stone) for two oratorios, at \$325; Mrs. Long, at concerts, \$100; Miss Adelaide Phillipps, \$800; Mr. Simpson, tenor, from New York, \$175; Mr. S. W. Leach, \$150. Also Mrs. Mozart, Mrs. Hill, Miss Twichell, Mr. C. R. Adams, and Dr. Guilmette, of New York.

The Society was modest enough in its ideas. It did not pretend to rival the long-established European festivals, but only at an humble distance to follow their example, and hoped to realize a feast of noble music on a scale then unexampled in America, and give a quickening impulse to the choral societies and orchestras of our comparatively young and untaught country. Wisely the oratorios selected for the three days were the three with which the singers were the most familiar; three which they felt themselves at home and sure in, while they all ranked and must ever rank among the noblest works in oratorio form, — Haydn's *Creation*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Handel's *Messiah*. — all three great, and sure of a great audience. The first and the last were rendered *obligato* by the very name of the Society, while the work of Mendelssohn, next to those of Handel, had made the greatest impression here, at least, among all oratorios. The time for Bach was yet to come. To give more significance and dignity to the opening, one of our most distinguished citizens, who had few peers as statesman, orator, and scholar, one who from his college days had loved the noblest music, who followed every earnest effort in its behalf with an intelligent interest, always a strong friend and supporter of this old Society, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, was invited, and consented to deliver an inaugural address before the first day's oratorio. The miscellaneous and orchestral programmes had in the nature of the case to be made up somewhat tentatively at first, and liable to changes as the time approached. One great feature which had been seriously contemplated, Beethoven's Choral Symphony, was given up; the task looked too formidable, at least to solo singers. The number of *Dwight's Journal of Music* for that week, issued on Thursday in advance, was made a festival number, and contained Mr. Winthrop's address entire, from copy furnished by the author, together with descriptive analyses of the three oratorios, briefer notices of the instrumental music and an outline of the history of musical festivals abroad. And so, by the unstinted labor of president and secretary, and committees, especially of the strong and ever-vigilant conductor, and of all concerned, the scheme was ready for the trial.

FIRST DAY. *Thursday, May 21.* Rain, rain, rain! Three days of it, after ten days of a chilling, pertinacious easterly storm, — fit type of the old Puritan spirit, foe to all things genial. But then it was just on the verge of "ministers' week," the anniversary May meetings of the religious societies, which had come to be proverbially rainy. It was somewhat discouraging to the public; not so to the givers of the feast, the managers, and those who took part in it. At the appointed hour of ten in the morning, while the rain still fell in tor-

rents, — yet a milder kind of rain, not out of harmony with the young buds and springing grass and Haydn's music, which we were to hear, — there were about one thousand persons in the audience, leaving some fifteen hundred seats unoccupied. Yet a brilliant and imposing spectacle presented itself. The well-filled chorus seats, rising terrace-wise back to the organ screen, and into the first balcony upon each side; the orchestra, filling the main space in the middle, with singers crowding round it; the dais for the principal singers and part of the female choir built out in front; the noble statue of Beethoven overlooking all. — there was a sight to shame, not indeed the present, but the indifferent, utilitarian absent public. In a few moments the government of the Handel and Haydn Society took their seats in the semicircle in front of the stage, and the president, Charles Francis Chickering, introduced the orator of the day, who was received with due applause. Mr. Winthrop's truly eloquent address was in every way worthy of him and of the occasion. It struck the moral key-note of the Festival, and was exceedingly happy in conception, execution, and delivery. It recognized how feeble is poor human speech compared with music's own transcendent heavenly expression; it contained enough of history, musical reminiscence, and appreciation, surveying the whole field in a rapid glance from a commanding point of view, not overloaded with superfluous learning, not technical, but leading the mind up by easy, sure ascent to a just sense of the value of the art, and of festivals held in its honor, like the present. All heard delighted, and were the better prepared to listen to the great music with an understanding spirit. (The address will be found in full in the Appendix.) The orator threw in some extempore allusions, which were very timely; one especially, to the presence of the venerable Josiah Quincy, which of course waked a warm and audible response.

After some delay, at a few minutes past eleven, the principal singers were conducted to their chairs in front, amid loud applause, particularly Boston's old favorite, Mrs. Anna Stone Eliot (then of New York), whom the members of the choir seemed to take great delight in welcoming. Several hearty rounds, too, announced the advance of tall and stately Carl Zerrahn to his conductor's stand. In the chorus I had counted four hundred singers during the address; there were probably, by this time, at least four hundred and fifty in the seats. Then from the seventy-eight instruments began the orchestral introduction, representing Chaos, to Haydn's *Creation*. A very graphic and impressive rendering. And it may as well be said here once for all, that all the rich and exquisite instrumentation, which

forms so essential a feature in this oratorio, and is so characteristic of Haydn's genius, both in the accompaniments and in the interludes and the descriptive fragments, was brought out with more vividness and beauty than we had ever heard it here before. If any of us had grown weary of the tone-pictures, which seemed like ingenious child's play in music, now we were once more surprised and pleased; it was all fresh again, like the green fields after a purifying shower. Every instrument, except the flutes occasionally flattening, did its part perfectly; the fine body of violins, and indeed all the strings, told with beautiful effect in such passages as the Sunrise symphony, and the bassoon was admirable. The chorus singing surpassed what we had heard before, sublimely thrilling in the great moments, such as the outburst upon "And there was LIGHT!" "The Heavens are telling," etc.; boldly pronounced, and with infallible precision in the fragmentary, responsive parts, where phrases are tossed from one mass of voices to another in complicated fugue or canon, as in "Despairing, cursing rage attends their rapid fall"; while very smooth and clear and even in such flowing passages as "A new created world." There was a balanced fulness of parts, and such *ensemble* as we had not often heard.

Mrs. Eliot was yet suffering the effects of recent illness, which rather impaired the old clarion ring and splendor of that voice. But in the choruses with solo it touched the edges of the waves with brilliant light; and there was a refined and thoughtful tone and spirit in her arias, especially "On mighty pens," where her fine execution and experience atoned for all shortcoming of the vocal organ. The other great song, "With verdure clad," was rendered tastefully and smoothly in the rich and mellow voice of Mrs. Mozart. Mr. Leach had had a thorough English schooling in the oratorio music of Handel and of Haydn, and was master of those styles. His bass voice was not ponderous, but his expressive shading more than made up for the want of power. In those graphic images of "foaming billows," the "purling brook," the "roaring lion," the "flexible tiger's spring," etc., he was always happy. There were two tenors. Mr. George Simpson, a very young singer from New York, won favor more by a very sweet, pure, easy flowing voice, — so far *vox, et præterea nihil*, — than by any considerable claims to style or culture, or by any show of fire or passion. Nor had he got beyond "a certain level sentimental ballad sweetness, which smacked more of the popular serenaders and minstrels than of the oratorio school." The other tenor, Mr. Charles R. Adams, already regarded as the most promising of our young native tenors, — a promise brilliantly fulfilled since in Vienna,

where he held the first place in the opera for nine years, — was ill and not in his best voice, — ah, those east winds and rain! Yet he acquitted himself very acceptably in several recitatives, in the air, “Now vanish before the holy beams,” and in the beautiful trios with Mrs. Eliot and Mr. Leach. The parts of Adam and Eve were sustained by Dr. Guilmette and Mrs. J. H. Long. The latter fell easily and gracefully into the quiet rapture of Eve’s liquid melody. The bass was strong and telling, and showed thoughtful study, but seemed better fitted for a more declamatory kind of music.

Many who, after long enjoyment of the naive, happy, childlike, sunny melody and harmony of good father Haydn, had grown dull to its mellifluous sameness, this time found the familiar oratorio brightened into fresh life and charm. It rose, indeed, “a new created world.”

In the afternoon at half past three, with no increase of audience, and no surcease of rain, began the first miscellaneous concert. Very miscellaneous: from Beethoven to De Ribas, from the mighty *Coriolanus* overture to a Scotch ballad! The orchestra was admirable; the vocal selections hackneyed, left as they were to the singers’ own convenience, almost at the last moment. Here is the programme: —

Overture — “Tannhäuser”	<i>R. Wagner.</i>
Air — D’Alamiro, from “Belisario”	<i>Donizetti.</i>
MR. ADAMS.	
Violin Solo — “La Sylphide,” Fantasia	<i>Mollenhauer.</i>
HERR EDWARD MOLLENHAUER.	
Aria: Che farò — “Orfeo”	<i>Gluck.</i>
MISS ADELAIDE PHILLIPPS.	
Scherzo — from the Scotch Symphony	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
PART II.	
Overture — “Coriolanus”	<i>Beethoven.</i>
Scotch Ballad — “Bonnie Wee Wife.”	
MR. GEORGE SIMPSON.	
Fantasia — On theme from “Gustavus” for Oboe	<i>De Ribas.</i>
DE RIBAS.	
Ah, non giunge — “Sonnambula”	<i>Bellini.</i>
MISS ADELAIDE PHILLIPPS.	
Overture — “William Tell”	<i>Rossini.</i>

Of course, the Mendelssohn scherzo and the *Tell* overture are always interesting. So is the aria from Gluck’s *Orfeo*, when sung in the large voice and style of Adelaide Phillipps. The violin and oboe solos were well-executed show pieces, and nothing more.

SECOND DAY. *Friday, May 22.* A bright sun shone at last, and there was a much larger audience, with plenty of room for more. Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*, not yet an old story among the oratorios, was the one for which many busy people had reserved their one spare fore-

noon. This fact, with the more modern and dramatic nature of the work, and the rich modern instrumentation, gave a zest and fervor to its getting up; so that its performance, critically weighed, was the best work of the three days. It was given entire without omission of a single bar. The chorus was larger than on the day before, and sang with a will, leaving little to be desired in power and volume, in euphony and balance of parts, or in precision, animation, light and shade. The rich and noble instrumentation came out bravely. In the part of the Prophet, Dr. Guilmette sang with a strong and telling voice, with animation, and good understanding of the music. In that profoundly tender aria with violoncello, "It is enough," he showed not a little pathos; but he was not always true in pitch, and sometimes careless in the cantabile recitative. His delivery was too unequal; and sometimes he prolonged a note beyond sense or reason, as if coolly illustrating a method. Mr. Simpson sang sweetly, but impassively, with good carriage of the voice, the tenor air, "If with all your hearts" Mr. Adams was ill, and had to retire after a single recitative. Miss Phillipp's in the contralto airs, Mrs. Long in "Hear ye, Israel," and the part of the queen, and Mrs. Mozart in the scene of the widow, gave good satisfaction. The duet, "Zion spreadeth her hands," was agreeably sung by Mrs. Mozart and Miss Twichell; so was the part of the boy, in the duet preceding the Rain Chorus, by Mrs. Hill. Three choir boys from the Church of the Advent, Masters White, Loring, and Chase, gave pure delight in the unaccompanied Angel Trio. The oratorio made a great impression; there would have been few empty seats, could it have been sung again.

The afternoon concert was some improvement in respect of programme upon that of the day before; yet even that would shine in comparison with some miscellaneous programmes in the English festivals. It was as follows; certainly nothing could have been much better than the opening numbers of the two parts:—

Symphony, No. 5 — (C minor)	<i>Beethoven.</i>
Concertstueck	<i>Weber.</i>
WILLIAM MASON.	
Overture — "Euryanthe"	<i>Weber.</i>
Cavatina — O Mio Fernando, from "La Favorite"	<i>Donizetti.</i>
MRS. MOZART.	
Grand Concerto — for the violin (F major)	<i>Vieuxtemps.</i>
HERR EDWARD MOLLENHAUER.	
Cavatina — from "Torquato Tasso"	<i>Donizetti.</i>
MISS TWICHELL.	
Grand March — from "Lohengrin"	<i>R. Wagner.</i>
"Reception at the Emperor's," with Eight Trumpets Obbligato.	

A perfect summer morning smiled on the third day of the Festival. The order of things was reversed this time, — the miscellaneous concert given in the morning for the few not swallowed up in business, and the *Messiah* in the evening for the many. If the concert programme was not wholly free from trivial features, it was rich in matter of the sterling sort: —

Symphony, No. 7 — (A major)	<i>Beethoven.</i>
Rondo — Prendi per me	<i>De Beriot</i>

MISS ADELAIDE PHILLIPPS.

Overture — “Fingal’s Cave”	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
Scena ed Aria — “I Briganti”	<i>Mercadante.</i>

DR. GUILMETTE.

Allegretto Scherzando — from the Eighth Symphony	<i>Beethoven.</i>
Duet — The Thirteenth Psalm, with French Horn and Violoncello Obligato by Messrs. Hamann and W. Fries.	

Composed expressly for this occasion, and dedicated to the Handel and Haydn Society, by the President of the New York American Music Association.

MISS PHILLIPPS and DR. GUILMETTE.

Overture — “Leonora”	<i>Beethoven.</i>
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Evening. Handel’s *Messiah*. If the reader will fancy himself seated in the Boston Music Hall on that last night of the Festival, he will probably regard the scene much as a certain writer did, who said of it sincerely at the time: “The Festival has at length wrought conviction in men’s minds, that it is something honest, as it is rare and good. It is now clear to all that this is no musical ‘Convention’ for the sale of psalm-books, no Julien-Barnum Crystal Palace humbug, but a sincere Festival of Art, a presentation of grand music on a sufficiently grand scale. The public is awakened at the eleventh hour to a sense of the great opportunity, which it will seize by the skirts ere it quite vanish. The Music Hall is crammed with listeners in every seat, and standing place, and doorway, from floor to upper gallery. Many have paid extra prices for their seats. There is the utmost eagerness to hear the Handel Hallelujahs from that mighty chorus. And it is mightier than ever; the stage is packed as closely as the auditorium.” Newspapers report the number of singers at about 540; say 175 sopranos, 150 altos, 130 tenors, and 85 basses; but it was said, on good authority, that the choir fell not much short of *seven hundred*.

Yet it is not strange that, of the three oratorios, the *Messiah* was the least perfect in the presentation. It was too familiar, and consequently had been carelessly rehearsed. The orchestra was frequently at fault. All which did not prevent the work from being the most

impressive of the three. Handel is always Handel; and in any decent rendering his Hallelujahs do their perfect work. The several solo singers entered well into the spirit of the music: Mr. Simpson, sweet and true in "Comfort ye," etc.; Mr. Leach, with his not heavy bass voice, more than feebly indicating the recitative and aria of "Darkness," "Why do the heathens rage," etc.; Adelaide Phillipps, if not at her best, yet rendering feelingly and beautifully the contralto strains; Mrs. Eliot, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. Mozart, all good in the soprano arias. Mr. Charles R. Adams sang with much expression, "Thy rebuke," and in the duet, "O death," with Miss Phillipps. Mr. Simpson's light and innocent voice and manner, in "Thou shalt dash them," was likened by one listener to "a child's head in a heavy iron helmet." Dr. Guilmette sang, "Thou art gone up," and "Behold, I tell you a mystery," in which the "last trumpet" (finely played by Heinicke) was senselessly encored.

This was the end. Enthusiasm was unbounded; long and loud plaudits shook the hall; three rounds of cheers for the Society; calls for Carl Zerrahn, amid deafening shouts and clapping of hands, who came forward to receive a wreath in token of the general gratitude for his unceasing and efficient services in conducting the enterprise through such a series of artistic triumphs.

Now for a calm survey of the RESULTS. I quote from my own record, as it was jotted down a few days after the feast; some, perhaps, will think it over-sanguine:—

"In a word, the result has been: artistically, morally, a great success; financially, a failure; but in the circumstances, *such* a failure as amounts, in all minds, to a virtual triumph. In spite of the overwhelming audience of Saturday night, the guarantors will have to pay, how much we know not. Yet no one is discouraged; all are in the best spirits possible. They have shown what can be done; the public will *believe* hereafter, and will look out in season when another Festival approaches. We have left ourselves no room to more than hint some of the animating reflections with which the Festival has filled our mind. We announced it, saying that we could not overestimate its importance. We find we did not say too much. For these reasons, among others:—

"1. For the first time almost in our country has an artistic demonstration here been made, and carried through, upon a grand scale, without false pretence, vain show, or *humbug*. The best thing, the most hopeful thing about it is, that it has all been *honest*. Nothing of artistic integrity and value has been sacrificed to mere money-making views. They who undertook it of course hoped to succeed; but they were more anxious to do a good thing. They were not so eager to advertise it, to excite great expectations of what should be done, as they were to *do* it, and to do the best that could be done. Every promise has been kept, to the letter and in the spirit. Three of the

greatest oratorios were to be brought out on a grand scale, worthy of comparison with English festivals, and it has been done. The choir was to reach six hundred voices, so announced on the strength of seven hundred accepted invitations; it has averaged that, as nearly as accident and business allowed, and there were no dummies in the choir. The orchestra was to be seventy-five, and it was seventy-eight. The best available solo talent was to be engaged, and so it was; it was no one's fault that there could not be had better. The music was to be thoroughly rehearsed, and nothing slighted; and it was so, and most effectively, thanks in great part, to the unwearied energy and skill and patience of Mr. Conductor ZERRAEN. In spite of a cold and unresponsive public, and in the face of certain loss, they did all this, and did it in a manner that eclipsed all our former musical performances, electrified all who heard from the very first, and finally stirred up that slow and sceptical public to a loud and anxious call for more, for a repetition on Sunday evening, — an effort to recall what by their own fault they had let go by and lost. The which call, to the honor of the Society, was not complied with. They would do what they had undertaken, no more, no less. They would not, even for the sake of certain gain so easily secured, suffer this Festival to contract any taint of association with the too usual management of public exhibitions, in which the 'last time' is followed by the 'positively last,' till words have lost their meaning. Eager as any one to listen to another such performance, we appreciate and respect the motive of this refusal. The managers have done themselves all honor in the premises. They have their reward, in the wholesome feeling which attaches to this Festival, in the conviction now created of its genuineness, and in the certainty that such sound seed so planted shall surely spring up to an abundant harvest in the future. There will be more festivals. They will become an institution in the land. This Festival might have been managed with more stir, and have reaped more money; but would it have contained so fair a future?

"2. It has revived people's *faith* in great music. Music has been under a cloud with us for two or three years. Humbug and showy, dazzling things have been so much more successful than good things, that the good things have lost prestige. It needed an occasion like this to brighten out the neglected beauties of immortal works and make them live again, and lift us up again. There is a new sense now in many minds of the importance, the indispensableness to our best life, of the great works of musical art and genius.

"3. Listening to the grand orchestra and chorus has taught not a few, for the first time, the right relation between *solo* and *ensemble*. They have learned to enjoy a great musical performance as a whole, and not regard a few solo singers, *prime donne* and *tenori*, as the all in all. It is seen that these may be of moderate excellence, — may be in some parts quite feeble, — and yet the grandeur and beauty of the whole be felt. It were better, of course, to have Jenny Linds, Novellos, and Lablaches, — and some day we shall have them; but we have found how well we can get along without them, so long as we have Handel, Mendelssohn, or Beethoven speaking through impersonal but adequate masses of voices and of instruments.

"4. We have been pleased to notice the improved tone of newspaper criticism which this Festival seems to have created. Almost for the first time we have had really criticism; we have seen articles not limited to petty details,

to mere talk about individual performers, but entering into some instructive notice and analysis of compositions and of authors, and, seizing the spirit of the whole, discussing the right points. It is a good sign, and may it go on.

“5. It has created a *popular* interest in great works. Symphonies, played on so grand a scale, have made their mark on *all* who listened. That Beethoven’s statue now has a significance to many who thought but little of the man, ‘the idol of the classicists,’ before; and so of Handel, so of Mendelssohn, and others.”

This estimate of the results of the Festival, of course, is not complete without the following *compte rendu*, which could only be presented a week or two later:—

“The total receipts of the Festival were \$5,336, and the expenditures are estimated at \$7,299, leaving a deficiency of \$1,963 to be assessed upon the guarantors at the rate of thirty per cent upon their several subscriptions. The guaranty was subscribed by quite a large number of persons, in sums ranging from \$500 to \$25, and less. We have not heard of one who does not bear the tax quite cheerfully; for all regard the Festival as a complete success, full of encouragement for like attempts hereafter. Perhaps the uninitiated would like to know how much it costs to get up such an affair. Here are the principal items:—

For orchestra, extra music, loan of libraries, copying music, etc.	\$2,917 45
“ vocal and instrumental soloists	1,337 00
“ printing, advertising, posting, etc.	1,269 73
“ rent of hall, and alterations, together with door-keepers, ticket-sellers and ushers	995 20
“ conductor, organist, librarians, etc.	493 73

“It strikes us this is very modest pay for the conductor and the organist, considering their indefatigable labors throughout all the numerous rehearsals and in private,—labors that would seem to outweigh what is done by all the solo singers. But Carl Zerrahn has found further reward, not alone in glory, but in a very pleasant occasion which we were too late to chronicle last week: to wit, a meeting of ladies and gentlemen of the Society in Chickering’s rooms, when the president, in a neat speech, presented the conductor with a purse of \$200 in gold, subscribed by members as a hearty testimonial of their sense of his great services in conducting them so safely and so gloriously through. Mr. Zerrahn and wife are already on their way to Europe for a summer visit to the fatherland.”

CHAPTER VI.

FORTY-THIRD SEASON.

JUNE 3, 1857, TO MAY 31, 1858.

THE Handel and Haydn Society may well be imagined to have come out of its first three-days' Festival in jubilant and hopeful spirits. If it was not a matter of financial rejoicing, it was essentially a great success. So near did it come to making both ends meet, and so cheerfully was the small loss borne by guarantors, that in itself how could it fail to give new impulse, and inspire a new ambition to achieve yet worthier and nobler things? The victory must be followed up. Now can we seek the best; now can we emulate the highest; now can we afford, in this our new access of faith and strength, now on the full tide of enthusiasm, to throw away weak fears, and resolutely disdain cheap bids for popularity?

Alas! so it seemed; but it was reckoning without our host, — the *times!* The times were sick, past all remedial virtue of *Ars Musica*. We could not sing them into health. The very atmosphere was close, and full of doubt and ominous suspicion and mistrust, which more and more from day to day seemed to settle down like a black and fatal pall, and overshadow our fair national existence. A great, absorbing conflict, a terrible rebellion, and a war, one of the greatest in all history, between two sections of our glorious Union of free States, was steadily and rapidly — yet to most minds so slowly as to seem incredible — approaching. Few saw it clearly, but it was written in the stars. A vast and seemingly insoluble problem, involving a conflict of material interests, divided South from North. Slavery weighed like an incubus upon the national consciousness and conscience. The whole temper of society, of business, of politics, was growing more and more uneasy. Some, while they felt it, wondered what it meant; others knew too well. The dark local institution to which one section of our people blindly, madly clung — the national crime and curse of slavery — had reached a climax when, by all the laws of nature and of God, it must be strangled, flung away forever, or the dear light of liberty, the life of our Republic, must utterly go down, and with it the world's best hope.

The cloud had not yet burst, by many it was scarcely heeded, at

the beginning of the period upon which we are now entering in our Handel and Haydn history. But the crash was near enough to trouble the tides of consciousness in all the public and the private life. There was a strange anxiety that paralyzed business, made men feel their fortunes insecure, and inclined them to an indefinite postponement of the delights and graces of all music, arts, and finer culture. Even before the end of this Festival year 1857, the times were "blue"; we hear of "money panic"; the air was full of suspicions of each merchant's credit. Four years of this dubious, anxious twilight followed; then four years of *war!* This chapter must include these eight years of terrible depression and transition between our first bright Festival and the next, which only came with victory, coinciding fortunately with the fiftieth birthday anniversary of our Society. With this forewarning bird's-eye glimpse of the near future, we resume our steady chronicle of the Society's transitional and half-suspended consciousness and effort for the next eight years. It will not be a brilliant chapter.

At the adjourned annual meeting, June 3, 1857, the principal officers were re-elected. Of course, President C. F. Chickering, to whose impulse the Festival was so largely due, with his energetic adjutant, Secretary Barnes, must be allowed an opportunity to carry on a work so well begun, if it were only within their or any human power. A vote of thanks to the Festival orator, Hon. R. C. Winthrop, was passed. An invitation was accepted to sing, at Charlestown (Bunker Hill), on the 17th of June, an original ode by the Hon. George Lunt. The secretary reported thirty-four new members added during the past year. Sept. 4, Conductor Zerrahn was reappointed; salary, \$250. Sept. 25, Mr. James C. D. Parker was appointed organist in the place of Mr. Mueller, who had accepted a call to Albany. Mr. Parker was a young Bostonian of high connections and of liberal culture, a Harvard graduate of 1848, in whom the love of music prevailed over professional tastes and interests (he studied law awhile), and drew him to Leipsic, where he availed himself of every means to make himself a sound musician, both in theory and practice, as interpreting performer and composer; always a very quiet, modest gentleman, full of zeal for art, and constantly improving.

Thus equipped, the chorus set themselves about the study of *Israel in Egypt* once more, the generous president having imported score and parts of that and of the *Hymn of Praise*. At least four concerts were contemplated: *Messiah* (Christmas); Mozart's *Requiem*

and *Hymn of Praise*; *Elijah*; and then *Israel*, which was rehearsed throughout November, but then dropped until "the times" should be less "blue." Indeed, it was even urged, "Why not accept the measure of the times, and have cheap concerts, at twenty-five cents admission?"—on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread.

The Christmas performance of the *Messiah*, Saturday, Dec. 26, was for the charitable fund of the Boston Provident Association, and the tickets were put at one dollar. The soloists were Mrs. Long, Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. T. H. Emmons (sister of Mrs. Mozart), Mr. C. R. Adams, and Mr. J. Q. Wetherbee. It was a "raw night" for music or for charity, therefore the more need of both; and both were realized in fair, if not full, measure. A journal says: "There were for audience, say more than half the Music Hall full of people, and most of these were such as came in earnest, paid their way and listened well."¹

Nothing more was heard this season of two features of the contemplated programme; to wit, the *Requiem* and *Israel in Egypt*. The presence here of operatic stars was availed of, as so many times before, to lend attraction and *eclat* to the performances, and their convenience was consulted in the choice of oratorios. This time it was Carl Formes, the great basso, alike renowned in oratorio and opera, the chief star then of Ullman's operatic troupe. He was of Spanish origin. His father fought under the banner of Napoleon. The young Carl, born at Mühlheim, on the Rhine, in August, 1818, was himself a soldier. He was taught music at an early age, and showed a great love for the art. But his father urged some other occupation,² which he found distasteful, and to avoid it he enlisted in the Austrian service. This took him to Vienna, where he found good musical instruction. In January, 1842, he made his *début* in Cologne, in the part of Sarastro in the *Zauberflöte*, with unequivocal success, and was admitted into the company of artists from that night. In 1843 he was chosen a member of the Court Opera at Mannheim, and in 1844 became a *primo basso assoluto* at the Imperial Opera in Vienna, with the largest salary ever before given to a German artist, and secured to him for life. In the Revolution of 1848, he took up arms in the cause of the people, and was among the first in the barricades. After other vain attempts in other cities, shut out from Vienna, he became a member of a German opera company, which

¹ For several years before and after this, each member was allowed to bring two friends to the performances. This practice helped to fill the hall, but not the treasury.

² He was, for a while, shoemaker, beer brewer, and sexton.

went to London and gave performances at Drury Lane, in 1849. With him were Meses. Rudersdorff and Caradori, Reichardt, the tenor, and Carl Anschütz as director. The affairs going badly, Formes took the burden on himself, producing the operas and singing day by day, refusing all remuneration, that the poorer ones might live. This gave him solid fame and friendship among artists. Then he went to the Royal Italian Opera at Covent Garden, and created a perfect enthusiasm in Meyerbeer's *Robert le Diable* and *Les Huguenots*. But what most endeared him to the London public was his grand performance, in the English language, in the oratorios of Handel, Haydn, and Mendelssohn. Surely it was something for us to get a taste of that here in our Boston Music Hall! Nature had showered her gifts on Formes, which, with his strong intellect and earnestness, he had improved, so as to make him the greatest basso artist of his day. He was received with great distinction by Queen Victoria, who selected him as the musical tutor of her children. Mendelssohn honored him. The operas of *Martha*, *Stradella*, and the *Merry Wives of Windsor* were composed for him; and so was Costa's *Eli*. His form was full, manly, and commanding; his face and eyes were dark, with an expression at once severe and genial. He looked the scholar and the soldier.

With Formes came Mme. Caradori and Mr. Perring of the Ullman troupe; and these, with Miss Milner, Mrs. Harwood, Miss Hawley, contralto, and Mr. C. R. Adams, and with a well-balanced chorus of over three hundred voices, who caught the spirit of the noble basso, and were moved to do their best, sang *Elijah* on Saturday evening, Jan. 23, followed on the next evening by the *Creation*, in which Mr. Wetherbee took the part of Adam, holding his own well even so nearly side by side with Formes. Caradori was the Eve, and she, too, in *Elijah*, sang "Hear ye, Israel," with a large and powerful, but hard kind of German voice, with energetic delivery and considerable execution. The freshness, vitality, and sweetness of Mrs. Harwood's voice in the quartets, the recitatives of the youth, etc., bore the palm among the sopranos. Both performances were completely successful. There were two thousand listeners the first night, and many more the second. Music Hall was again in its glory. Formes is reported to have said that he had never sung *Elijah* in London with a better chorus. The voice of Formes was a genuine *basso profundo*, from low C to G, — two octaves and a fifth; of equal quality throughout, all smooth and very powerful.

In February, Manager Ullman proposed an oratorio with the Society, to be given in New York; but this was found impracticable. He agreed, instead, to come on here with his singers and give four per-

formances: *Elijah*, April 3; *Messiah*, April 4; the *Hymn of Praise*, preceded by a miscellaneous selection, April 10; and the *Creation*, April 11. *Elijah* suffered from the fact that Formes was partially disabled by a cold and the fatigue of recent labors, and from a want of the usual spirit in some of the choruses. But Mme. D'Angri was much admired in the contralto arias, and in the Angel Trio, in which Mrs. Long and Mrs. Harwood co-operated finely. In the *Messiah*, Formes made a grand impression, in spite of the drawback (so common with ponderous bass voices) that his intonation was not always true, and of the worst fault of his, a tendency to too much *portamento*, to which add some remaining signs of hoarseness. Mr. Perring's sweet, pure tenor tones were much admired; a voice not robust, not great, but his execution was praised as being smooth, artistic, chaste, expressive throughout. Mme D'Angri, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. Wentworth won sincere applause, though the large contralto was by some thought too dramatic, — too much as if acting out her sorrows on the stage, in "He was despised."

On April 10, Mendelssohn's Symphony-Cantata, *Lobgesang*, or *Hymn of Praise*, — one of his greatest works, both as orchestral symphony and oratorio, — was given for the first time in Boston. The symphony, in three long and beautifully contrasted movements, was finely played by Mr. Zerrahn's orchestra; and with his thorough drill and skilful handling of the choruses, the old German choral, etc., the success of the work was complete. Mrs. Harwood and Miss Adams sang the duet for two sopranos very finely. The intensely dramatic and exciting passage, "Watchman, will the night soon pass?" which leads into the uncontainable rapture of the chorus, "The night is departing," needed a tenor more robust than Mr. Perring could command. Of the *Creation*, the next evening, it is hardly necessary to say more than that Herr Formes was unusually false in intonation in the descriptive arias of Raphael, but that he sang the part of Adam in a much truer, smoother, and more satisfactory manner; that Mrs. Long surpassed herself in the two airs, "With verdure clad," and "On mighty pens," while Mrs. Harwood, as Eve, and Mr. Perring were equal to the melodious requirements of the music.

For such a season of depression, not a bad record, both as to quantity of programme and of work! Although Handel's *Israel* must wait another year. But it is not a bad policy — in fact, it is wise economy — for the old Society to keep certain great and difficult works in store for several years, taking them down for study now and then, awaiting the fulness of time for bringing them out in public. They will keep!

On the 12th of April, resolutions of sincere regret were passed on occasion of the removal of President C. F. Chickering to New York, the great piano-making business of Chickering & Sons requiring that a member of the firm should represent it there.

FORTY-FOURTH SEASON.

MAY 31, 1858, TO MAY 30, 1859.

Thomas E. Chickering, the oldest of the three sons of Jonas Chickering, was elected to succeed his brother in the presidency. The other offices were filled as before. The treasurer reported: Receipts for the past year, \$4,595.20; expenditure, \$5,239.07; leaving a balance due to the treasurer of \$543.87, all bills having been paid, and no claim existing against the Society. The secretary's report touched on the organization of the Society, gave an interesting account of some of its first concerts, and reviewed the season in a hopeful spirit. The regular business of the annual meeting over, Mr. Alexander W. Thayer (biographer of Beethoven) suggested and urged the propriety and expediency of a Festival in April, 1859, in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of Handel's death. But this was no time for festivals on this side of the Atlantic.

After four quiet summer months, rehearsals began at Chickering's rooms in the Masonic Temple, Oct. 3. A concert followed on the 10th, by an arrangement with Mr. Strakosch and his opera troupe, which included Mme. Pauline Colson, for some time the favorite prima donna of the New Orleans Opera; Sig. Junca, the great *basso profondo* of the same; also Teresa Parodi, Mme. Patti-Strakosch, Sig. Brignoli, who for many years since was a favorite tenor in Boston; Sig. Labocetta, tenor; Amodio, baritone; and Barili, tenor. The first part was miscellaneous, opening with the Mercadante overture to Rossini's *Stabat*. For a first "sacred" piece, Sig. Labocetta sang the romanza from *Il Giuramento* with considerable expression. Mme. Strakosch gave a chaste, musical rendering of "Ah! mon fils." The charming Colson's voice was hardly suited to Schubert's *Ave Maria*; it was too tremulous, though there were beauty and fervor in her singing. Junca, in "Qui sdegno" ("In diesen heil'gen Hallen"), the great bass aria from Mozart's *Zauberflöte*, was firm, correct, but hard and lifeless after Formes. Parodi did her best in a very bold and impressive rendering of Mendelssohn's "Jerusalem, thou that killest." Of course, Part Second was the *Stabat Mater*, which seems to have been providentially written for Italian opera singers, when

engaged to lend *eclat* to oratorio performances. Colson sang splendidly, "Et inflammatus"; Brignoli unequally, but for the most part expressively, in "Cujus animam"; Amodio, effectively and well in "Pro peccatis." Mmes. Parodi and Strakosch, too, were good; and the unaccompanied quartet, "Quando Corpus," was rarely heard in better tune, or sung more sympathetically than that time. The audience nearly filled the Music Hall.

Rehearsals of *Israel in Egypt* filled the interim until Dec. 19, when advantage was taken of the presence here of Ullman's opera troupe — this time a famous one — to give a miscellaneous concert with his principal artists. These were the bewitching little Countess Piccolomini; Mlle. Poincot, a fine high soprano; Mme. Laborde, the exquisitely finished florid French soprano (what the Germans call a *coloratur* singer); with them Carl Formes, Mr. Perring and Mrs. Harwood. The selections were from *Israel*, the *Creation*, *Solomon*, and *Elijah*. The audience was about twelve hundred.

On Dec. 26, the Music Hall being preoccupied by a Fair in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Christmas performance of the *Messiah* was given in the elegant and spacious Boston Theatre, to the delight of some and the regret of others. Great was the crowd, and great the joy of the Society at putting money in its purse after such frequent losses. Here was a temptation which it required some courage to resist, a new attraction for the multitude. For many went to see the theatre, under cover of a somewhat unworldly occasion; and many went to enjoy an anti-puritanical triumph in this new recognition of a place too long eschewed as secular and unclean. Many were the arguments, in newspapers and in conversation, to show what an advantage it would be to oratorio to quit the sober Music Hall and bring itself nearer to the people in the free-and-easy gilded temple of the drama, which with a little carpentering might be so easily adapted to the purpose. But the unsatisfactory acoustic experience of that one trial, and a loyal feeling for the noble Hall which had been built for Music at such great expense, prevailed against the flattering suggestion. The effect of the chorus, ranged in rows upon the stage, was very much impaired. If the sopranos, well exposed in front, were sharply heard, the other parts behind them were smothered, swallowed up by the side spaces and the hanging drapery above. Yet the choruses had been studied with extra care under Mr. Zerrahn. Some restorations were to be commended: such as the too often omitted chorus, "And with his stripes," and the short series of contrasted pieces, "For as by man came death," etc., all of which are of the finest music in the work. The *tempi* were well taken, and it was

a good average performance. A particular attraction was Mme. Eliza Biscacciauti¹ (*née* Ostinelli), a native prima donna, of whom our Boston could be proud. She had been in town some weeks recruiting from the wear and tear of her seven years' triumphant operatic career in Italy and elsewhere, and more recently in the inclement climate of St. Petersburg. Unfortunately, she was too ill to sing, so much so, that her name was withdrawn. But rather than disappoint an audience of old friends, she did appear, and sang between the parts, "With verdure clad" in pure Italian style, with rare delicacy and sweetness. She also essayed "I know that my Redeemer," in spite of too evident physical exhaustion; nor did that great aria lie within the peculiar province of the artist. There was not much to admire in the voice or style of the English contralto from the opera, Miss Heywood. Mrs. Harwood won the heartiest responses of the evening. Mr. Perring had approval for the simplicity as well as the chaste, expressive style with which he rendered "Comfort ye my people." Simplicity was not among the virtues of Dr. Guilmette's delivery of the bass arias.

February 13, 1859. *Israel* at last! The great task, occasionally nibbled at, attacked in fragments, in fits of resolution few and far between, was finally essayed in earnest; and after eight more rehearsals, the giant Handel's greatest work, with the sole exception of the *Messiah*, — commonly ranking as the equal of that, — was offered to the public, and the public would not have it. Of course, it had a public here, as wherever an appreciative interest in music exists; but the great public which decides the fate of such enterprises, at least for the time being, the public which pays, testified its indifference or its positive dislike by staying away, or by finding the whole thing dull and wearisome, and by voicing itself in newspaper criticisms, full of rebuke, contempt, and ridicule. The hall was only two thirds full. Handel in this form did not pay. The loss of money sapped the courage needed to repeat a great work which, perhaps more than any other, requires several hearings to make its grandeur and its beauty understood and felt. Something, to be sure, must be allowed for imperfections in a first attempt. Some of those colossal choruses, which Handel's genius upheaved like a long mountain chain, are exceedingly difficult; some very intricate and subtle in the figured interweaving of their eight parts. And then there are so many choruses, — *twenty-eight* of the thirty-nine numbers being choral, *eleven* in uninterrupted (unrelieved, the critics would say) sequence.

¹ See earlier notice of her, on pages 141-2.

The arias, duets, melodies — the verdant vales and flowery streams between the mountains — are comparatively few, although some have been added, *i. e.*, adapted out of Handel's other works, which are usually incorporated in the presentation of *Israel in Egypt*. These arias and duets were commonly found too quaint and antiquated; they seemed dry and tedious after the intoxicating melodies of the Italian opera. Yet there was no denying a certain charm and piquancy in the airs, finely sung by Mrs. Harwood and by Mr. Adams, or the duet between Mrs. Long and Mrs. Harwood; while the sonorous, martial duet, "The Lord is a man of war," in which Mr. Powers and Mr. Wetherbee so manfully bore equal part, even startled into something like enthusiasm those who called the oratorio dull. Many of the grand choral masses moved superbly, and by not a few listeners they were enjoyed intensely. What uplifting, edifying, glorious music! was no uncommon exclamation. The orchestra, for that day at least, was, on the whole, efficient; and the important organ accompaniments, which Mendelssohn, with reverent and skilful hand, in Handel's spirit, had written for this oratorio, which he "had always viewed as *one of the greatest and most lasting musical works*," were carefully played by Mr. J. C. D. Parker. Still the Boston public and the Boston critics, with hardly an exception, set themselves obstinately or facetiously against the opinion of Mendelssohn and Macfarren, of Mozart and Beethoven, of all musical Germany and England, and the verdict was: *a failure!* And there was no appeal in those years, any more than there was rain in those years of Elijah; none until another Festival after the coming four-years' war.

Some of those precious specimens of newspaper musical "criticism" were, fortunately, pilloried at the time and saved up for the curiosity of future antiquarians of the art.¹

¹ Culled from fuller extracts in *Dwight's Journal of Music*, Feb. 19, 1859: —

(From the Boston COURIER.)

" . . . The undivided performance of even the best of Handel's oratorios is an infliction too severe for an audience of modern tastes to endure. As *Israel in Egypt* is not the best of Handel's oratorios, it follows, etc. . . . The music does not fulfil the musical want of the public. . . . It has neither sentiment, grace, nor vitality. Of course, there are certain noble exceptions among Handel's works, such as a few airs in *Samson* and the *Messiah*, some choruses in *Solomon*, etc.; but it unfortunately happens that *Israel* is unusually deficient in those qualities which charm or rouse the multitude. It contains no memorable airs, the few that relieve the ponderous masses of choruses being all in the meaningless style of rough roulade which composers in Handel's time uniformly followed. . . . The performance of such works, entire, adds nothing to the development of artistic feeling in the community; the labor and expense bestowed upon their preparation are a waste of means, which ought to be lamented rather than encouraged."

Thus was a noble aspiration balked. The reaction was to the opposite extreme, from the sublime song of Miriam to Neukomm's *David* with his sling! It was a shifting of the venue, and taking the case into a lower court. If the friends of the higher Art will not or cannot sustain us, let us appeal to those who love the circus better, and post up a bill for them. So the more earnest part of the Society,

(From a facetious grumbler in the TRANSCRIPT.)

"What could possibly induce the Handel and Haydn Society to turn body-catchers and snatch this decently interred thing from its well-secured repose? . . . Why not let these poor old Egyptians and Israelites rest quiet in their sarcophagi, instead of exhuming their musty remains and forcing us to hark from their tombs a doleful cry of their plagues and sorrows? Why force them all to become wandering Jews, to be marched out and *handled* in such a way? . . . We certainly sympathize in one thing, for we are glad when the Israelites had departed. They go through 'the deep and the wilderness'; and a deep wilderness it is, a howling wilderness, into which the poor people get, for the travellers run about every way but the right one.

"Among the most oppressive influences is that produced by the unfortunate victims who are thrust forward singly to bewail their fate. One youthful Jewess arises, and in a dreary strain as soggy as their own swamps, tells of certain frogs, etc. . . . Two Israelitish matrons sally forth and insist that the 'Lord is their strength'; and a garrulous pair they are, for neither will let the other make the assertion without instant interruption; and judging from the amount of breath expended on the same remark, the Lord must certainly have endowed them with strength of lungs, at least. Whether their endurance would outlive that of their hearers, we cannot say.

"Then two stalwart fellows arise to endeavor to prove that 'the Lord is a man of war,' etc., etc. . . . A little Rabbi starts up to state that 'the enemy said he would pursue,' etc. . . . When this little Rabbi disappears on the run, there comes forth a lovely Jewess, who affirms that 'the Lord did blow with the wind,' and a *pretty long* blow it was, and a strong one, too. What else but the wind the Lord could blow with, she could not suggest, etc. . . .

"One grand announcement made by the whole tribe is that 'the people shall hear and be afraid.' Here is a certain fact! For those who hear these lugubrious sorrows of fly-bitten Egyptians and itinerant Israelites will surely be mortally afraid to hear them repeated. . . . Seek not to inoculate the life of 1859 with the blotches and blains which bother the whole medical faculty of Egypt,"—and so on, and so on.

(From the ATLAS and BEE.)

" . . . Several of the choruses are extremely grand and majestic; . . . but we doubt very much if the oratorio will be considered of sufficient interest to be again performed. It has been shelved long since (!) by the sacred musical societies of Europe, and now only a chorus or two is ever introduced into the oratorio performances." (! ?)

(From the Boston JOURNAL.)

"We must confess that the early hearers of this work formed a correct opinion of its merits: nor do we wonder that they were so readily cloyed with its monotonous series of choruses. . . . The Society were wise in announcing but one performance of this work. Where an audience with patience to sit through so much blatant vocal music, or lungs for the performance of it can be obtained, we are ignorant."

in their chagrin, with half-conscious sarcasm, were prompted to resolve, sure, of course, of support from the class found everywhere, who go for popular applause rather than for the reward of the artistic conscience.

On Feb. 22, a concert was given with the Mercantile Library Association in honor of Washington's birthday, when an address was made by Governor Banks. Four days later, *David* was taken from the shelf for rehearsal. To many it was like good old times; to others, mortifying and unappetizing. But why mortifying? There is good music in *David*, of a commonplace and taking sort. It has brilliant instrumentation, and enough of the dramatic, rather say melodramatic, operatic character to make it by no means "*caviare* to the general." But it was "a worn-out local fancy of the greener days of musical taste in Boston." It was truly said of it and of its author: "Neukomm's greatness is exclusively a musical fancy confined to this locality. We do not read in any of the musical reports of Germany, France, England, of any work of his having been for years taken from the shelf. He belongs as a composer to the uninspired, respectable no-geniuses, the '*göttliche Philister*,' whom the Germans are most willing to let sleep. Here in Boston an accidental popularity" (it was at least more juicy than New England psalmody) "attached fifteen years before to *David*. Some still remembered it with pride, and thought to recover what was sunk in *Israel's* Red Sea, by setting up this golden calf one more."

So *David* was announced for April 3, "in conformity to the demands of their patrons and the popular taste of the community." The soloists were Mrs. Long, Miss Louisa Adams, and Messrs. C. R. Adams, J. P. Draper, P. H. Powers, Geo. Wright, Jr., and Edward Hamilton. The performance was a good one, but an easterly rain-storm thinned the audience. April 10 it was repeated to an audience still smaller. It was then decided to give a benefit concert for the Society, in the hope of making up the losses of the season. The hall and orchestra were offered gratis; and the *Hymn of Praise* was given May 14, when an inspiring performance of that noble work was followed by a miscellaneous selection: 1. Weber's *Freyschütz* overture; 2. Scena and duet from *Il Trovatore* ("Qual voce"), by Mrs. Long and Mr. Draper; 3. Cavatina from *Il Giuramento*, by Mrs. Harwood; 4. Scena, "Fall of Zion," Paesiello, sang by Mr. Powers; 5. Coronation March from Meyerbeer's *Prophète*. These, with Mr. Adams, were the solo singers in the first part. There was a slim attendance, the receipts amounting to only about two hundred dollars. Shortly before this, April 2, the Handel and Haydn chorus

had lent its voice to the sublime "Joy" hymn, which concludes Beethoven's Ninth, or Choral, Symphony. This was, on the whole, a brilliantly successful performance for the benefit of Carl Zerrahn, after his heroic perseverance through another season of his "Philharmonic" (Symphony) concerts. Here was more game for the Handel "critics," — for the small newspaper criticism which carps at what is great and above the level of its comprehension. Yet the occasion was a grand one; there was real enthusiasm and delight beneath the surface in the moderately large audience; and the singers, who had been warmed up to their high task in the rehearsals, seemed to sing "better than they knew." And so closed another season; in the words of Secretary Barnes, "a toilsome season of unremunerative labor." We seem to have touched low-water mark, if not the bottom. The next reaction must be upward. And we must remember that "the times" were sick. True musical enthusiasm, in the sense of art, had but an exhausted, heavy, and depressing atmosphere to breathe. We were two years nearer to the outbreak in the shape of war.

Being at that time engaged in journalism, I ventured to make a note of one fact, which should have encouraged the Society to aim high, and persevere with faith another season. It was this: —

"The singers in the Handel and Haydn chorus probably represent, as well as any two or three hundred persons whom you could select, the average taste and likings of the musical audiences of Boston. What would carry the vote in the chorus ranks to-day, would be sure to be ratified by a general Music Hall audience to-morrow, if not instantly. Now, we found the great majority of the singers getting more and more deeply interested and enthusiastic about *Israel in Egypt*, with each successive evening spent in its rehearsal; while the same majority went mechanically and wearily through their parts in *David*. It was their corporate duty to their brethren in the minority, alone, that nerved them to the work."

If it was not the proudest, this was not the least instructive, period of the Handel and Haydn Society experience.

FORTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1859, TO MAY 28, 1860.

At the annual meeting, May 30, the officers were re-elected, and a deficit on the past year of about eight hundred dollars was reported. An assessment of \$5.00 was laid on the members, payable on or before Oct. 1. A donation of \$100 was received from Oliver Ditson. The secretary's report was largely historical, deriving from the past

a lesson of high faith and perseverance. There had been thirty-four rehearsals since the beginning of October, with an average attendance of less than two hundred; and there had been seven concerts, in which from two hundred and fifty to three hundred and twenty-five were found occupying chorus seats; whereupon the worthy secretary read a lecture to delinquents. He recommended a fund for ordinary expenses, and eventually the building of a hall to seat a thousand or twelve hundred persons, to be used for ordinary occasions without an orchestra.

Here let me mention an event which could not be without influence on the future development of our choral societies; namely, the beginning, during that summer, of the public school musical festivals, which gave a new impulse to the teaching and practice of vocal music in all the schools, and thus tended to raise up singers, fresh, trained voices, to replenish and rejuvenate the choral ranks of Handel and Haydn societies in future. This movement in the schools sprang mainly from the enthusiasm and the organizing energy of Dr. J. B. Upham, the gentleman who was soon to become president of the old Society, and lead it through a series of festivals, which fairly entitle him, in this history, to the degree of Festival President. Nor was it all feasting; it was solid work.

October 1. Mr. J. C. D. Parker being obliged by pressure of manifold professional duties to resign the place of organist, which he had acceptably filled for several years, Mr. B. J. Lang was chosen his successor. On the 22d, work began with the rehearsing of Handel's *Samson* once more. — a giant of another kind from the one slain in *David*. Now there is hope. It is like a reviving, downright rain after a midsummer drought. "Let their celestial concerts all unite!" Two performances of this intrinsically worthy popular favorite were given; the first on Nov. 27. The leading soprano was that brilliant and experienced singer, Mme. Anna Bishop, who was once more in this country, with her voice and style wonderfully well preserved. With her sang Mrs. Long, Messrs. C. R. Adams and P. H. Powers, and Dr. C. A. Guilmette. The orchestra was excellent, the chorus carefully trained, and such was the satisfaction with which it was received by an audience that filled the Music Hall, that a repetition was announced for Dec. 4; but a violent snow-storm compelled a postponement to Dec. 11, when it was given with a result equally encouraging. The Handel and Haydn was itself again, and there were new hopes of *Israel*, of *Hymn of Praise*, of *St. Paul*, even of Handel's *Jephtha*, and all noble things. Mme. Bishop, with her full-toned soprano voice, rich and melodious in quality, created a *furore*

in "Let the bright Seraphim," with Heinicke's trumpet. Her delivery of Delilah's recitative was artistic, and her singing of "With plaintive notes" was very fine. Mr. Powers, to whom belonged the part of Manoah, could not sing on account of illness, and his place was creditably filled by Mr. Aiken. The year closed with the annual Christmas performance of the *Messiah*, Dec. 25. It was one of more than average excellence, and drew a good house. The two choruses, "Surely" and "And with his stripes," were not among the omitted numbers this time, and served to prepare by contrast the reckless, careless sounding "All we like sheep have gone astray." Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Long distinguished themselves in their arias, although the latter's bright soprano voice was hardly suited to "He was despised." Mr. Adams and Mr. Aiken were both good. The organ voluntaries of the young new incumbent, Mr. Lang, were well chosen and effective. And this nearly makes up the account of the whole season. After New Year, Jan. 17, the Society assists at a meeting of the Franklin Typographical Society, when an oration is pronounced by Edward Everett. Feb. 11, it assists in Mr. Zerrahn's third Symphony Concert, singing in Beethoven's Choral Fantasia, of which Mr. Lang plays the pianoforte part. The rest of February, March, and April were given to rehearsals of *St. Paul*. That exhausts the record of the season.

FORTY-SIXTH SEASON.

MAY 28, 1860, TO MAY 27, 1861.

At the annual meeting, Col. Thomas E. Chickering was re-elected president, with the other principal officers of the last year. The secretary reported twenty-five admissions and twenty-nine discharges during the year; and that not one of the three oratorio performances had paid expenses. From the treasurer's report it appears that the season had cost \$4,476.60, while the receipts were \$4,189.10, leaving a deficit of \$287.50. There was also a note against the Society, due in August, for \$1,200, making the total indebtedness \$1,487.50, and showing a financial condition not so good as that of the year before. Among the additions to the library were the scores and full vocal and instrumental parts of Handel's *Jephtha* and Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*, the gift of Mr. Theron J. Dale.

September 30. Rehearsals began in the beautiful hall of the new and spacious warerooms of Messrs. Chickering & Sons, on the corner of Avon Place and Washington Street, made free to the Society

with the characteristic liberality of the proprietors. What did they rehearse? The times were bad for any serious new enterprise in art. Both oratorio and symphony were prudently awaiting the subsiding of the tumultuous waves of the political campaign which ended in the election of Lincoln and the first overt measures of secession. This absorbed the thoughts and time of the whole nation. Yet the Society was neither dead nor sleeping. The music of the day was mainly in the streets. In November, a guaranty subscription was solicited. This, like the prospectus of Mr. Zerrahn's Philharmonic concerts, met with no response; so that an utter dearth of these things threatened. Nevertheless the *Messiah*, after Christmas, Dec. 30, was not allowed to fail. The audience was immense, but the discouragements for going on were greater. Adelaide Phillipps sang, in her large, artistic style, of course. A young debutante, Miss Gilson, with a high and pure soprano, reaped the most applause. Mrs. Harwood sang "I know that my Redeemer" nobly. Mr. C. R. Adams, not then the *tenore robusto* that he now is, sang expressively and sweetly; and a new bass, Mr. J. R. Thomas, showed a correct method, with a light and flexible voice. Queer criticisms, of the facetious kind that followed *Israel in Egypt*, shrunk not from the *Messiah* this time.

The next public efforts were: Feb. 10, 1861, a miscellaneous concert, with Mlle. Carlotta Patti and Herr Stigelli. Selections from *St. Paul*, *Elijah*, *Solomon*, and the *Messiah*. It opened with bad omen, an apology for Stigelli on account of indisposition, which caused great deviation from the programme in the solo numbers. He sang, however, better than the audience expected. Mlle. Patti displayed her florid vocalization in Schubert's *Ave Maria*, as well as in Mozart's *Queen of the Night*. March 17. — A miscellaneous concert at the Boston Theatre (then called Academy of Music), with Grau's opera troupe. Bad management and poor performance. Great confusion about seats. Rossini's *Stabat Mater* a foregone conclusion. March 31. — The *Messiah*, given with the Italian opera troupe, filled the hall completely. Yet the gross receipts were \$97.50. The solos were by Miss Adelaide Phillipps, who sang the contralto airs "with inmost feeling"; Miss Clara Louise Kellogg and Miss Isabelle Hinckley, fresh and immature in the Handelian music; Signor (Herr) Stigelli, the fine tenor, who sang with dignity and true expression; and Dr. Guilmette, whose voice was "wavering."

We have reached the eventful month of April, 1861. Now the word is WAR! Civil, domestic war, between the northern and southern sections of our hitherto united great and free Republic. The

secession of the latter had already been five months in formal progress. Now, April 14, Fort Sumter was evacuated, after a vigorous resistance to the bombardment of the rebels. The call for arms in defence of the Union went forth at once from Washington; and on the 17th a Massachusetts regiment, the first in answer to the call, was mobbed and fired upon in Baltimore upon its loyal march over the national highway to the capital. *Inter arma silent leges.* And music, too, appalled, — music as Art, — must needs be silent. What is there now for oratorio, or symphony, or opera to do? Only the drum and fife, the bugle and the trumpet, the cannons and alarm-bells, now can claim attention. A Handel and Haydn Society, appealing to a serious love of music, finds things more serious in possession of all earnest minds; all hearts beating to the rhythm of the love of freedom and of country. The lighter and more superficial, even frivolous forms of melody, which answer the momentary ends of mere amusement, will naturally be most in vogue at such a time; the opera, perhaps, will have some chance.

But if there be any way in which Music may lend support to the nation's cause, whether by indirectly raising money, or by uplifting, stirring, cheering, strengthening (as great music sometimes does) the spirit of a people, is not our old Society ready and eager to do its best? One opportunity soon came. The following announcement was issued: "The Handel and Haydn Society, desirous of contributing something toward the preservation of our common country, in this, its day of trial, will, with the co-operation of the Philharmonic Orchestra, the Germania Band, and Mrs. Long, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Kempton, and Mr. Powers, give a grand concert of miscellaneous patriotic and national music at the Boston Music Hall on Saturday evening, April 27. The entire proceeds will be handed over to the Governor of the Commonwealth for the purpose of arming and equipping troops in the service of the country." The entire proceeds were \$378.50, which very modest sum was gratefully received in the name of Massachusetts by his Excellency Gov. John A. Andrew. The concert went off with much spirit. The patriotic airs were brilliantly given and applauded with enthusiasm. Some stirring Handel choruses were sung, and the audience joined in the noble strains of what is falsely called "America," being in fact "God save the King."

FORTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1861, TO MAY 26, 1862.

The annual meeting was held May 27, at Chickering Hall, the vice-president in the chair. The treasurer reported the financial condition to be about the same as at the last annual meeting; the profit on the Christmas performance of the *Messiah*, together with some two hundred dollars contributed by members, about squared the expenditures of the season, leaving the Society in debt \$1,362.58, secured by railroad bonds, exclusive of the valuable library and other property. The secretary's report was long, and contained much important matter. Thirty-three regular weekly rehearsals had been held, besides four business meetings of the Society and nineteen of the Board of Trustees. Nine members had been admitted, and three discharged. He dwelt on the fact that, in the then present state of things, no society could rely on public patronage for support; that similar organizations elsewhere, and for similar purposes, like the Sacred Harmonic Society of New York, exacted a yearly price of membership; that a moderate annual assessment on each member would not only meet the current expenses of conductor, organist, rent of library room, etc., but would stimulate *esprit de corps*, and enlist the hearty co-operation of each and every member, since men value most the privileges they have to pay for, and membership in such a Society is certainly a privilege; it is the one way of becoming familiar with the great sacred creations of Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and others. He therefore advised an amendment of the By-Laws such as to admit of an annual assessment of *five dollars*. He also alluded to the great advantage which the Society would gain from such a measure, in finding itself free from all "entangling alliances," however temporary, whereby it has been often forced to appear before the public wholly unprepared, in company with artists "who care nothing for us or the audience to which we introduce them, and are as unprepared as ourselves for rendering satisfactorily the music assigned them."

The report strongly urged the importance of another addition to the By-Laws, whereby the attendance of members at rehearsals might be secured, on penalty of forfeiture of membership in certain cases, without the tedious process of advertising a roll-call in "three or more daily papers." This, even if it reduced the members of the chorus, would lead to better discipline and improve the quality of the public performances. After these and other suggestions (not all so sound as these), the report wound up with a glance at the disturbed condi-

tion of the country: "In times like these we can do nothing. Did I say we could do nothing? Have we not already commanded the Muse, and brought her into the service of our country's cause? We have just given a concert for the benefit of the troops. . . . May we not hope that our trouble will soon cease, and that peace may be proclaimed throughout the length and breadth of our land? Then will we again unite in a grand triumphal jubilee of welcome to those who have fought our battles, and contributed of their might to the upholding of the majesty of the laws." It was a hope long deferred, but the jubilee came none the less, and all the more glorious, in the fullness of time.

After the unanimous nomination of Dr. J. Baxter Upham for the office of president, the meeting was adjourned to June 4, when Dr. Upham — a gentleman of culture and large public spirit, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1842, and of the Harvard Medical School in 1847, a gentleman to whom Boston was indebted more than to any other for the enterprise which built the Music Hall, and secured the noble organ which was soon to adorn it and complete it, and from whose enthusiasm the cause of music in our public schools was still receiving such an impulse — was elected president, with no change of other officers. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, Col. T. E. Chickering.

The secretary, in the report above quoted, had made various stringent recommendations and warnings on the score of economy in those dark times. He even went so far as to suggest a return to the ancient practice of having the rehearsals conducted by the president of the Society, instead of by a hired conductor (!). This, of course, caused a smile, as possibly the wily officer intended that it should; for, rather than beat such an ignominious retreat, what sacrifice within their means were not the members ready enough to make? It does not appear that the five-dollar assessment project met with a very warm response; had it passed, there probably would have been no further need of guaranty subscriptions to this day. But one effect of the discussion may be found in the generous attitude taken by Mr. Zerahn and Mr. Lang, the conductor and organist, who readily agreed to retain office without fixed salary, and be content with whatever small balance might remain in the treasury after the expenses were paid. (At the end of the year, July 1, 1862, they got \$41.69 each!) The work of rehearsal, we may be sure, was busily resumed, as usual, in October; for therein lay the real life of the Society. By this means it could at least keep itself in running order. Better than gold was it to know good music, and be able to sing it well together.

That good seed planted, the harvest would be sure to follow in due season.

No public performance was attempted until after Christmas, Dec. 29, when the *Messiah* was given, after unusually careful preparation in the matter of the choruses. Not a chorus was omitted nor a concerted number; nothing but a piece or two of solo. The chorus seats were not quite so full as on some earlier occasions, but this was one of the good results of the new rule excluding "dummies," and made up in quality more than was lost in quantity. The orchestra was larger and better than could have been expected in those times, when the war was making such draughts on our musicians. We were reduced to one bassoon, and that of a somewhat uncertain sound; which could not be said of the trumpet, which rang out splendidly in "The trumpet shall sound." There was room for improvement in the chorus singing, our singers being still impatient of that "Old World" drill, which cultivates a sensitive ear to what at first seem inconsiderable blemishes. Few of them had yet learned not to confound *familiarity* with mastery or knowledge. In the soprano arias Mrs. Long was uncommonly happy, whether in voice, or style, or feeling; and she was heard with peculiar interest, having announced her resolution of retiring from the stage and devoting herself exclusively to teaching. The airs "Come unto him," "But thou didst not leave," etc., and "How beautiful" were sung by Miss Gilson, a fresh, young voice of silvery purity and sweetness, yet a little cold. Mrs. Kempton's deep contralto was as rich and warm as ever, but her upper notes, owing to a cold, were tremulous and husky. There was a new soloist, announced as "the celebrated English tenor," Mr. Gustavus Geary, whose voice was robust, rich, and resonant, but whose struggles for pathos and expression seemed affected and unnatural. Mr. Thomas, of New York, rendered the bass solos well, albeit with a voice hard and dry in quality. Great was the crowd of attentive listeners, and the receipts were \$763.

Great applause greeted the announcement by President Upham that, at the suggestion of Hon. R. C. Winthrop, the *Messiah* would be repeated on New-Year's afternoon, for the benefit of the United States Sanitary Commission Fund. Conductor, organist, and all the assisting artists, vocal and instrumental, volunteered their services for this most worthy object; and the friends of the soldier were exhorted to see that the funds of the Commission were increased thereby. The receipts were \$385.75, as stated in a letter of acknowledgment from Huntington Wolcott, Esq., treasurer of the Sanitary Fund.

Early in February, 1862, we find the Society engaged in the rehearsal of Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang*, and Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum*. Both works have victory in them, — the thing chiefly wanted in those times. Before the end of the month there were Union victories to talk about and celebrate with song. It was too late to secure the Music Hall for the 22d, Washington's birthday; so the concert was announced for Saturday evening, March 1, Mr. Zerrahn having waived the right of the hall that evening for his fourth Philharmonic concert, and lending the whole force of his orchestra to this patriotic musical rejoicing. There was fine field for it in the symphonic prelude of the *Hymn of Praise*, as well as in the accompaniments of that work and the *Dettingen Te Deum*. It was a grand solemnity, this commemoration of victory. Every seat was filled; every face glowed with sympathetic fervor; every singer and player looked as if his heart was in his work. The simple decorations, too, were tasteful and suggestive. Flags culminating in a wreath encircled the motto, "Te Deum," the whole forming a fine background to the noble statue of Beethoven, "who is certainly in place where Victory means Freedom." To make all perfect, and to bring the theme directly home to all, it chanced that Col William Raymond Lee, and other brave officers of the Twentieth, had arrived home only the evening before from their captivity in Richmond since the affair of Ball's Bluff. Their entrance with Governor Andrew and his staff, amid patriotic strains from the orchestra, and the repeated cheers of the whole house, made an enlivening episode to begin with; which the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" — the solo of each stanza given out with fervor by Miss Washburn, and the whole choir joining in the refrain with orchestra — carried up to a thrilling climax.

Then was sung (for the first time as a whole in Boston) Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum*, which he composed in 1743, to commemorate a victory gained by the English and Austrian arms over the French, and which has ever since voiced the national thanksgiving of the English after victory. If not to be counted among Handel's greatest works, it is massive and grand in its choruses, and not wanting in solos and trios of considerable interest. By its solemn, stirring texts it harmonized with the occasion. The trumpet call which introduces and is worked into the whole accompaniment of the first five-part chorus, "We praise thee, O Lord, we acknowledge Thee"; the semi-chorus, "To Thee all angels cry aloud," which secures by contrast the full splendor of that most inspiring chorus, "To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry," with its perpetual reiteration of the phrase "continually"; the great *Sanctus*, "Holy, holy"; in

short, all the choruses bore the great seal of Handel. And they were in the main sung correctly and with spirit. The solos were acceptably rendered by fresh and satisfactory voices, all taken from the ranks and new to the audience, with the exception of Mr. Simpson, the tenor from New York. Mr. Myron W. Whitney made an impression by his remarkably round, sonorous, musical bass voice. Miss Granger's fresh and clear soprano, limited to bits of solo in a quartet and choruses, told with good effect. And Miss Fitch sang the alto part in the trio with tenor and bass tastefully, in warm, sweet tones.

The *Hymn of Praise*, besides giving more scope to the orchestra, "touches every key of praise and thankfulness, from the most trumpet-tongued to the most tender, sweet, and trustful"; and the whole performance was inspiring. Miss Granger and Miss Washburn blended to a charm in the duet, "I waited for the Lord," the choral waves rolling in richly and smoothly, so that the piece was encored. Mr. Simpson had cultivated his sweet, sympathetic tenor to a really artistic style since the first Handel and Haydn Festival, and rendered the dramatic scene of the "Watchman" with a good deal of expression. Chorus and orchestra were so good, worked with such a will, that the interest waxed more and more exciting to the end. This joint demonstration of music and of patriotism, one of the most memorable events, so far, of our Music Hall, hardly admitted, in the nature of things, of repetition, with all the circumstances which combined to render it complete. Of the result financially we find no statement.

The season ended with a performance, April 20, of the *Creation*. Miss Chapman sang the largest part of the soprano arias after but six days' study of the music, not of the kind she learned in Italy; and by her fine, clear, powerful voice, as well as by the style, the character and spirit in her singing, she bore away the first honors. Miss Gilson, Mr. Hazelwood, a new and pleasing tenor, and Mr. M. W. Whitney acquitted themselves with credit. The receipts fell short of the expenses.

FORTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

MAY 26, 1862, TO MAY 25, 1863.

At the annual meeting the officers were re-elected. The receipts for the past year were reported at \$4,623.20; the expenses, \$5,102.40. The secretary in his long report drew from treasures old and new in the annals of the Society, showing how much had been done through its concerts in the cause of charity, the *Messiah* having proved a fruitful source of income for that purpose here, as it had done in

England and Ireland in Handel's own day. He dwelt again on the need of stricter discipline and more punctual and constant attendance at rehearsals. A committee had been charged with the careful consideration of his suggestions, in the last year's report, both on this subject and on that of an annual assessment, which resulted in a strong recommendation of both measures. But at a meeting of the Society, called expressly for the purpose, it was decided, in view of the critical state of the times, to let the proposed changes lie over for a season. Five gentlemen had been admitted to membership, and four had received an honorable discharge. A tribute of respect was paid to one of the highly esteemed members of the Society, for many years its secretary, William Learnard, who died on the evening of the last annual meeting. Some of the most active members had gone to the front, and were fighting the battles of the country. "Our president, too (Dr. Upham), has voluntarily gone forth in the noble work of alleviating the sufferings of the sick and wounded." This naturally has reduced the chorus, yet the oratorios have been given in a creditable manner.

The report closed with a reference to the success of the Musical Festival of 1857, the first of the kind ever attempted in this country, and proposed in glowing terms triennial festivals thereafter, of "majestic proportions," alluding in this connection to the great Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace in London, and to the enormous success of *Israel in Egypt*, as there given in 1859. This portion of the report sheds such a flood of light upon the question of that (here) much-maligned oratorio, that I am tempted to reproduce it in full.

The secretary says:—

"In a pamphlet prospectus of the coming (London) Festival, issued by Mr. Manager Bowley, we find the following in reference to the great festival of 1859, when twelve hundred were gathered together, independent of the band, in the performance of Handel's oratorios. He says: 'For the last day's performance in 1859 the sum of *sixteen thousand pounds* was received for tickets' (!), and he adds: 'With what additional satisfaction must this be regarded, when it is borne in mind that this unparalleled amount was obtained by the representation of that stupendous masterpiece of musical art, *Israel in Egypt*, the oratorio of oratorios! It has taken one hundred and twenty years to arrive at a full appreciation of its merits!'

"As to the excellence of the performance of *Israel in Egypt*, and the effect thereof, M. Meyerbeer is quoted as having declared that, 'with all his life-long varied experiences of the greatest musical solemnities in all countries, *Israel in Egypt*, at the Handel Festival, had far sur-

passed them all.' And yet when this same great work was performed here, by the Handel and Haydn Society, some two or three years since, — and well performed, too, considering the inadequacy of the choir, as to numbers, to give the massive composition its full effect, — the carping critics brought all their mighty batteries to bear in a flood of ridicule not only upon the oratorio, but on the Society for resuscitating a work that had long been shelved, as they said, in England, and should be buried so low here as never to reach the daylight again!"

But, leaving *Israel* to vindicate itself here, as elsewhere, as it will surely do when peace returns, our thoughts must now revert to the War, which is still making larger draughts upon the young manhood of the country, and even claiming recruits within the ranks of harmony. Col. Thomas E. Chickering, late president of the Handel and Haydn Society, has assumed command of a fine regiment (the 41st), which he is soon to lead out in defence of country and free institutions. This regiment has not, like others, received help from private sources. Therefore, the old Society is moved to give it and its chief a godsend in the shape of a grand patriotic concert in aid of the regimental fund. It took place Oct. 25, with the co-operation of Miss Julia Houston, Mr. R. Hall, the Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orpheus Musical Society, and the principal military bands of the city. — the Brigade, Hall's, Gilmore's, and the Germania. The receipts were about \$650, of which \$500 were given to the fund.

The *Messiah*, as usual, came round in Christmas week, Dec. 28. Mrs. Long had been drawn from her retirement, to sing once more, and at her best, "There were shepherds," "Rejoice greatly," and the great song of faith. Miss Gilson's sweet, clear voice betrayed "stage fright." Miss Annie Louise Cary, a healthy, natural, and hearty singer, fresh from her native Maine, till then a stranger to so large a stage, but destined to achieve great popularity and a distinguished rank among the world's contraltos, sang creditably, but with a certain lifelessness of style. Her day will come. Mr. William Castle, a fresh young tenor from New York, whose chief musical experience had been among the "minstrels," and who sang this music for the first time, made an excellent impression. His pure, sweet voice had enough of power and endurance for this important task, and he managed it with such skill and judgment as to give fair expression and effect to "Comfort ye" and "Every valley," and even the pathetic "Thy rebuke"; but he was not equal — scarcely any singer was, except Sims Reeves — to "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron." For him, too, there were laurels in reserve. Mr. Rudolphsen

delivered the bass arias with dignity and power. Some of the choruses never went better. But the chorus, very large, was not well balanced; tenors and basses too preponderating; contraltos few and feeble; sopranos feeble, too, though many. The orchestra was excellent. There was a splendid audience.

Rehearsals of *Elijah* followed with the new year, 1863; and this unfailling favorite, well selected to revive the flagging interest in oratorios, was performed on March 15. The Music Hall was crowded. The solo singing was all good. The "title part" was intrusted to Mr. Rudolphsen, who, although not up to Mendelssohn's ideal of the prophet, — nor was Formes. nor even Mr. Weiss, in England, for whom the part was written, — yet had his rich, solid tones well under control, while his delivery was conscientious and appropriate, never feeble nor offensive. The principal soprano arias and recitatives were worthily presented by Mme. Guerrabella (*née* Ward), — an American lady who had married a Russian Count Guerbel, in Rome, and being deserted by him, began a successful career as a singer. She had been very highly cultivated in the Italian style, and may be supposed to have been more at home in the music of Bellini and Donizetti than in that of Mendelssohn. But her interpretation was all good; her rendering always dignified; her feeling of the music unaffected. There was a chaste abstinence from ornament: at the most, a few final trills finely executed. Her manner and presence were in keeping with the noble music, which she seemed to approach with an unfeigned respect. Miss Houston and Mrs. J. S. Cary did justice, respectively, to the parts of the queen and the contralto arias. Mr. Castle fully confirmed the good impression he had made in the *Messiah*. All the principal artists took part in the double quartet, and several of them in the quartets, which compared remarkably well with any previous renderings.

March 22. *Elijah* was repeated with diminished audience and a loss of \$250!

FORTY-NINTH SEASON.

MAY 25, 1863, TO MAY 30, 1864.

Again we look to the secretary's report made at the annual meeting, May 25, to learn the animus and temper of the Society for twelve months past, together with its hopes and purposes. The doings we have already sketched. After a brief recital of these, the secretary reminds us of the difficulty and the cost, in money and in labor, of preparing such a work as *Elijah* for public performance, and points

out a reciprocal duty between the Society and the public. Without local rivals, and by far the largest and most efficient choral organization in the country, the Handel and Haydn Society is still defective in many important requisites for a perfect rendering of the great oratorios. It still needs better balance of the four parts, and a more constant attendance at rehearsals on the part of each and every member. On this last point, Mr. Barnes is more stringent than ever, and shows up, in a withering light, the poor excuse of those who think that there is no particular need for *their* rehearsing, since they have sung the work for years, and know their parts by heart; yet when a part goes wrong, it is commonly traceable to some of these! He mentions the attempt made to secure better attendance by a frequent calling of the roll, "which resulted in the discharge from the Society of seven members, who had proverbially been absent from rehearsals, the receipt of a large mail of excuses from the sick and disabled, and a much fuller attendance on each evening of the roll-call."

The report then proceeds to the gratifying announcement that the Great Organ, one of the largest and most perfect in the world, which will soon furnish new and grander background of accompaniment to their chorus singing, has arrived, and is to be erected in the Music Hall during the summer. Regarding the pecuniary embarrassments of the Society, he relates that the Board of Trustees, at a recent meeting, had voted to make an appeal to friends, and the public at large, for aid in establishing a fund of \$20,000 to be permanently invested, the income to be expended in bringing out important works, instituting a series of festivals, and combining all the choral force of the immediate neighborhood of Boston in one great choir, after the manner of London, Birmingham, and other English cities. He closes with suggesting the spring of 1865, at which time the Society will have completed the first half-century of its existence, as a fit time (one might say imperatively fit) for another musical festival, which shall be greater than the first (in 1857). Before this, he would increase the membership to four hundred. And coinciding with this sentiment of fifty years to be remembered and rejoiced in, we shall find, when we reach the time, another mighty stimulus and inspiration, — the thrill of a new national assurance, enough to dispose the general heart and mind to everything exultant and sublime in praise and thanksgiving and great festival of song. But many a dark and trying chapter of our war has to come home to us before that!

President Upham had returned and occupied the chair. The officers were re-elected. The treasurer, M. S. Parker, showed the receipts of

the year to be \$4,787.79, and the expenditures \$4,937.79, leaving a balance of \$150 against the Society, which, with a note of \$700 due, made its liabilities \$850; to meet which, the Society held an Ogdensburg bond worth \$1,040, thus leaving an actual balance of \$190 on hand.

We are now, it must be remembered, at the turning period and near the crisis of the War of the Rebellion. This was the summer, 1863, of the momentous battle of Gettysburg. There could not be much room for music in men's minds, at least not much for public musical performances, for musical enterprises requiring money, time, and thought. The fate of the nation trembled in the balance. It was a moment of absorbing hope and fear. The storm had lasted longer, had raged and was still raging far more furiously than our sanguine secretary in his report two years before so confidently trusted. Gettysburg was in July. But six months earlier, on the 1st of January that year, a new element of strength, a new great hope and inspiration, was added to the Union cause. President Lincoln's immortal Proclamation of Emancipation to the slave had been that day promulgated; and liberty-loving, loyal citizens of Boston, on the afternoon of that day, had taken worthy recognition of the great event by a memorable concert in the Music Hall, — a "Grand Jubilee Concert," — a concert as remarkable for the artistic composition of its programme, musically considered, as for the occasion that inspired it. Mr. Zerrahn and his orchestra were there; Mr. B. J. Lang threw himself into it with fervor, raising, drilling, and leading the vocal forces; Mr. Otto Dresel stepped from his habitual retirement to interpret the greatest of the Beethoven Concertos; Miss Houston and Mr. August Kreissmann sang. And, to crown all, Ralph Waldo Emerson was there to read his "Boston Hymn," which he had written for the occasion, having completed it that very morning. Ex-Mayor Josiah Quincy introduced the poet. Although the Handel and Haydn Society, owing to political division (or at least lack of unanimity) within its ranks, could not lend its aid officially, by name, yet it will be worth remembering with some satisfaction that, without a Handel and Haydn Society, the important choral features of that concert would have been impracticable. *Elijah*, and the *Messiah*, and the *Hymn of Praise* looked to that quarter for a large proportion of the voices. To those of its members who did take part, feeling that the war question had now passed the stage of politics, and that Providence had taken it out of that sphere altogether, it must always be a pleasure to remember that they were part and parcel of the heartfelt and enthusiastic rendering of that memorable programme. The choral history of this period is not complete without it. Here it is in brief: —

PROLOGUE BY R. W. EMERSON.

PART I.

1. Overture to "Egmont" *Beethoven.*
2. Solo and chorus from "Hymn of Praise" *Mendelssohn.*
Air (Mr. Kreissmann): "The sorrows of death."
 . . . "Watchman, will the night soon pass?"
Soprano (Miss Houston): "The night is departing!"
Chorus: "The night is departing." . . . "Gird on the
 armor of Light."
3. Concerto in E flat, for piano and orchestra *Beethoven.*
 Pianoforte by Mr. DRESEL.

PART II.

4. Dr. O. W. Holmes's Army Hymn, Solo (Kreissmann)
 and Chorus *O. Dresel.*
5. Fifth Symphony *Beethoven.*
6. (a.) Chorus from "Elijah" "He watching over
 Israel" *Mendelssohn.*
 (b.) Hallelujah from "Messiah" *Handel.*
7. Overture to "William Tell" *Rossini.*

There was an utter dearth of music all that summer, and until November. But all that summer, at the same time, during six long months, one of the builders of the long-waited-for Great Organ (Messrs. Walcker & Son of Ludwigsburg), with his men, were busily putting together the great instrument, with its army of pipes great and small, and its imposing front or housing, at the stage end of the Music Hall. Its capacity and qualities had been tested in various ways, private and public. And now came the opportunity for the Handel and Haydn Society to combine its voices with it in a "Grand Choral Inauguration." This took place Nov. 28; and proved so impressive, so inspiring, that the concert had to be repeated on Dec. 6. The two performances may be spoken of as one, since they presented the same matter, with the same interpreters, the only difference being in the seating of the singers and arrangement of the stage. We find the following description of the scene:—

"The orchestra of forty instruments (Wm. Schultze at their head) occupied the middle of the platform before the organ, at which sat Mr. Lang behind Crawford's statue of Beethoven. The sopranos and altos were grouped in curved lines on either side: and rising behind them, tier on tier, upon a temporary staging, the tenors and basses into the side balconies, making a fine show, with the majestic organ in the background, its lower corners only being obscured. On the second occasion the chorus occupied a still loftier and wider amphitheatre, built for the concert of the twelve hundred school children, and the platform came much farther forward into the hall,

whereby the sound, especially of the orchestra, told more effectively. The organ, too, shone out for the first time in *all* the glory of its great front pipes, some missing ones having at last arrived; five of these filled the central field behind the carved head of Bach, where had been flags; these, with a large pipe in each of the square end towers, made the front, hitherto abridged of part of its effective width, shine all along the line."

This may serve for a general type of the spectacle presented by the stage and organ end of the hall at many festivals and concerts in the following years. Now for the music.

The old practice of "playing in" the chorus singers with an organ "voluntary" was wisely discontinued. The first sounds of the programme fell fresh upon ears not already dulled by music heard, but never listened to *as* music. The first burst was overwhelming: full chorus of near four hundred voices, full organ and full orchestra, all blending *fortissimo* in Luther's choral, "*Ein' feste Burg*," developed into a "Religious Festival Overture" by Otto Nicolai. The volume of tone was immense, and the sonorous ensemble was as round and musical and fresh as it was startlingly grand and powerful. Then followed the ingenious and somewhat fanciful symphonic working up by the clever young Berlin composer of the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, on the rendering of which we find this comment in our journal at the time: "Oh that Boston had an orchestra half as good for an orchestra, as the organ is for an organ!" Under the circumstances we would have been content with Luther's choral *pure et simple*. Then came Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus, with an effect that can be easily imagined.

But the great feature of the first part was Handel's music to Dryden's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day," composed in 1736, never before heard in this country. Although not to be counted among Handel's *great* works, it is full of genial and delightful music, and is moderate in length, — one hour at the most. It was peculiarly appropriate for the opening of the organ, both by its allusions to the characteristics of the various instruments embodied in an organ, and by its cheerful, solemn, noble air, with prelude. "But oh! what art can teach the sacred organ's praise?" Moreover, it has stirring and heroic passages, which chimed well with the temper of the times after Gettysburg. There was one serious difficulty. Handel's score, as he has left it, offers but a thin sketch or outline of accompaniment; no Mozart, Mendelssohn, or Robert Franz had taken it in hand. Some of the arias had nothing but a bass with a high flute, or violin; Handel was in the habit of filling out the harmony upon his organ. But this deficiency was turned to good account for this occasion. The accompaniment was confined exclusively to the organ, Mr. Lang

having transcribed for it whatever hints there were of Handel's instrumentation. Thus the new instrument won an opportunity to show the quality of all its various imitative stops, oboe, flute, trumpet, violin, etc., which he contrasted charmingly. The grand choruses, "From heavenly harmony this universal frame began," "The trumpet's loud clangor," with the "Hark! hark!" and the "Charge! charge!" of the tenor solo (Mr. L. W. Wheeler), followed by the chorus *charging* all along the line, with quick reiteration of "the double, double, double beat of the thund'ring drum"; the sublime finale (solo and chorus), ending with —

"The trumpet shall be heard on high,
The dead shall live, the living die,
And music shall untune the sky,"

were sung with spirit and precision. Of the solos, the nobler soprano strains in praise of Cecilia, of Music, and "the great Creator," which continually lead the movement in all the latter portion of the work, were powerfully delivered by Miss Houston, her best voice seconding the spirit in which she sang. In the earlier aria, "What passion cannot music raise and quell?" slow, sweet, full of quiet rapture, she sang in a pure tone, with truth and delicacy of feeling; and in that quaint melody, with its antique cut and ornate figures, "The soft, complaining flute," and "Woes of hapless lovers," her rendering was tasteful and as effective as could reasonably be expected. The succeeding tenor aria, "The sharp violins," which the poet couples here with "jealous pangs and desperation, fury," etc., is a curious piece, with wide, impassioned intervals, and quaint figures also; but Mr. Wheeler acquitted himself in it as only a well-taught singer could. The interest of the ode went on *crescendo* from the beginning to the great finale, of which the effect was wonderful. We have gone into so much detail of the work, because that was its last (to this day) as well as first production here in Boston. The reason is obvious: it lies in the matter of accompaniment. Some Robert Franz must help us, if we are to hear it again.

The second part of the concert consisted of the *Hymn of Praise*, of which the grandeurs and the beauties came out clear and unmistakable. The solos were finely sung by Miss Houston and Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Fiske seconding the former well in the duet, "I waited for the Lord." In the thrilling notes, "The night is departing," Miss Houston's voice electrified the audience, as it had done notably before in that Emancipation Jubilee.

We have only to add that the first performance added from four to

five hundred dollars to a fund for the extinction of the debt on the organ. The repetition was by invitation of the Music Hall directors, who paid all expenses, dividing the proceeds with the Society.

The *Messiah*, after Christmas, Dec. 27, drew an immense audience, at double the old price. The receipts were \$1,934. The organ both helped and marred the performance, if we may trust the following record:—

“ It made the choruses more ponderous and grand, and withal more brilliant; its hundreds of blended voices in each chord, with all its finely attuned ‘ mixtures ’ and harmonics, being clearer, truer, and more penetrating than the indifferent average of human organs. Some of the choruses, the great, broad, popular ones, like the Hallelujah, went splendidly. Others, more fugued and fragmentary (imitative), full of points to be snatched up quickly, now by this and now by that set of voices, went badly (such as ‘ He shall break their bonds asunder ’). This was, in a great measure, owing to the unaccustomedness in singing with the organ, as well as to the new location of the different bodies of singers, which the organ has made necessary. The conductor stands far out in front; the tone reaches his ear an instant *after* the key is pressed down, so that the organist has to anticipate by just that instant. The pipes, according to the quarter where they are housed, arouse and bear off the nearest singers, in spite of the conductor’s wand. The tenors, for instance, sit (sat then) right against that side of the organ where all the strong pipes of the ‘ great ’ organ, trumpets, cornet mixtures, and all, leap out aloud. There is general bewilderment. Conductor wonders that the Messrs. Tenors will still keep in advance; all but the most resolute, sure singers drop away for fear of doing mischief, leaving the burthen of the work in a great measure to the organ.”

But these were difficulties which time and familiarity were sure to remedy. The orchestra, too, often began out of tune: no fault of the musicians, since it was an awkward thing for them at once to adapt their instruments to the low French normal pitch to which the organ had been tuned. Time brought the remedy for that, too.

Of the solo singers, Miss Maria Brainerd, of New York, made a good impression in the principal soprano airs. She had some sterling qualifications for an oratorio singer; a pure, sweet, powerful voice, flexible and evenly developed, sustaining itself well in “ I know that my Redeemer.” She seemed an earnest, conscientious artist. Her chief fault was too much of the false kind of *portamento*. Mrs. J. S. Cary’s contralto was more rich and musical than ever; there were feeling, style, fine shading in her rendering. So good were the quality of tone, the method, style, and spirit of the tenor, Mr. Wheeler, that it was said of him, “ He really deserves to have more power of voice ”; yet it was by no means painfully inadequate even for the

great Music Hall. Mr. J. R. Thomas, of New York, sang the bass songs very evenly and clearly.

On Feb. 21, 1864, for the first time since 1857, Costa's *Eli* was brought out again, with Miss Houston in the part of Hannah, Mrs. J. S. Cary as Samuel, Mr. Wheeler as Elkanah, Mr. Kimball as the Man of God, and Mr. Rudolphsen as Eli. The solo singing was of more than average excellence, the balance of parts unusually good, the chorus well trained, and the audience large. The season reached its penultimate task in a second (Easter) performance, before a very large audience, of the *Messiah*, in which the Great Organ swelled the volume of the chorus very palpably, and with all the more effect that it was sparingly used in gentler passages; while the solos were remarkably well presented by Miss Houston (who took *all* the soprano pieces), Mrs. Cary, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Rudolphsen; and completed itself, May 8, with a creditable rendering of the *E i j h*, which the singers, then, as now, were sure to attack with zest and *con amore*. Besides Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Rudolphsen, were Adelaide Phillipps, always impressive in the contralto arias, with her rich, large, cultivated voice and style; Miss Houston, at her best and always earnest in some of the soprano arias, albeit sometimes nervous in her anxious effort to do justice to such music; and another soprano, Mrs. H. M. Smith, whose purity of voice and honest style commended her. And these three ladies sang the "Angel Trio," which rarely had been heard to such advantage.

CHAPTER VII.

FIFTIETH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1864, TO JUNE 16, 1865.

AT the annual meeting, May 30, the old board of officers were re elected. The treasurer reported the receipts of the year to May 27, at \$2,254 32; expenses, 1,538.97, — leaving the Society out of debt, with a balance in the treasury of over \$700. The librarian's report showed an addition to the library of eight hundred and sixty-nine vocal parts and seven scores. Secretary Barnes congratulated the members on a successful year at last, in those hard times. Of the six concerts of the season, five had been in the joint interest of the Society and the Music Hall Association, — the first, as we have seen, a voluntary offering to the organ fund. There had been thirty rehearsals, with a fair attendance, averaging, on pleasant evenings, one hundred and ninety-seven members; the highest number present at any rehearsal was two hundred and ninety-one. There had been thirty admissions of new members, and two expulsions. The secretary did not discuss the condition and prospects of the Society in his usual exhaustive manner, but gave place to the thoughtful, excellent address of Dr. Upham, the president. After a complimentary allusion to "the instructive reports of our worthy secretary" on past occasions, followed by pleasant recognition of the presence on the active roll of members (now in the forty-ninth year of the Society) of "an honored few," who took part in its earliest public performances; and after briefly summing up the work and the successes of the season (already recorded in these pages), with fit tribute to the noble organ, the address becomes didactic, and discourses at length, with wise and practical suggestions, upon what we may call the *morale* of a choral society. This is too much to the purpose not to be given here in full: —

"There have been shortcomings enough; and glaring faults, — faults which have reference to the Society as a body, — faults (the more frequent and inexcusable) which are referable to a few, who by their inattention and carelessness have sadly marred the well-directed efforts of all the rest, — and faults, too, of that still more limited class, who are yet to be found in all associations of this nature, — termed not inappropriately the *individual vociferators*,

— whose zeal, out of all proportion to their knowledge, spoils both the temper and the tone of their immediate neighbors, and is, at the same time, sadly damaging to the general effect.

“And here let me caution the Society against the idea, too often indulged in by associations of amateurs, who have acquired a standing and reputation for the good things they have achieved, that perfection in their performances has already been attained. This, if cherished, will prove a fatal mistake. *Non progredi est regredi* (not to progress is to retrograde) should be the motto of us all. Nor should we be disappointed and restive under the more stringent animadversions upon our best efforts, to which the Society has in later years been subjected. Bear in mind, what has been well said, that just in proportion as an association for the promotion of art — a musical association in particular — has been successful in advancing the taste and judgment of the public who make up its audiences, in the same proportion it must expect less indulgence in its defects, and a severer criticism of its most faithful performances. And this, indeed, it can well afford to bear, for the strictest criticism presupposes an acknowledged capacity for excellence.

“Now for a few plain facts and hints of a practical cast.

“The first and most important in the category of complaints, which my two or three years’ observation with you leads me to make, has reference to the ordinary operations of the Society. It is the want of regularity and punctuality, on the part of the members, in their attendance upon the stated meetings for practice and rehearsal. This is an evil which has long been felt, and oftentimes brought to your notice. From the abstract of the records for the past year, just given, we learn that it is still in full force. Indeed, absenteeism seems almost to be the rule rather than the rare exception. Now, it needs no argument to prove that, without an honest and conscientious observance, on the part of all, of their duties in this respect, the Society, constituted as it is, can never hope for progress and improvement, much less to arrive at anywhere near the confines of perfection. But, perhaps, there may be some to whom the requirement of a weekly rehearsal, during the seven or eight months that make up the season, appears inordinate and unreasonable. To such we would refer the rules and regulations of similar associations in London and elsewhere, where, not unfrequently, in addition to the meetings for weekly practice throughout the whole year, as many as fifteen or twenty special occasions are made, at all of which the members are bound, under penalty of forfeiture of membership, except for the most ample and sufficient reasons, to be present. In the London Sacred Harmonic Society, the candidates for admission are now pledged beforehand to a rigid observance of its rules and regulations, among the most stringent of which are those requiring punctual and regular attendance on all meetings for practice. It would be well if a similar rule were adopted and enforced in our own Society.

“Another practice of a portion of our members, which grows out of the laxity of rules, and which deserves to be strongly reprehended, is that of frequenting only those rehearsals which immediately precede a public performance, and with such superficial preparation, occupying their accustomed seats on the evening of the concert. In this way, as has been intimated, many an otherwise creditable performance, for which careful rehearsal by a consci-

entious few has been made, is marred and ruined. As a remedy for this evil, I would respectfully suggest that some means be adopted, by registration or otherwise, to mark the attendance of individuals at such rehearsals as may be given in preparation for a public performance, the presence and participation in three or more of which should be required of all who take part in the concert. If such system of elimination should result in reducing the chorus on these public occasions to one half its usual numerical force, the accuracy and efficiency of the residue would be the better appreciated and felt.

“Among the radical faults of singers, in our own country especially, to which this Society forms no exception, is the almost universal inattention that prevails as to the proper position of the body, whether standing or sitting. I deem this subject of sufficient importance to dwell upon it emphatically, and urge it upon your careful consideration. I believe that if every association of this nature had its competent instructor in physical training, as it is understood at the present day, especially if to this were added some knowledge of the art of correct vocalization and the proper management of the voice, the effect of the chorus, in respect of volume and power of tone alone, could be at least doubled. But without such special instruction, a simple observance of an erect position of the body, and a proper disposition of the organs immediately concerned in vocalization, would do much towards the production of a purer intonation, greater ease, precision, and fluency of delivery; everything, indeed, that is improving to the singing voice.

“Again, a positive element of loss which too often prevails in an extensive choral organization is the neglect or refusal of a considerable percentage of those who are abundantly competent to sustain themselves creditably, to join in all their allotted parts at a concert. Some of the finest effects of the ‘Messiah,’ as given by this Society at the last Christmas season, were, as I believe, inadequately produced from this cause alone. It may be by reason of physical fatigue, on the part of some, but it is more frequently from indifference, or the feeling, perhaps, that, among the great mass, these single efforts may not be missed. To this argument, however specious it may appear in a single individual case, it is only necessary to apply the *reductio ad absurdum*; for what would become of a great chorus if *all* should be possessed with the impulse to remain silent at one and the same moment? It is only necessary to allude to this point, and I leave it to the reflection and good sense of those who may have been accustomed so to transgress.

“As an aid in bringing about and maintaining an improvement in some of the points to which I have alluded, as well as otherwise to increase the efficiency of the Society, and assist its practical operations, I would recommend the establishment of a Staff of Superintendents, — as they might be called, — to consist of, at least, eight persons, one half to be taken from the Board of Trustees, the others to be chosen annually from the Society at large. They should be selected for their intelligence and ability, and for their devotion to the interests of the Society, and conscientiousness in the discharge of its required duties. It should consequently be regarded as a post of honor, as it would be one of responsibility and labor. They could, with advantage, be apportioned equally among the several departments of the chorus, — thus giving two to each part, — the librarian to retain as now his general supervision of the orchestra, and be included among the staff. It would be the

duty of these gentlemen to attend to the proper seating and arrangement of their respective departments, both at rehearsals and concerts, — to see that all are properly supplied with music, — to take note of the attendance of members, and report the same regularly at each meeting to the secretary or the president of the Board, and generally to provide for everything that pertains to the comfort and adds to the efficiency of the corps under their immediate charge, — to do this with firmness and energy, and at the same time with discretion and courtesy. This, of course, would take the place of the present Seating Committee, whose duties are merged in those of the Staff of Superintendents. The number could, if required, be enlarged on occasions of extra duty and emergency. The four thus chosen from the Society at large, together with the librarian, might, with propriety, be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees, but without the privilege of a vote at its meetings. I am certain that, if such organization be established, it would do much to regulate and systematize the Society's operations, and bring about that unity of purpose and action so much needed in every association of this kind.

“A word here as to the proper numerical force of our chorus department, and the better balancing of the parts. Taking into account the accommodations and acoustic capacity of the building we are likely to occupy for public entertainments for some time to come, there is demanded, to give proper effect to such works as we are accustomed to undertake on our ordinary occasions, a chorus of full four hundred vocalists. By this, I mean that number of really competent, co-operating, and well-trained voices. This, with the unrivalled organ we have at our command, and an orchestra of sixty instruments (the command of which, I am sorry to say, at present we have not), would leave little to be desired.

“If the plan now before the School Board of this city should become a law, viz., the introduction of a system of thorough instruction in vocal music into the primary schools, under the supervision of an able teacher,¹ — as it is already taught by a special corps of teachers in the higher classes of the grammar schools, — we shall not be at a loss for material wherewith to recruit our ranks, or to raise our complement of active members to any number at which we may deem it expedient to limit ourselves; for the result of such plan must be, in a few years, to increase immeasurably a knowledge of the principles and practice of choral music throughout the whole community. Indeed, we ought even now, under the partial operation of the present system of musical education in our public schools, to find among those who annually graduate from the grammar department an abundant supply of material for this purpose; and it only needs, as I believe, some systematic mode of registering the best pupils in the advanced classes in music, to render the scheme a practical one.”

The address concludes with a reminder of the interesting fact, that the year upon which the Society was just entering would terminate

¹ Since the above was written, this important step towards the establishment of a more complete system of musical education in our public schools has been taken, — the Board having, by a nearly unanimous vote, adopted the order recommended by the Standing Committee on Music, for the appointment of a special instructor in music in the primary schools of Boston.

with the completion of the *first half century* of its life, and with the following cheerful and appropriate suggestion: —

“It is fitting that so memorable an epoch in our history should be celebrated with more than usual circumstance and ceremony; and, while I would not counsel a departure from the ordinary rehearsals, and a rigid preparation for the approaching concert season, I would propose that a proper time be set apart as a festival week, in which this Society, with picked orchestra and chorus, enlarged to the utmost limits the capacity of our hall will allow, and aided by the most renowned virtuoso talent this continent, if not the world, can supply, shall interpret in succession the sublime works of the great masters of symphony and oratorio.

“It would be out of place, perhaps, for me to indicate, now and here, the details of a grand programme for such occasion. This will require much thought and consideration on the part of many, and the careful exercise of discretion and good judgment. But it should be early marked out and determined upon in all its features, and the preparation for it set about in earnest by all who are to take part. A year is none too much time whereiu to make ready for the work. I would advise, therefore, that this matter be committed into the proper hands at once, with instructions to spare no pains nor expense, within reasonable bounds, to make the occasion significant of the grand epoch it is to mark in our annals, and worthy the great names, the performance of whose noblest works will be linked with its observance.”

It was voted that such a Semi-Centennial Festival be held in April or May, 1865.

The temper of the times disposed to festival. The Union cause had very largely gained; rebellion had shrunk into narrow limits, though the serpent was not yet quite strangled. But there were signs of light; we began to see the end, with peace and liberty, and harmony restored. Yet much lay still in doubt. The darkest hour, they say, is that before the dawn. And the two months of July and August of this very summer, 1864, have been called the darkest and most anxious period of the war.

If no brilliant efforts in the field of music were to be immediately expected, preparation for the Festival would soon bring earnest work. Some of the noblest, most important and befitting tasks for such a Society had been too long held in abeyance. *Israel in Egypt* still remained a terror; and there was no thought yet of old Sebastian Bach, his *Christmas Oratorio*, his *Passion Music* and *Cantatas*, — “a richer than Californian field for exploration even in the Old World, now and for many years to come.” Nay, *Jephtha*, *Judas Maccabæus*, many more works of Handel, had either faded out of recollection, or had never yet been heard among us. The Festival, however, will advance us somewhat; future festivals still more.

The weekly rehearsals began earlier than usual, — in the middle of

September. It was resolved to double the number of the chorus. *Israel* was taken up again in earnest; the *Messiah*, *Elijah*, perhaps the *Creation*, and the *Hymn of Praise*, were to figure in the five days' programme; and there should be an orchestra of from eighty to one hundred instruments for alternate concerts between the oratorios. So things began to look alive.

But, apart from Festival, the work of the season proper must not be neglected. It began Nov. 27, with a performance of Costa's *Eli*, with the same solo artists as in its last performance, Feb. 21: Miss Houston, Mrs. Cary, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Rudolphsen. There was but a moderate audience.

True to the good, old custom. Handel's *Messiah* was restudied and refurbished up for Christmas, the choruses again undergoing critical rehearsal under Carl Zerrahn, for whom, and also for Mr. Lang, the organist, the heaviness of labor must have been lifted into joy by the success which crowned it. The oratorio was given both on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dec. 24 and 25, changing the group of solo singers, with the exception of the tenor, Mr. L. W. Wheeler. For the first evening there were: Mrs. Anna Stone Eliot, of New York, returning to the scene of her old triumphs; Mrs. Smith, who sang "Rejoice" and "How beautiful" with charming purity, sweetness, and evenness of voice, and with simplicity and truth of feeling; Miss Addie Ryan, whose chief drawback in the contralto airs was the very natural one of magnifying to herself the terrors of singing for the first time in so large a hall, and consequent over-exertion of her voice; and Mr. M. W. Whitney, whose bass tones and whose manner were both musical and manly. The hall was quite well filled. Sunday evening's performance was the best of the two, and had by far the greatest audience. The special feature of interest was the re-appearance, after several years' retirement from the concert room, of Mrs. J. H. Long, "who took upon her the entire soprano part with even more acceptance, more sustained ease, power, eloquence of delivery, more sweetness, evenness and reach of voice, more finish and maturity of style, than in the days when these great songs were thought to be hers by right among all our native singers." Mrs. J. S. Cary's warm and sympathetic contralto made itself and made the music felt. The bass arias fell to the share of Mr. Rudolphsen, who had acquired more mastery of our English accent, and whose substantial bass voice sustained itself through the Handelian roulades gracefully and well. Mr. Wheeler had scarcely risen from an illness of some weeks, so that his tenor voice, never very powerful, was weaker than usual; yet he exerted himself with a becoming loyalty to art.

Nothing more until April, — the eventful, joyful, suddenly saddened, yet triumphal month of April, 1865! The long period of depression is past. Those eight long years of a whole nation's travail, of coming and of actual war, are accomplished, giving birth to a new world, as it were, of real Liberty and Union, with no canker at the core. Richmond has fallen; the heart of the rebellion has been reached. Peace is proclaimed. Magnanimity goes hand in hand with victory. Arms are laid down; there shall be no further calls for drafting and recruiting; the peaceful occupations and society of daily life shall be no more disturbed. We are one people in a fuller sense than ever before. The air is full of rejoicing. Music and our old Society must not be behindhand in all this. We were just on the point of assembling in the Music Hall to find voice for our joy and gratitude in the great anthems of victory, and hear the Handel and Haydn chorus, with new inspiration, sing the *Hymn of Praise* and Handel *Hallelujahs*, when suddenly came flashed over the land the appalling news: Lincoln is dead! This second Father of his Country has fallen by the hand of the assassin. Music held her breath and listened to the very voice of God in the great national bereavement. These two opposite experiences, which made one little week so long, flashing the clearest light across the whole dark struggle, fusing all hearts in one great solemn joy, — and then, “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,” in one great grief, which puts the seal of certainty upon the victory of Right, — have made a Nation of us. For so grand a victory a typical and crowning sacrifice was needed; and he, who had so wisely, firmly, reverently, humanely, guided us through the long struggle, — he who had “borne his faculties so meek” and been “so clear in his great office,” — he who could say such touching words without any rhetoric, — he, who by manifest simplicity and goodness, by plain, unpretending, solid virtues, by absolute integrity and a patriotism that knew not self, by sincerest sympathy with the people, the whole people, nearer to all because, not being brilliant, he was so full of the true life and purpose, had won the heart of all this people to a degree scarcely suspected by itself, — he, our good, great President, became the nation's martyr in its highest place. Now is our cause consecrated, our joy solemnized, our victory which God hath given us, complete.

Every concert was of course suspended, — nay, forgotten; every theatre was closed. Silence was the only music great enough to satisfy. But this mood, so deep, so wholesome, could not long remain. The grief, the gloom, had a new hope, new life in it. Art soon finds her voice again. The sacrifice has only made the meaning

of the victory more clear. Now are the times ripe for a festival of music. All good signs concur. Not only is the public ready to support it, eager to enjoy it, but all these glad and grave experiences prepare the heart to feel the dignity, the holiness of great and real music. And this great moment, by a fortunate coincidence, arrives just on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Handel and Haydn Society. The Festival may now go on. "Far off its coming shines"; say, rather, it is close at hand.

The main features of the plan, after much consultation, correspondence, modification, much reluctant sacrifice of fond ideals, were now essentially complete and definite. The Festival was to occupy the five days beginning on Tuesday morning, May 23, and ending on Sunday evening, the 28th. A chorus of six hundred voices was announced,—a promise more than kept. For the orchestra one hundred instruments were engaged, including nearly all the old "Germanians," with the leading members of the New York Philharmonic Society, and others from Philadelphia, besides our local orchestra. And the accompaniments were to be enriched and strengthened by the massive harmonies of the Great Organ, played by B. J. Lang. The weak point, comparatively, was in the array of solo singers, which, of course, could not vie with those of Birmingham and London. Large pecuniary inducements had been offered to Sims Reeves and other famous English artists, but in such hopes the managers were disappointed. They could, however, offer a respectable show of many of the best concert and oratorio singers at that time in the country, namely:—

Soprani: Mme. Frederiei, of Grover's German opera; Mme. Van Zandt and Miss Maria Brainerd, of New York; Miss J. E. Houston, Mrs. H. M. Smith, and Miss Matilda Phillipps (younger sister of Adelaide), of Boston; and Master Richard Coker, the "boy prima donna" (as he was sometimes called), of Trinity Church, New York.

Contralti: Mrs. Jenny Kempton, of New York; and Mrs. J. S. Cary, of Boston.

Tenori: Franz Himmer, of the German Opera; J. E. Perring and John Farley, of New York; G. W. Hazelwood, of Boston.

Bassi: Carl Formes and Josef Hermanns, of the German opera; F. Rudolphsen, of Boston.

These were the interpreters. For subject-matter the nine concerts of the five days and evenings offered: Otto Nicolai's *Religious Festival Overture*, an address by the president of the Society, and Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*, for the inauguration of the Festival on Tuesday morning; four evening oratorios: the *Creation*, *Israel in*

Egypt (selections), *Elijah*, and the *Messiah*. The four afternoon programmes of classical and miscellaneous music contained the Eroica and Seventh Symphonies of Beethoven, the great C major Symphony of Schubert, and the Scotch Symphony (A minor) of Mendelssohn; Overtures: to *Leonore*, No. 3, and *Coriolanus*, Beethoven; to *Eury-anthe*, Weber; to *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Ruy Blas*, Mendelssohn; to *William Tell*, Rossini; *The Naiads*, Sterndale Bennett; to *Rienzi* and *Tannhäuser*, Richard Wagner; also *Les Preludes*, by Liszt, the *Fackeltanz* (torchlight dance) by Meyerbeer, and a variety of songs and arias, and vocal show-pieces, which will be mentioned as they come along. To the nine must be added a Great Organ concert given by Mr. Lang at noon on Saturday.

The hum of preparation is continually heard about the Music Hall. For many weeks the rehearsals of the choral forces, under the energetic baton of Zerrahn, have been going on with intenser fervor and increasing frequency,—for some time three rehearsals every week, until orchestra and solo artists are brought in to make up a complete whole. An ample guaranty fund against pecuniary loss has been readily subscribed to, and now all is ready for the opening. It came with the usual May baptism, the old rainy habit of the weather, which had prevailed for weeks before the Festival, and did not abate until the first day was over!

Tuesday Morning, May 23. The hour for the opening, eleven o'clock, had arrived. The first sight of the imposing scene insured success. There at a glance were all the elements, in orderly array, of such a realization of great song and symphony as had been so long, in hope and fear alternately, looked forward to. When all were ready, and all waiting for the signal from Conductor Zerrahn's baton to burst forth into song, suddenly that gentleman stood with fixed look toward the audience, with the government of the Society grouped around him, and gradually all the faces and the forms of the whole mass of singers and musicians became likewise fixed, as in that famous banquet scene in the palace of the "Sleeping Beauty." It was soon seen that the photographer in the gallery was holding back the flood of harmony e'en then about to burst on the impatient ear. And what a scene it was there at the stage end of the Music Hall! I have not the photograph at hand, which was only partially successful; but from notes taken at the time can (also but imperfectly) recall the scene:—

"The seating of the chorus and the orchestra was in itself a work of art. A more admirable economy of room, combined with acoustic adaptation and spectacular effect, could hardly have been contrived. The platform had been

brought forward into the hall; rows of seats rose amphitheatrically on either hand into the side balconies, completely filled with choristers; tenors and basses, crowding that section of the balconies, overflowed down several steps of either staging, and the stream, still broadening forward and downward, grew gay with the many-colored dresses of alti and soprani. To one looking up at either wing of the chorus from below, the mass of heads seemed poured out from above in just the form (a frigid simile indeed) in which the glaciers spread down through the mountains;—we, the audience, may pass for the moraine. Clearly the promised *six hundred* voices were not merely nominal; there were actually at least *seven hundred*. The level space at the feet of the two great choral slopes was filled with the orchestra of about *one hundred* instruments. These, too, were ingeniously and well arranged. In the foreground, facing inwardly from each side, sat rows of violins, twenty-two first and twenty-one second; behind them, a row of ten violas (tenors) faced the audience; a solid square of wind instruments sat behind these (three flutes, four oboes, four clarinets, four bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, two cornets, three trombones, one tuba, one serpent), flanked on each side by a double row of violoncellos and double-basses, ten of each; and behind them tympani, drums, triangles, etc., abutted on the front of the Great Organ, which in the background looked superbly. Medallion portraits of Handel and Haydn were suspended, amid evergreen and flowery wreaths, with golden-chorded lyres, vases, national flags, etc., in front of the two central towers, just hiding the two carved giants; and between them, the bronze Beethoven, somewhat overweighted with garlands, stood the august genius of the hour. In that orchestra it was pleasant to recognize the faces of many of the old 'Germania,' though we missed Carl Bergmann. William Schultze led the violins."

The nervously protracted moment of suspended vitality, under the spell of the photographer, found relief at last in insuppressible laughter. Then up went the conductor's baton, up rose all the ranks of chorus singers on their feet, and the flood-gates of harmony broke loose. The first burst was overwhelming, chorus, orchestra, and organ uniting their full volume in one massive rendering of Luther's choral, *Ein' feste Burg*, upon which rugged but sublime foundation Otto Nicolai has built up his Religious Festival Overture. This, followed by the overture proper, a strong fugue movement, Handelian in style, and, after contrapuntal working up of fragments of this theme, the entrance of a second, livelier theme, both finally supplying quaint accompaniment to the choral, formed a significant, grand opening of the Festival.

Then came an appropriate address by the president of the Society, Dr. J. B. Upham, who related some amusing details of the history of a choral society which preceded the Handel and Haydn in Boston; spoke of the origin of the latter, of its achievements, and its influence on musical taste in the whole country; drew hopeful anticipa-

tions for us from the musical history of the Old World; and briefly but suggestively characterized the great works which composed the programme of the week. The address was heard with interest, and frequently applauded. It will be found in full in the Appendix.

So much for introduction of the great symphonic, choral feature of the opening, *The Hymn of Praise*. It was to have been sung in celebration of the final Union victory, when music's voice was hushed by the appalling news of President Lincoln's death. It was equally appropriate for the thankful, solemn, patriotic mood of the whole public mind in this week of festival. It was composed, remember, to celebrate the invention of the art of printing, and for the inauguration of the statue of Gutenberg, at Leipsic, on the 25th of June, 1840. Praise and gratitude to God for LIGHT, — light spiritual and intellectual; the waiting and longing for it through all the weary night of the dark ages; the break of day, the free career and joy of a redeemed humanity; and first, and last, and throughout everywhere, in every chorus, song, and interlude, the praise of God: these were the themes and promptings of Mendelssohn's heart and genius when he conceived the *Lobgesang*, in some respects the most felicitous and most inspiring of his larger works. It sounded well that morning, — better, even, than it had ever sounded to us before. It expressed for us the spirit of the hour, — for those of us there gathered in the Boston Music Hall, and, so it seemed, for this whole people.

There is no need to enter into the details of the really glorious performance, or attempt to describe the splendor, the mighty volume, the resistless power and grandeur of its choruses, with the effect so enhanced by seven hundred voices and so complete an orchestra. It was a new experience to hear such an orchestra. "How searching, pungent, tingling with nervous vigor and vitality, the collective tone of all those violins, moving with sympathetic unity, and how inevitably master of the situation, in spite of all the brass! How boldly, unmistakably outlined every passage! How rich, warm, round, and satisfying the tone of the middle strings, tenors and 'cellos, those heart-tones of the orchestra, which we had always missed in our small bands! How grand the dozen double-basses! Another delightful sensation, for years only remembered, but denied the ear in Boston, was the honest sound of two real, good bassoons (we had had to make shift with a 'cello for one of the pair)! All the wood and brass were excellent. Verily, twenty violins upon a part sound more than twenty times as well as one; and those seventy odd strings all together, in wide harmony, realize a tone such as no great organ can give more than a windy, dry suggestion of." Perhaps this enthusi-

asm may cause a smile to-day, when we have half the year for daily food an orchestra far superior to that just now described, and kept in continual training. But it was an event for musical Bostonians in 1865.

In view of the time and the circumstances, which gave that Festival a twofold significance, it will be well, perhaps, to recall the thrilling impressiveness of the great dramatic middle point and climax of the work. "The anxious tenor recitative, 'Watchman, will the night soon pass?' with the fitful, wild accompaniment; the clear soprano answer, 'The night is departing!' high and bright, flooding all with instant light, like the first ray of the morning sun shot suddenly athwart a world of darkness; then the blazing outburst of the chorus, taking up the words, waxing more and more excited with the fugued rendering of 'Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us gird on the armor of light'; and finally the massing together of all the male voices in one more utterance of 'The night is departing,' echoed by all the female voices, 'The day is approaching!' both masses joining in long notes for a close: all this set every chord vibrating in the inmost American and human heart of every one of us; for it told the very story, all the suffering, the hope and fear, the waiting, the joy, the miracle of those four great years in the history of the cause of Freedom." "How prophetic," indeed (to quote from Dr. Upham's address), "would that performance have proved, had it come earlier!" But it did come earlier, if in a humbler way. Many among us do not forget that the prophetic significance and uplift of this solo and chorus *were* felt, in the same hall, as much earlier as the 1st of January, 1863, when it was sung in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, not, to be sure, with the full force and will of the Handel and Haydn Society, but with stirring effect by a hastily improvised much smaller chorus, which included many of its members. This time we had the musical aspiration of that day realized upon a grander scale, just as the dawning hope of that day had now become the fully risen sun of victory, with liberty for all men.

The three solo singers were found equal to their parts: notably Miss Houston, whose clear soprano rang out splendidly in "The night is departing," as it had done on that truly "prophetic" earlier occasion; Miss Laura Goodnow sustained the second part in the duet, "I waited for the Lord"; and Mr. George W. Hazelwood, with a sympathetic tenor, which he used with taste and judgment, took, at short notice, the place of Mr. Pering, who was ill in New York.

The audience, though large, hardly filled the hall that day. Two

listeners for each of the eight hundred sound-producers on the platform were about its measure. This shortcoming was owing to three drawbacks: partly the rain; then the difficulty of procuring famous solo singers, and mortifying disappointments in the case of some who were engaged; but, most serious of all perhaps, the high price of admission, so foreign to our democratic habits then, and necessarily excluding many of the best music-lovers, too unworldly to be wealthy. Some thought that lower prices would have paid better; but there was hope that the audiences would go on increasing with the momentum of the Festival.

The old familiar oratorio of the *Creation*, given in the evening, also lit up strongly certain texts in keeping with the time: "And there was light," "A new created world," "Achieved is the glorious work," and more that do not need enumeration. With that fine orchestra, one felt a new justification for the name "Handel and Haydn," which the Society had taken at the outset, instead of perhaps Bach and Handel: namely, in the fact that Haydn in those days was the great type of instrumental, as Handel was of choral, music. The *Messiah* of the one, the *Creation* of the other: on those two corner-stones the old Society was built.

The audience was larger than in the morning, for there was naturally a desire to hear the old work "re-created for us" (as the *Transcript* had it), by such a choir and orchestra and organ. Here was music in which the seven hundred felt at home,—choruses which almost sang themselves,—and they were all eager for the fray; "there was an exhilaration about it, as of a crowd of lusty bathers plunging into the surf." The choral effects surpassed all that had been imagined, reaching the climax, of course, in "The heavens are telling," which had to be repeated. But the chief, the characteristic charm of the *Creation* resides in the orchestra; and with such an orchestra for the interpreter, all the luxuriance of delicate, melodic figures which entwine and overgrow the whole, the billowy rhythm of bold, massive string accompaniments in the strong passages, the blending and contrasting of rich colors everywhere, were as enjoyable as so much fresh and variegated landscape. The array of solo singers was hardly equal to that of 1857. Mrs. Van Zandt and Miss Brainerd, both of New York, divided the soprano arias between them. The former, having the younger, fresher, more powerful and more sympathetic voice, sang "With verdure clad," gracefully and sweetly, albeit with some questionable Italian opera ornament, superfluous in phrases which Haydn has already turned so perfectly. The latter, with much more culture and more oratorio experience, sang "On

mighty pens" and the melodies of Eve acceptably. Mr. Farley, new to the task of oratorio, with a clear, rich tenor in the upper tones, — less satisfactory in the lower, — did all carefully, some things effectively, but had not Arthurson's mastery of recitative. There was disappointment in the case of Formes, who was ill, and Mr. Rudolphsen, a still improving artist, sang all the bass solos in a large and manly style.

SECOND DAY. *Wednesday, 3 P. M.* The only public performance that day was the first of the four instrumental and vocal concerts. Some time must be left for rehearsal; if not of chorus, at least of orchestra and solo singers — birds not to be caught too often. Programme: —

PART I.

1. Overture to "Rienzi" *Wagner.*
2. Quartet (Canon) from "Fidelio" *Beethoven.*
MME. FREDERICI, MRS. KEMPTON, FRANZ HIMMER,
JOS. HERMANN'S.
3. Symphony No. 7, in A major *Beethoven.*

PART II.

1. Overture to "Midsummer Night's Dream" *Mendelssohn.*
2. Lied: "An den Sturmwind" (To the Storm) *Carl Evers.*
JOSEPH HERMANN'S.
3. Prayer from "Der Freyschütz" *Weber.*
MME. FREDERICI.
4. Reiselied *Mendelssohn.*
FRANZ HIMMER.
5. Fackeltanz *Meyerbeer.*

The Seventh Symphony had been for years a prime favorite among symphonies in Boston, next, if not equal in interest, to the one in C minor. To hear it brought out by such an orchestra was an event for those days. It was grand, uplifting, glorious indeed; yet critical listeners missed the fineness, the nice gradation of light and shade, which might have been expected from so rich and rare a combination of means. Want of sufficient rehearsal was the trouble. The hurried conditions of the Festival only admitted of one rehearsal for each concert, which had to be held in the forenoon of the same day, between the exhausting labors of oratorio and concert. Could that orchestra have been kept together for months, instead of a single week! Yet the chance of hearing four symphonic masterpieces in four days was too rare to forego for the sake of more refining upon one or two. The "Midsummer Night's Dream" overture was more delicately rendered; the fairy flutter of the many violins subdued to

something like a real *pinissimo*. The opening and closing numbers of the programme had plenty of smart, brilliant, loud effect, the early overture of Wagner beginning well, but running into brass-band commonplace, and Meyerbeer's Torchlight being better suited for the streets than for an oratorio festival. But these selections gave the blowers of brass instruments a chance to show their mettle (metal). The vocal pieces were sung by three favorite artists of Grover's German opera: Mme. Frederici Himmer, the Herren Himmer and Hermanns, and Mrs. Kempton, who gave the famous quartet from *Fidelio* so well that they had to repeat it. But the effect was weakened by the want of orchestral accompaniment; Mr Lang sketched this skilfully upon the organ, but such a canon needs the marked individuality of separate instruments. The same want of orchestra destroyed the effect of Frederici's exquisite singing of the prayer from *Freyschütz*. The prayer alone, without the recitative and the whole scene, seemed a small thing to come all the way from New York for. The bass and tenor Lieder were given with good effect. It was one of the penalties of crowding so much into a week, and one of the misfortunes of engaging solo talent at a late hour, after many disappointments, that all orchestral accompaniment to the singing in these concerts had to be dispensed with.

THIRD DAY. *Thursday, 3 P. M.* Second afternoon concert.
 Programme:—

PART I.

1. Symphony in C major *Schubert.*

PART II.

1. Overture to "Leonora" (No. 3) *Beethoven.*
2. Aria from "La Traviata" *Verdi.*

MRS. JENNIE VAN ZANDT.

3. Cantata: "Adelaide" *Beethoven.*

MR. JOHN FARLEY.

4. Concert Wältz *Venzano.*

MRS. VAN ZANDT.

5. Overture to "Taunhauser" *Wagner.*

The glorious Symphony by Schubert had been looked forward to as one of the rare attractions of the Festival. It had been presented here half a dozen times before, from as early as 1852, but never fairly, only outlined as it were with insufficient means, and sneered at by newspaper critics as "tedious," "prolix," "music of the future," "broken crockery music," lacking "symphonic form" (!), etc. But these musicians, who were now to play it, *knew* how good

it was. They sprang to their task with a will; they enjoyed all their labor that week, but this they enjoyed most of all. And truly it was given with great *verve*; the players forgot themselves in the music; and each successive movement wrought up the great audience to a higher pitch of inspiration. Doubtless most listeners were ready to subscribe to Schumann's satisfaction with its "heavenly length."

The great *Leonora* Overture (commonly called the third which Beethoven wrote in C, but properly the second) had also passed through its humiliations of inadequate performance and of withering newspaper criticism. Will it stand the fiery trial this time? Yes, for it has at last become somewhat familiar with us, and has for the most part outlived criticism. Here were now violins and other strings enough to build up the great crescendo near the end; here was Mr. Arbuckle for the fine trumpet flourish from without; and here was all the orchestra required to bring out all its dignity, dramatic fire, and depth of sentiment. But with not a few hearers, it is quite supposable that the *Tannhäuser* Overture bore off the palm among the orchestral productions. The vocal miscellany, with the exception of the "Adelaïde," which Mr. Farley sang with taste and feeling, was not worthy of companionship with such great music.

Thursday Evening. Selections from *Israel in Egypt*, followed by a second performance of the *Hymn of Praise*. Handel's Titanic oratorio, piling Ossa upon Pelion with its great mountain range of choruses, after so many baffled efforts to set it before the world here in its glory and its grandeur, should have been the great event, the crowning triumph of this Festival. "The stone which the builders had rejected" should have "become the head of the corner" in this temple. But, in the first place, there were only selections, — fifteen out of the twenty-five choruses. Then the recitatives and arias, considering their quaintness and their difficulty, required great singers, or singers trained to the style and loving it, and had only good ones at the best. Then the omissions not only broke the connection, disturbing the unity of the whole, and setting several pieces in a feeble or a false, uncertain light; but they included some of the most remarkable choruses in the whole work, such as, "The people shall hear and be afraid," "They loathed to drink," etc. It is a case where the whole is better than a part; specimens could do no justice. That the singers must have been equal to the task is proved by the fact that they were successful in the most difficult and complicated of all the choruses, "He led them through the deep, as through a wilderness." The momentum of such more familiar double choruses as "He gave them hailstones," and "The horse and his rider,"

carried all before it, and the former had to be repeated. But there had not been yet quite pains and drill enough to secure the needed military energy and promptness of such an army of voices in choruses so trying. Light and shade, too, had been comparatively overlooked, or postponed; it was all one uniform *fortissimo*; passages like "Darkness which might be *felt*," which would have gained unspeakably by being hushed to a *pianissimo*, were loud like the rest. It was but another earnest aspiration, after all; faith in themselves and in the public, courage, labor, will, were still insufficient, — the consummation waits for another Festival. Most of the solos were given, and given creditably (bating some superfluous *trills*), by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cary, and Mr. Farley. The contralto air, "Thou shalt bring them in," suited the warm, tender, natural *cantabile* of Mrs. Cary; and Mrs. Smith achieved something very near a positive success in the sublime Miriam passage which heralds in the final chorus.

The crowd was great, the room warm, the delay long, so that the *Hymn of Praise*, though admirably executed, found hardly such fresh listeners as before. And it was a sad curtailment, that of the first orchestral movement.

FOURTH DAY. *Friday, 3 P. M.* Third afternoon concert. Programme:—

PART I.

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| 1. Overture to "Euryanthe" | <i>Weber.</i> |
| 2. Aria, "Robert, toi que j'aime" | <i>Meyerbeer.</i> |
| MASTER RICHARD COKER. | |
| 3. Symphony Eroica (No. 3) | <i>Beethoven.</i> |

PART II.

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| 1. Overture to "William Tell" | <i>Rossini.</i> |
| 2. Cavatina from "Il Giuramento" | <i>Mercadante.</i> |
| MRS. J. S. CARY. | |
| 3. Cradle Song | <i>Gottschalk.</i> |
| MASTER COKER. | |
| 4. Aria, "O mio Fernando" | <i>Donizetti.</i> |
| MISS MATILDA PHILLIPPS. | |
| 5. Symphonic Poem, "Les Preludes" | <i>Liszt.</i> |

Another Beethoven Symphony, the earliest one of the four greatest of the immortal nine! The *Eroica*, next to the Ninth, was the one least familiar here, and the interpretation it received this time did not a little to bring its wonderful movements home to us. The overtures by Weber and Rossini are of the most brilliant and imaginative order, without a particle of clap-trap, and it is always good to hear them. The *Preludes* is commonly regarded as the best, the most

musician-like and interesting among the rather anomalous "Symphonic Poems" of the Abbé Liszt. It is certainly a masterpiece of instrumentation, if its themes, ideas, are sentimental, and pall upon the ear by repetition rather than development. It has passages of great power and others of great delicacy, in which the genius of each instrument is tenderly coaxed out. The rendering was splendid.

The vocal selections again seemed out of place. The "bright, particular star" was Master Coker, the Triunity choir boy of New York; but the hackneyed "Robert, Robert," was neither suited to a boy nor to the place. His delicious voice lent charm to Gottschalk's little Cradle Song.

FOURTH DAY. *Saturday Noon, May 27.* Naturally the lovers of organ music, especially those who had made a pilgrimage to the Festival from other places, were curious to hear all they could from the Great Organ, to appreciate its various registers, and realize its power and volume. And so, a pleasant little noonday episode, an after-thought, in fact, was provided for them, — a programme of organ music by itself, played by a master of the stops like Mr. B. J. Lang.

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| 1. Prelude and Fugue in C | <i>Bach.</i> |
| 2. Transcription of the Overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" | <i>Mendelssohn.</i> |
| 3. Pastorale in F | <i>Bach.</i> |
| 4. Flute Concerto, Allegro | <i>Rink.</i> |
| 5. Quartet from "Fidelio" (played upon the Vox Humana stop) | <i>Beethoven.</i> |
| 6. Improvisation. | |

Saturday Afternoon. The last orchestral and vocal concert had, on the whole, the most satisfactory programme of the four. Beethoven's fiery, compressed *Coriolanus* Overture; Mendelssohn's "Scotch" Symphony; Sterndale Bennett's graceful concert overture, "The Naiads," and Mendelssohn's dramatic overture to *Ruy Blas*, all received excellent treatment. The musicians had grown more in love with their work and more *en rapport* with one another day by day, so that these last renderings left little if anything to be desired. The quartet from *Fidelio* was demanded from the same four artists, who were in fine voice and "form," particularly Frederici. She also revealed a remarkable compass of voice — beautiful and telling always, singularly musical and strong in the deep contralto tones — in "Ah mon fils!" from Meyerbeer's *Prophète*. Mrs. Kempton sang Schubert's "Wanderer" with power and fervor; Herr Hermanns sang a little German song in English, "The Mill Wheel";

and Herr Himmer, the tenor, gave great pleasure with an *Ave Maria* by Marschner.

Looking back over these four concert programmes, one can hardly help remarking the conspicuous absence in these, as well as in the oratorio nights, of the great name of MOZART! Surely his perfect G-minor Symphony, if nothing more, might have replaced a hackneyed Italian aria, or vocal waltz variation piece, to good advantage.

Saturday Evening, May 27. The rush for tickets (again we reproduce our own notes from the time) exceeded all before. Extra seats had been placed in the hall, and every place and corner had its occupant. There had been a presentiment, which was fully verified, that *Elijah* would be the great event of the Festival. It was the great success, indeed, in point of grandeur, spirit, light and shade, and general unity of performance. The singers were well trained in the work, and they all loved to sing it. All the choruses went admirably. Master Coker's clear voice was in place here, and told finely in the Boy's part before the Rain chorus. Miss Houston sang the soprano solos in her best style. Mrs. Cary distinguished herself by her truly beautiful, chaste, warm rendering of the contralto airs; some thought there had been nothing better in the week. Herr Hermanns, to heal in some degree the disappointment about Formes, had been induced to study and deliver two of the airs of *Elijah*; but the gain was only nominal; he was too much tied to his notes and English words to sing with freedom. But Mr. Rudolphsen, who took up the burden of the grand old prophet, covered himself with honor. His declamation was admirable, his musical conceptions good, and he entered fully into the spirit of the part, making it dignified and grand. A few faults of English accent, and the somewhat displeasing quality of a few lower notes, were about the only drawbacks. Mr. Farley marred the conclusion of two perfect tenor arias by his eagerness to advertise his high B flat. But as a whole, this performance of *Elijah* was a triumph, and sent thousands away happier, if not better, stronger, and believing more than ever in great music, that it is divine.

FIFTH DAY. *Sunday Evening, May 28.* The Fiftieth Anniversary Musical Festival ended worthily with what may be counted as the Society's fiftieth performance of Handel's *Messiah*.¹ The crowd of listeners was again immense, for many come to the *Messiah* as to a religious service, who are indifferent to other oratorios. There is no need to dwell for the fiftieth time upon its beauty, power, and grandeur.

¹ Counting several performances of portions of the oratorio in the early days as one.

It may be taken for granted that it acquired new interest, new inspiration and new depth of meaning from the time and the occasion, and from the great mass of voices and of instruments combined in the performance. If the voices showed some signs of fatigue after an exhausting whole week's work, the performance equalled expectation in the main. Many of the choruses, especially the "Wonderful" chorus and the "Hallelujah," carried all before them, the latter drawing most of the listeners upon their feet, spontaneously, rather than by constraint of custom. The chorus, "All we like sheep," was too hurried for the indolent and careless image it suggests; nor was the deep and tender feeling and beauty of "Surely" and "With his stripes all we are healed" expressed so palpably and clearly as it might have been. It is not worth while to mention one or two other slightly blurred passages; they were not enough to seriously mar or weaken the general effect of a truly noble choral rendering. The recitatives and arias were undertaken by Miss Brainerd, Mrs. Kempton (Miss Twichell), Mr. Farley, and Mr. Rudolphsen, all doing their best in music that demands the best. The tenor only, whose pleasing voice had learned its clever ways from the Italian opera singers, showed that he had never yet been fairly naturalized in the serene, high element of Handelian oratorio. But he was more careful than in *Elijah*, complied with the conductor's hints, and did not take liberties with his text to show off his high notes. Mr. Rudolphsen had acquired rare evenness and *aplomb* in rolling out the long roulades of Handel's bass songs. All he did was unexceptionable. Miss Brainerd made her best impression of the week in these soprano solos; they were at least carefully studied, fluent, finished renderings. Mrs. Kempton won plentiful applause in the contralto arias; her tones were rich, her execution good, and she sang with a certain air of fervor, although her "pathos" in "He was despised" was too much after the unquiet Italian stage manner; the expression was too lachrymose, — a common fault with singers in that music; you *feel* the melody of Handel most in the most chaste and simple rendering.

Such was the *Messiah*, at its best as we had known it here, in 1865. But we are writing in 1887; and the intervening years have shed a new light back upon all past renderings of the work, revealing and explaining serious imperfections which were perhaps unnoticed, but must have existed in them all. These relate chiefly to the very incomplete extent to which Handel's evident intentions in the matter of the instrumental accompaniment had been carried out. Mozart, whose arrangement was the one always used, had filled out the instrumental score for many of the numbers, but by no means for all. It

was only some years later, when Robert Franz, at the request of our Society, addressed himself to this important task, that it became possible to present this most familiar of oratorios in its completeness, and with all its beauty, power, and meaning. This will appear later in this history.

So ended the second Festival. It was a gratifying and inspiring success, artistically and socially, and even financially, for, while it cost more than \$17,000, it left a balance of \$4,000, which went to the benefit of the two great war charities of Boston and the Society's own fund. One half of this profit was divided equally between the Sanitary Commission and the Christian Commission. The other half, about \$2,000, was the foundation of the Society's Permanent Fund, which was put in trust by an instrument dated May 28, 1866, and which, at the date of this writing (1887), amounts to nearly \$30,000. That this Festival was on the whole a just theme of pride for Boston, and very creditable to the old Society (which seemed to rejuvenate itself in that effort), creditable to its devoted officers, to the enthusiastic, able, indefatigable conductor, the skilful organist, the well-selected ample orchestra, and to the seven hundred volunteers and regulars who went so heartily into the chorus work; that it gave a new impulse to the cause of noble music in the land, and new assurance of more and better Festivals to follow, was thought to be the least that could be said of it. That was the common feeling, with whatever consciousness and frank admission of shortcomings. It did not reach the ideal; and if in certain happy moments it did seem to approach it, probably no member of the Society, with good right to feel elated, lost his head so far as to imagine that the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston had placed itself in the front rank of all the world of music by this brave effort, or that it was now able to compete, save at an humble distance, with the great festivals of Germany and England.

A great success it was, but *what* success? Let me dovetail together a few sentences from my own comments in the "Journal of Music" at the time:—

1. It seems to have been agreed that the success was more one of quantity than of quality in execution, much as there was to praise in that respect. The effects were those of mass and grandeur, rather than of fineness, delicate and subtle distribution of light and shade. There was more of spirit and momentum, military energy and unanimity in great mass movements and manœuvres, than of poetic fusion and subdued blending of all the individualities in one exquisite, expressive whole. Almost never a *pianissimo*, to vary and relieve

the sweeping and triumphant charges of the seven hundred; and what effect so beautiful, so wonderful, and so refreshing as the *pianissimo* of a great host of voices! The conductor knew this; but it was not easy, in those new conditions, before each singer felt himself entirely at home, and felt the others with him in those strange seats, so many and so far apart, to persuade each that his or her single voice could be audible, or sound like any voice at all, unless delivered with full force. Singers have to learn to trust themselves on such occasions. The same, too, with the orchestral performances. There were many good musicians there, but they were brought together for the nonce, and not accustomed to each other. Rehearsals necessarily were few and hurried, crowded into weary hours between the concerts. There was little chance for an exacting, critical, refining study upon the master-works performed.

2. As we have already seen, the solo singing, while much of it was satisfactory, was the weak feature of the Festival. The management did all that could be done, but the time was unfavorable for the collecting of great vocal talent. Here, again, hurry, want of time for consultation and rehearsal, allowed tares to creep in with the wheat in the selections of vocal miscellany for the afternoon concerts. And what real gems there were suffered for want of proper setting, — that is to say, of orchestral accompaniment.

3. The programmes certainly contained enough pure gold, without too much alloy, to warrant calling the Festival a grand one. It was mainly made up of compositions of the highest order. Four great oratorios, the *Hymn of Praise*, four of the noblest symphonies, eight or nine of the most sterling overtures, to say nothing of the other selections, were enough of a good thing for one week. The only disturbing elements were the hackneyed Italian opera show-pieces, the “Venzano Waltz,” and one or two noisy orchestral *effect* pieces, full of brass, and only edifying when heard out of doors. The experience of such a Festival ought at least to teach one lesson: that in dealing with solo singers, in the making up of programmes, the choice of pieces must not be left to the singer’s own vanity or indolence, or ignorant unconcern whether his or her pet piece and patent reaper of applause will make or mar the harmony of the whole programme; but it must be controlled by the conductor or by the management; at all events, by the *one mind* and purpose that should shine throughout the whole. Some great names were conspicuous by their absence, — enough to mention Mozart. Nor is it enough to have only matter of unquestionable merit. The programme, to have piquancy and to mark progress, should offer points of rarity and novelty. Such

points in our Festival were *Israel in Egypt* and the Schubert Symphony. But Bach was still a region wholly unexplored by us. And much more might be named, without acquaintance with which a Handel and Haydn Society must not be content. These, of course, are only questions of time.

4. It may be a question whether our programme was not *too* ambitious, — in the amount of matter, not in height of aspiration; whether it was not too much to undertake at once. “Enough is as good as a feast.” The Germans have learned this; their festivals seldom last more than three days, and they seldom load those days with such a mountainous outlay of work. Would not three days be better than a week, and much more sure to pay?

CHAPTER VIII.

FIFTY-FIRST SEASON.

JUNE 16, 1865, TO MAY 28, 1866.

HAVING chronicled the doings of the Handel and Haydn Society from its birth to its fiftieth anniversary, and having duly celebrated that occasion (which so happily coincided with the return of peace and with reunion, without slavery, after the War of the Rebellion) by a grand five-days' Festival, which showed the height of our musical attainment so far, let us now pause a moment to look back over the laborious ascent, and make a brief summary of progress and accomplishment.

What great and noble works, what masters has the Society introduced to the musically inclined people of Boston and its neighbors, during these fifty years? In other words, what has been its musical repertoire, in its chosen department, so far?

1. Of standard oratorios proper, the list has surely been more than respectable, alike in length and quality. Under this head, we count five oratorios by

HANDEL: *The Messiah*, given almost annually.
Samson, many times.
Judas Maccabæus, several times.
Solomon, several times.
Israel in Egypt.

To which add, as compositions not so large, but worthy of the same noble company:—

Dettingen Te Deum, three times.
Ode on St. Cecilia's Day, twice in 1863.

HAYDN: *The Creation* (twin corner-stone with the *Messiah*, on which the foundations of the Society were laid), also almost yearly.

BEETHOVEN: *Mount of Olives*, twelve times (although four times under the English bastard form of *Engedi!*).

MENDELSSOHN: *St. Paul*, four or five times.
Elijah, about twenty times
Hymn of Praise, eight or ten times.

SPOHR: *Last Judgment*, eight times.

COSTA: *Eli*, four times.

2. Then of church compositions in other large forms, — Te Deums, masses, requiems, etc., — there were performed the following : —

HAYDN: *Mass in B flat*, eleven times between 1829 and 1837.

Te Deum in C, once only, in 1831.

The Storm, a descriptive cantata, usually called "The Tempest," seven times.

MOZART: *Mass in C*, in 1829.

Requiem Mass, twice in 1857.

ROSSINI: *Stabat Mater*, fifteen to twenty times.

3. To these add a miscellaneous assortment of once popular but inferior oratorios, like Neukomm's *David* and *Mt. Sinai*; others by composers now unknown (Buhler, King); operas turned bodily into oratorios, as Rossini's *Moses in Egypt*, given about forty times, and Donizetti's *Martyrs* (seven times in 1849, 1850); occasional odes; Romberg's *Power of Song* and *Transient and Eternal*; and (not classed here as being trivial or of no value) Nicolai's overture with horns, "*Ein' feste Burg*." These mostly, however much in fashion some of them were once, had lived out their little day before the fiftieth anniversary; and while they lived, they figured, let us say, as pastime and occasional letting down from the more serious tasks, both for the singers and for the crude tastes of the miscellaneous public.

Such was the material which the Society had had to work upon in fifty years; such the music, and so noble most of it, with which this community had, through its zeal and labor, become more or less acquainted, and really familiar with the best of it, thousands having learned to love it.

As to the progressive quality of the performances; as to the number of singers growing on from year to year, from the small handful in 1815 to the seven hundred voices at the fiftieth anniversary; as to the advancing standard of choral discipline, of style and taste in the delivery; as to the wavering steps of progress in the means of orchestral accompaniment, beginning with mere skeleton orchestras, enlarging and improving very slowly, never realizing what would be called an orchestra in these present days, until the exceptional getting together of a great body of musicians for a festival occasion; and as to the number of distinguished vocal artists ("solo talent") who had been introduced upon our oratorio platform, we will attempt no summary, simply referring to the foregoing chapters of this history.

We now resume the record.

The Festival was followed on Wednesday evening, June 14, 1865, by a pleasant social reunion in the Music Hall. The ladies and gen-

tlemen composing the Festival chorus felt they had a right to rejoice together and exchange congratulations while the spirit was upon them. It was partly, perhaps mainly, designed as a complimentary acknowledgment to the ladies who had taken so zealous and so creditable a part in the oratorios. (For it must be remembered that only men are members of the Society, while the ladies are their helpers and their guests.) It was also made the occasion of several well-merited presentations. To Mr. Loring B. Barnes, the indefatigable secretary of the Society, who had been as it were the chief engineer of the great enterprise, was presented a silver tea-set of five pieces; to Conductor Carl Zerrahn a silver ice-pitcher and salver, and also on behalf of the ladies of the chorus a pair of gold-lined goblets; Mr. B. J. Lang, the organist, was the recipient of a gold guard chain. Apt and interesting speeches, by Gen. Henry K. Oliver, Judge John P. Putnam, and Mr. Francis H. Underwood, formed the medium of presentation in each instance; Dr. J. B. Upham, the president of the Society, occupying the post of chairman. Dancing and supper followed, and the festivities were kept up with great zest till after midnight. The spirit that pervaded this reunion was a good earnest of the next year's work.

Two evenings later, June 16, came the adjourned annual business meeting. Officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows:—

President. — DR. J. BAXTER UPHAM.

Vice-President. — OREN J. FAXON.

Secretary. — LORING B. BARNES.

Treasurer. — MATTHEW S. PARKER.

Librarian. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Trustees.— EDWARD FAXON, GEORGE FISHER, GEORGE W. PALMER, J. S. SAWYER, CHARLES H. JOHNSON, FRANK N. SCOTT, O. FRANK CLARK, GEORGE HEWS.

Of these trustees the first four were from the old board. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring trustees, Messrs. Isaac Woodward, S. L. Thorndike, George P. Carter, and W. O. Perkins.

The treasurer's report, in the absence of the venerable incumbent, Mr. M. S. Parker (then in his eighty-sixth year), was read by the secretary, showing that the total receipts, added to the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, amounted to \$1,332.01; and that the expenditures of the year were \$989.31, leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$342.70, with the Society wholly free from debt.

The librarian, G. H. Chickering, reported increased duties owing to the Festival, which he performed with characteristic willingness, the burden having been greatly lightened by Mr. Bedlington, the

assistant librarian. Of the music added to the library during the year, he mentioned the orchestral parts of Mendelssohn's *Forty-second Psalm*; 105 vocal parts and two scores of Costa's *Eli*; 300 copies of *Israel in Egypt*, — all these mostly procured from England. The next addition purchased was a portion of the music formerly belonging to the Mendelssohn Choral Society, consisting of 118 chorus scores of the *Messiah*, 144 of *Elijah*, and many orchestral parts. The additions during the year summed up as follows: 2,133 separate vocal parts, 473 vocal scores, 649 pianoforte vocal scores, one orchestral score, and 193 separate orchestral parts. The music bought for the Festival cost about \$1,050; and that bought before the Festival, not for it, cost \$215.26. These additions, with what the Society possessed before, properly arranged on shelves and completely filling them, formed, in the opinion of the librarian, the most valuable library of its kind in the country. There had also been purchased, jointly with the Music Hall Association, a set of wood-wind instruments (six clarinets, two flutes, two oboes, and two bassoons), made in New York, to overcome the difficulty, or impossibility, of tuning the instruments owned by the members of the orchestra to so low a pitch as that of the organ. The Society's share of this expense was \$300. The instruments failed to answer the purpose for which they were intended; they were put into the hands of the orchestral players, and all trace of them is lost.

From the report of the secretary, Mr. Barnes, much of interest might be extracted, were there room. The Festival, of course, had dwarfed the every-day work of the Society. Previous to that it had appeared but three times before the public during the entire season: first in *Eli* in November, which resulted in a small loss, and twice in the *Messiah* at Christmas to full houses. A concert commemorative of our great national victories was in preparation for Easter, but was suddenly suspended by the assassination of President Lincoln. Then came the Festival with its nine oratorios and concerts, with all its rehearsals and laborious work for all. That excitement passed, "there still remained one more duty for that great Festival chorus to perform, and that was, in answer to an invitation of the city of Boston, to perform suitable music on the occasion of the eulogy by the Hon. Charles Sumner on the late President Lincoln." That occurred June 1, and the pieces sung were: the chorals "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" and Luther's Judgment Hymn, and the chorus "Mourn, ye afflicted people," from *Judas Maccabæus*.

Twenty four persons had been admitted to membership during the year; and five or six more, who had passed examination and been

admitted by ballot, had declined to qualify and were not enrolled. One member only had resigned, and there were no expulsions, a thing unprecedented for several years before. The report made mention of the death of two of the oldest and most honored members, both of whom had joined the Society during its first year, namely, John F. Payson (June 8) and John H. Pray (July 6); also a third, a younger member, counting from 1838, James Dyer, — all three being of the most active and efficient members. The first two passed away within a few hours of each other, at about the date of the annual meeting in 1864.

Mr. G. W. Palmer, one of the trustees and treasurer of the Festival Fund, then presented a brief but very satisfactory statement, from which it appeared that the whole amount received from the Festival was \$21,180, and the total expenses a little upwards of \$17,000, leaving a balance of very nearly \$4,000, of which one half was divided equally between the two great war charities of Boston, while the other \$2,000 went to form the foundation of the Society's Permanent Fund.

The pre-ident, Dr. Upham, then read his annual report, an interesting paper, beginning with congratulations on the success of the Festival, and the marks of progress and improvement in the general condition of the Society. He alluded to the correction of some prominent faults pertaining to this and other associations of a kindred nature, intimating that more could be done to advantage in the same direction. "Indeed, the more the discipline of the Society can approach to military system and exactness, the better it will be ultimately relished by the members themselves, and the easier and pleasanter will their ordinary duties at our meetings appear." Other standing faults were pointed out, among which *absenteeism at rehearsals* was counted as first and foremost and dwelt upon with emphasis. The habits of an improper position of the body while singing, of an inadequate utterance, and of imperfection in the quantity and quality of the voice, were recommended to the careful and conscientious attention of the singers; and the employment of a competent instructor in the elements of vocal drill, as then practised in the several departments of the public schools, was advised as the best possible investment of a portion of the time and money of the Society. (Whether the members, to any considerable extent, ever availed themselves of this excellent advice, the writer of this history is uninformed; it can hardly be said that subsequent performances made any such fact palpable to sense.) The importance of an equal distribution of voices among the four parts, and the policy of increasing the standard number of the chorus to six hundred, and of keeping it

for some time within that limit, was urged, while the examining committee were asked to be more strict and careful in canvassing the actual apportionment of voices and ascertaining with exactness the number of active and efficient members.

The report closed with an interesting and instructive historical sketch of the great musical festivals of the world, from the Handel Commemoration in Westminster Abbey in 1784 down to the greater examples of our own day in England, Germany, Switzerland, and now in our own land. Letters of sympathy and cordial greeting and congratulation from the New York Harmonic Society and the Handel and Haydn Society of Philadelphia were then read.

Here ends the record of the Festival of sixty-five. Now we take up the line of march and trace the mark it left upon the life and work of the Society (say) for the next twelve years, a stadium ending with another Festival, the fourth Triennial, in 1877. A period of well-earned rest must intervene before the autumn calls to new rehearsals.

The first symptoms of fresh enterprise appear in an unofficial announcement, perhaps hardly more than rumor, early in September, that the Society has a plan, a good one. It proposes to give four oratorio performances, on a grand scale, with a chorus of six hundred voices, and an orchestra of double the usual strength, the price of tickets to be one dollar. In this series it would make a point of bringing out *Israel in Egypt* for once in its completeness; and besides the *Messiah* and *Elijah*, to revive perhaps the *Jephtha*, perhaps the *Judas Maccabæus* of Handel, taking more time for the study of *St. Paul*. Worthy aspirations! We shall see.

The time for the beginning of the series was fixed for Nov. 16. Meanwhile the Society, always ready to give one of its most familiar oratorios whenever a great singer came along to help them, took advantage of a short stay in Boston of Mlle. Parepa, and with her valuable assistance gave the *Creation* on the 15th of October. She infused life into the beautiful but somewhat hackneyed oratorio, even into the often tedious dialogue of Adam and Eve. Mr. Rudolphsen sustained the bass part, and Mr. Hazlewood the tenor. A more than passable orchestra was mustered in spite of distracting claims on the musicians, and it was pleasant to see Carl Rosa and Theodore Thomas working in the ranks with the first violins; it is so artist-like to love to help out the *whole!*

The scheme of oratorios for the season proper opened Nov. 18, with *Judas Maccabæus*, once before quite popular here, and more often

sung in Germany and England than any work of Handel after *Israel* and the *Messiah*. How it escaped performance during our four years of war, we have always wondered; for it was the very music which we wanted to "fire the Northern heart." In the earlier phases of the great life struggle of the nation, we could all have sung quite earnestly that chorus:—

"And grant* a leader bold and brave,
If not to conquer, born to save!"

But the memories of the war were still fresh. No texts to which great music could be set could more insure its appeal to all our hearts than these, to which Handel wrote his patriotic, his heroic oratorio *par excellence*. But it is always interesting and inspiring, seldom out of season; if it was not heard in those dark days, it was well to hear it now.

The rendering was on the whole successful, considering the short preparation, and that this harp had been hung upon the willow for twelve years. There was room for improvement, but it was sung with a will, some of the choruses very effectively, as "Tune your harps," the "Conquering Hero," etc. The numbers of chorus singers were not up to the fond ideal of 600; there may have been 400, and the contralti comparatively weak. As for the orchestra, "it had bassoons" for once! So necessary was it thought to hail the presence of an instrument so essential, and which Handel used by the dozen in his day. The great organ, played by Mr. Lang, made some of the great choruses loom like distant mountains in rare states of atmosphere. The weak side of the performance lay in the solo parts, although it was not all weak. The most important part, that of the hero Judas, demands a great tenor, one who can ring out "Sound an alarm" with the vigor of Sims Reeves. Mr. Farley was inadequate; his recitative was stilted, dragging, and monotonous. Nor could he "call forth powers" to cope with such a task as the air, full of roulades, which has those words for its theme. Mr. Rudolphsen, the basso, was the most satisfying of the soloists. Miss Houston, always earnest, having her inspirations, which now and then would set a passage in a fine bright light, and with a voice clear, musical, and flexible, yet lacked that reassuring firmness which the hearer would fain feel at every point. The rich contralto of Miss Annie Cary, blending with Miss Houston's, left the lovely duets about "Liberty" and "Peace" among the pleasantest memories of the evening.

The same oratorio was repeated on Christmas eve before a large,

* The petition echoed itself in GRANT!

not crowded house, but with a larger chorus, better balanced, better drilled, and with a great accession to the solo force; for it was just the music for Parepa, and Mr. Castle was a decided improvement upon the last tenor; especially in his voice, which, while of a rather light, elastic quality, had strength and reach, and was musical and sympathetic. There was plenty of "silver trumpet" in the manly vigor with which he surprised the audience in "Sound an alarm." But in his general style he was far from showing a true oratorio culture; the habits of English opera and ballad singing, and the applause of unmusical publics, were too manifest in bad accentuation and pronunciation, and in unrefined cadenzas. In point of style, of well-conceived, consistent rendering of his music, Mr. Somes, in the small parts allotted to him, pleased more than Mr. Castle.

On the next (Christmas) evening the *Messiah* drew an enormous audience, as it well might do at any time, but the more so this time with such solo artists as Parepa and Adelaide Phillipps, besides Mr. Castle and Mr. M. W. Whitney.

On Saturday, the last night of the year, the hall was packed even fuller. This was for *Elijah*, the unfailing favorite. With the crowd, or in spite of the crowd, it is reported as the greatest performance of that oratorio yet heard in America. Enough to say that the soloists were Parepa, Phillipps, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Campbell, in voice and presence more commanding than Rudolphsen, but much inferior in style, betraying the same kind of musical schooling and associations which have been remarked in Mr. Castle. That week's experience certainly developed a great deal of true musical enthusiasm.

Before crossing the line between the old year and the new (1865 and 1866) to record the work of the Society during the latter half-year of its fifty-first season, we must pause a moment over the new-made graves of two of its oldest and most honored members. JOHN DODD died in November, 1865. MATTHEW S. PARKER, the venerable treasurer for many years, followed at the age of eighty-six years, on the 9th of January, 1866. At a special meeting of the board of trustees, held Nov. 26, the following resolutions, offered by the president, were passed unanimously:—

WHEREAS, The trustees of the Handel and Haydn Society have learned of the decease of their esteemed friend and brother, Mr. JOHN DODD, whose long life of activity and usefulness is now, at the ripe age of eighty-five years, brought to its close:

Therefore Resolved, That while we recognize in this event the dealings of an all-wise and merciful God, we cannot but mourn with unfeigned sorrow the loss of one who has been always identified with the interests of this Society, whose name is upon the honored roll of its original founders, and after-

wards and for many years prominently connected with its government; an earnest, zealous, and faithful worker in the ranks; a pattern of punctuality and promptness; a worthy example to the young and old; and also for half a century has never ceased to feel and to manifest a deep interest in the Society's welfare and success.

Resolved, That we cherish with gratitude the thought of the many virtues, the kindly sympathies, the honor, honesty, and integrity of life which show forth so conspicuously in the character of our beloved associate; and while we sympathize most earnestly with the bereaved family in their great loss, at the same time we rejoice with them in the possession of that unpeakable gift, the *memory of a just and good man*, which is BLESSED.

Resolved, That as a tribute of our esteem, and a lasting memorial of our love and affection for our associate, these resolutions be placed upon our records, and a copy of them be presented to the family of the deceased

LORING B. BARNES,
Secretary Handel and Haydn Society.

Again, not two months later, Jan. 14, 1866, at a meeting of the Society, the president, having been requested by a vote of the board of trustees, submitted, with a few feeling remarks, the following resolutions, which were seconded with appropriate words by others and unanimously passed:—

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Society it has pleased Almighty God to remove from the scene of his earthly labors our friend and brother, MATTHEW S. PARKER; therefore

Resolved, That we avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity individually and personally to record our sense of the great loss we have sustained in the death of our esteemed and venerable associate, whose many estimable qualities of mind and of character had so endeared him to all our hearts.

Resolved, That, while with a deep and earnest sorrow we deplore our loss, we also thank God for the long life of usefulness and honor which has just closed; a life fragrant with the memories of good deeds, beautiful in its unpretending piety, full of Christian benevolence, abounding in charity and kindness and good-will towards all, a model of gentleness and purity, and, outreaching almost the utmost limit of the years that are allotted to man, patient and resigned unto the end.

Resolved, That as members of the Handel and Haydn Society, of which our honored brother was the last surviving original associate, and has continued now more than fifty years its finest and most steadfast friend,—holding all this while, with an interval of but two or three years, some post of honor and trust in the administration of the Society's affairs, its first secretary, and for the last twenty-five years, and until his death, its trusty and devoted treasurer,—we desire to express and put on record our high sense of his invaluable services in the sacred cause to whose interests we stand pledged; of the faithfulness and assiduity with which he has always discharged the official duties we have committed to his care; of the praiseworthy example he has given us in his conscientious attendance upon the oft-recurring and sometimes tedious requirements of the Society's ordinary

work, no less than his punctuality and constancy at its public performances, and the rich legacy he has left us in the memory of his unsullied honor and integrity and consistency of character in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Society be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, expressing to them, at the same time, our earnest sympathy with them in their affliction, and our firm assurance that the soul of our friend and brother has found, in heaven, the reward of his Christian faith and faithfulness upon the earth

With the beginning of the new year, 1866, and steadily for three-months, we find the members of the chorus faithfully employed in the study and rehearsal of *St. Paul*, one of the two great oratorios of Mendelssohn, which had by no means yet received its fair share of attention here, in contrast with *Elijah*. The old Society was at last resolutely facing one of its serious problems of many years. *Israel in Egypt* was another, and had been in contemplation for this season, but it was perhaps wisely enough reserved for later opportunities. *St. Paul*, it was settled, was to close the announced programme of the season.

It came to performance on the 1st of April, which was Easter. The audience was so large, so deeply interested, that there could be no excuse for letting it go unperformed so long again. (In fact it had only once been attempted by the Society, in 1843.) Its music in its prevailing tone of color is more sombre than that of *Elijah*, yet it is fully as exciting to the deeper feelings, and strengthening and uplifting to the soul. If it is less brilliant, and presents no such variety of vividly conceived and wonderfully painted scenes, yet the one theme is taken so to heart, and musically developed with such consistency and such completeness, that as a whole it is equally and even more absorbing — at least after one has listened to it carefully several times and studied it. *Elijah* may always be more popular, but pause before you call it greater than *St. Paul*. The music of the latter is singularly one in spirit with the subject and the text. The composer is so true to that, has so filled himself with its import, that he seems hardly to have aimed at mere musical effect as such, but only at a noble, sincere, full, and never overwrought expression of characters, events, and sentences all full of meaning and most sacred; the expression thereof by those means and forms of musical art which had become to him an ever-ready, all-sufficient mother tongue. While, therefore, on the spiritual, the poetic, the dramatic side, the work is so true, so earnest, and so real (not “realistic”), it is no less beautiful, original, and whole as a work of art, a composition. With all its contrasts, — songs, chorals (for like Bach in his Passion music, Mendelssohn builds here on the choral, the sweet, deep,

heartfelt plain-song of the Reformation), and choruses of serene, high Christian faith, turbulent outbursts of Jewish prejudice and vengeance, or light-hearted, sensuous heathen worship,—it still preserves a unity of musical style which makes the beauty of all parts felt and implied more or less in each part. And here we may venture to suggest, that possibly the Handel and Haydn Society, in mastering the *St. Paul* problem, were already unconsciously preparing for the yet greater problem, with which they were morally bound within a few years to wrestle, — the Passion music and the Christmas oratorio of John Sebastian Bach. They are already on the stepping-stones to that. For Mendelssohn in *St. Paul* not only makes use of the choral, but, like Bach, too, he intrusts the narrative, very condensed and plain, to a single reciting voice (soprano or tenor), which introduces the *dramatis personæ* and then lets them sing in person; now the two false witnesses, now Stephen, now Paul; now the voice from heaven, “Saul, why persecutest thou me?” which he gives to a soprano choir to make it as little earthly and (humanly speaking) as impersonal as possible. There is something quite dramatic in this arrangement, and Mendelssohn had the resources of the modern orchestra and his mastery thereof to make it more dramatic still.

The oratorio appears to have been quite as well rendered as could reasonably be expected on a first attempt; indeed, considering the ever new difficulties which a work so long, so taxing to physical and mental powers, presented in rehearsal, the effort exceeded expectation. The well-known aria, “Jerusalem! thou that killest,” was sung with fervor, sweetness, and sustained nobility of style by Miss Houston, who was in remarkably good voice that season and less unsure of herself than sometimes. She was no less successful in the almost equally beautiful soprano arioso, “I will sing of thy great mercies.” In the trying recitatives she was often, but not always, happy. The one air for contralto (also well known in concert rooms), “But the Lord is mindful of his own,” — that warm, rich strain of sincere melody, — told to good advantage in the large, rich voice and unaffected style of Miss Annie Cary, not yet developed into the world-renowned singer that she afterwards became after more study and with more earnestness and animation. The only tenor aria, “Be thou faithful unto death,” received an eloquent rendering from Mr. Castle, who had rid himself of some bad habits, and whose voice had even gained in reach and volume since he had sung here before. He sung it as if he felt that it meant something. His recitatives in the First Part, especially that in which Stephen rebukes

the council, "Ye hard of heart," demand the highest powers. He grappled with the task manfully and thoughtfully, rising in one place to great energy of declamation, although the contrasts of loud and soft were somewhat too spasmodic. Mr. Whitney delivered the two strongly contrasted bass arias in the character of Paul, "Consume them all," and "O God, have mercy," in a serious, manly style, and in a voice at most times musical as well as ponderous and telling, though somewhat dry and hollow in the upper tones. His solo with chorus, "I praise thee, O God," was one of the satisfying pieces in the oratorio; and his duet with tenor (Paul and Barnabas), "For so hath the Lord himself commanded," was received with open applause. Paul also has a noble piece of recitative, where he expostulates with the Gentiles who would worship them as Mercurius and Jupiter, "O wherefore do ye these things?", in which the singer might find matter for long study.

Of the work of the chorus, and the performance generally, we will briefly quote from our own record at the time: "The plainer choruses, especially the chorals, went admirably, — a full, smooth, euphonious, well-balanced, and well-blended stream of tone, refreshing and edifying even in that hot and crowded hall. Most of the choruses, even the more complex and contrapuntal, were carried through well; save that it still threatens to take years to cure completely that chronic fault of all our large choruses, the timidity and non-appearance of scores of voices in certain difficult and critical passages; the responsibility of carrying them through, still more of taking them up, is commonly left to the few who are more sure and confident. We think, however, that we notice a constant improvement in this particular; the only thorough remedy will be found in the same full attendance upon each and every rehearsal that is shown with such alacrity when it comes to a public performance. The joy of joining in the festival must first be earned by study in rehearsal and at home. The heavier choral passages were grandly held up by Mr. Lang's sparing and judicious use of the great organ; and the extremely interesting orchestral accompaniments (a study by themselves) were made effective by a fuller band than usual, after good rehearsal. Mr. Zerrahn conducted with his usual unflagging vigilance and energy, and has reason to congratulate himself on the result of his long and faithful training of his forces for so great a task. We certainly think it a mistake of the Handel and Haydn Society not to repeat *St. Paul* at the earliest convenience; it has made a good impression once, and many hundreds of delighted hearers only wish to know it better that they may enjoy it and

admire it more." That opportunity we were not to have until another winter!

Meanwhile it was thought best to spend the remainder of the season in the preparation of a concert for the express purpose of increasing the Festival Fund. This was given May 13, formally closing the real musical season. And a noble close it was. It was in some sense a revival, or a reflection, of the splendors of the Festival of twelve months before. Between five and six hundred voices were assembled, and the orchestra increased to sixty instruments, so that the performance was nearly on the same grand scale. The drill of chorus and of orchestra had been very careful. The selections (Part I., Nicolai's *Religious Festival Overture*, and Mendelssohn's *Forty-second Psalm*, "As the hart pants"; Part II., Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*) were of an interesting and inspiring character. All went heartily and full of life. Yet the Music Hall, strange to say, was not crowded. May, with its apple blossoms, was a strong competitor!

The chorus singing was uncommonly good; and so was the orchestra (for those days), bringing out the contrapuntal interludes and variations of the Nicolai Overture with strong and unmistakable outline, while the choral unison on Luther's hymn, "*Ein feste Burg*," approached the sublime. The Mendelssohn Cantata (*Forty-second Psalm*) was new to the public. Not so grand, so varied, or elaborate as his larger works, it is purely beautiful and full of tender feeling from beginning to end; indeed, a lovely composition, in which the inmost yearning and deep trials of the soul, as well as the sweetest comfort, alike find expression. Seldom before had the Society been so happy in the rendering of a whole work as they were with this. It is comparatively easy, to be sure; and yet it was no child's play. The soprano solos were divided between Miss Houston, who sang admirably, with all her feeling, and Miss Sarah W. Barton, who made her first appearance then in oratorio, and whose clear, rich, true voice, and effective execution, not without fervor, although of too birdlike and bright a quality for the mournful sentiment of the strain, made a highly favorable impression, and gave much to hope from her. The *Hymn of Praise*, then grown familiar, was nearly as great a success as at the Festival. In the nature of the case, one hardly expects to hear a perfect rendering of the middle portions of the chorus, "The night is departing"; with the best training, that needs the inspiration of some good genius of the moment, lifting the singers above themselves for once. For the rest, the choruses went capitally. Miss Houston sang the soprano solos; and neither the splendor of her voice nor the right inspirations failed her. Miss

Barton sang with her the duet, "I waited for the Lord," which was so good as a whole that the call for a repetition was irresistible. Mr. Hazlewood was the tenor.

These selections, added to the *Creation*, *Judas Maccabæus*, the *Messiah*, and *St. Paul*, certainly made out a rich season as to quantity and quality of matter studied and produced, even though *Israel in Egypt* was pushed forward, and Bach's day, for our western hemisphere (we living on the green side of the apple), was not yet to come for several years.

FIFTY-SECOND SEASON.

MAY 28, 1866, TO MAY 27, 1867.

At the annual meeting, held in Bumstead Hall, May 28, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President. — J. BAXTER UPHAM.

Vice-President. — O. J. FAXON.

Secretary. — LORING B. BARNES.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Trustees. — J. S. SAWYER, CHARLES H. JOHNSON, O. F. CLARK, LEVI W. JOHNSON, GEORGE HEWS, F. N. SCOTT, S. L. THORNDIKE, JOHN A. NOWELL.

Mr. L. B. Barnes, as treasurer *pro tem.*, presented the following statement:—

RECEIPTS.

Treasurer's balance from last year	\$342 70
Amount received from Mr. Bateman (Parepa's manager) for our performance of the <i>Creation</i> , Oct. 15 1865	200 00
Gross receipts for performance of <i>Judas Maccabæus</i> , Nov. 19, 1865	779 00
Gross receipts of performance of <i>Judas Maccabæus</i> , <i>Messiah</i> , and <i>Elijah</i> , Dec. 23, 24, and 31, in connection with Mr. Bateman, as agent of Mlle. Parepa	9,410 00
Gross receipts for performance of <i>St. Paul</i> at Easter, April 1, 1866	1,395 00
Gross receipts for benefit concert (<i>Hymn of Praise</i> , etc.), May 13, 1866	926 00
Admission fees of 65 members at \$5.00 each	325 00
From treasurer Festival Fund, interest on \$2,000, 7 $\frac{3}{10}$ bonds due June 15, anticipated	73 00
and balance of Fund in his hands of	34 86
Received of J. B. Smith in settlement	50 00
Subscriptions in the board of trustees to cover deficit	80 06
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EXPENDITURES.

For advertising, printing, and incidentals	\$1,808 12
For soloists, exclusive of Mlle. Parepa	1,610 55
Paid H. L. Bateman for his share of receipts on the performance of the three oratorios named	4,705 00
For orchestra the entire season	1,819 00
For rent of Music Hall and Bumstead Hall, including erection of stage for each performance, and other expenses	1,592 00
For purchase of new music, binding, etc.	764 45
For salaries of conductor and organist	600 00
For doorkeepers, ticket sellers, ushers, etc.	242 75
For rent of library room	100 00
Paid Mr. Williams to relinquish the Music Hall for oratorio <i>Elijah</i> , Dec. 31	100 00
Paid S. M. Bedlington for attendance, and for preparing new catalogue of library	200 00
Paid for carriages for soloists	28 75
Paid for insurance on library	35 00
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From the reports of the president and librarian, it appeared that the sources of the loss (made up by members of the board of trustees) were "to be found mainly in connection with the praiseworthy efforts of the Society to increase their Festival Fund by an extra concert, given at the close of the season (May 13), and with unusual attractions for public patronage. Hereafter, it would seem that such plans, if resorted to at all, must be carried out with greater regard to economy, and with less confidence of a support from without, in ratio with the enlarged forces and increased attractions that may be offered." Material additions to the library, however, reckoned at the cost of \$600. made the financial result of the year's operations really a gain.

Sixty-five gentlemen had been admitted to membership, — the largest number ever before added in a single year; and there had been no resignations, no expulsions, though very serious losses, as has been already shown, by death. The seven public performances, with the exception of the hastily improvised one of the *Creation*, "in which the Society held the secondary, and somewhat questionable position of accompanists to Parepa," were given after much thoroughness of preparation, with increased orchestra, and the best available solo vocalists in the country, the large organ, and a chorus of between four and five hundred voices. The rehearsals, which began early in October, had continued weekly, sometimes oftener, without intermission, and more than usual interest in them was manifested

by a larger and more constant attendance of the members; yet the president wished "it were possible to add, that *absenteeism*, that bane of every amateur musical society, had been altogether reformed." Other faults were named in the report: too great haste on the part of many to leave the room before the exercises of the evening have fairly closed, — nothing so disheartening to the conductor, or so dampening to the interest and enthusiasm of those who remain; loud talking and whispering on the part of auditors present by invitation or by sufferance at rehearsals; and the custom of some members of transforming themselves into auditors, instead of taking their proper places in the choir.

The actual numerical force of the chorus, as determined by their attendance at rehearsals and concerts, was 568, apportioned nearly as follows: sopranos, 176; altos, 128; tenors, 109; bassos, 155. This was exclusive of about 160, whose names were upon the rolls of membership, but who, from their distant residence, or from disability of various kinds, rarely met with the Society. From this it appeared that the proper balancing of the chorus was not yet accomplished, the sopranos being largely in excess, the tenors lamentably deficient in numbers. Hence the examination of candidates for admission should, for the present, be restricted to good tenor and alto voices. And of the duties of the examining committee, a word was added:—

"Theirs is a delicate and difficult task. It often happens that those who have excellent voices, and can sing readily, with good method and with effect, any piece they have learned, present themselves before the committee for examination; but, when required to read at sight, even the simpler forms of psalmody, they find themselves at fault.

"The superficiality of many who set themselves up for teachers in singing, in this particular, is notorious. The committee are perfectly right in rejecting all such candidates. This Society is in no sense a school for beginners in the art of reading, but rather for improvement, advancement, and progress in the appreciation and practice of music in its highest development."

After some practical suggestions on this point, the report spoke of sixteen meetings for business which had been held by the board of trustees during the year. At one of the last of these they unanimously adopted a vote creating a special board of trustees for the management of the fund which had its origin in the great Festival of 1865. The report recites the instrument of trust in full, whereby the Handel and Haydn Society, desirous of creating, for its benefit, a "Permanent Fund," the foundation of which shall be the net pro-

ceeds from the great Festival of May, 1865, to be increased from the profits of future concerts and festivals, and from the donations and legacies of their friends and patrons, or otherwise, give and transfer to three trustees, J. Baxter Upham, John P. Putnam, and Nathaniel Harris, the sum of *two thousand dollars*, and its increase up to that present time, to be held by them and their successors in *trust* for certain uses and purposes very carefully defined at length, — in form too technical for reproduction in these pages.

“This instrument,” the report continues, “I deem to be of the utmost interest to the Society. It sets forth the fact that we have at last the nucleus of a Permanent Fund, which, it is hoped, from this small beginning may grow to such proportions as will place us at length in a position to be no longer dependent upon the assessment of our members, or the fickleness of public patronage for a support.”

The president's report alluded, in conclusion, to the entire unanimity of action which had characterized all the meetings of the board, and to the alacrity and good feeling with which its recommendations had been seconded and carried out by the Society; adverting also, in terms of highest admiration and praise, to the zeal and unwearied efforts of the able and efficient conductor, Mr. Zerrahn, aided by his accomplished assistant, Mr. Lang.

And now for the usual summer rest, with hope of earnest preparation and performance to begin again in the autumn, and result in a rich season, richer perhaps than ever, of great music by great masters.

Plans were rather slow in shaping themselves. By the middle of September none had been announced. There was a certainty, of course, of the *Messiah* at Christmas. But from grand performances, as last year, with the splendid aid of Mme. Parepa, there was naturally a shrinking, seeing that that involved sharing the gross proceeds with her manager, as if the lady's single services were a fair offset to chorus, orchestra, organ, conductor, and all the other stars, however differing in glory! But there were many good and noble oratorios within their reach, even should it be without *great* and famous singers. For the first coming together for autumnal practice it was not amiss to recommend the chorus, “Be not afraid!”

A good beginning was made in the choice of *St. Paul* for the first oratorio of the season. That one performance of the work entire in the spring was certainly too impressive to justify any unnecessary delay before its repetition. After faithful rehearsal, it came to performance on Sunday evening, Nov. 25. The Music Hall was com-

pletely full, and there was no flagging of interest from the beginning to the end. The performance as a whole was one of the best yet recorded in these annals. The choruses were all well sung, both the grand ones and the sweet and graceful ones, both the plain chorals and the fugued and intricate pieces of polyphonic writing. A marked improvement both in the balance of the parts and in the average quality of voices in all parts, particularly in the tenors, became a common theme of conversation and of public critical recognition. Then, too, the rich and graphic instrumentation, than which none more masterly and splendid can be found in oratorio, was brightened up and strengthened by the full orchestra of the Symphony concerts. — not such an orchestra as we can boast in 1888, but the best available at that day. Mr. Zerrahn was fully master of the situation, and all told of the vigilance and patience with which he had watched the whole thing through the labors of rehearsal. The solo work was creditable, without resorting to great notabilities. The singers, with the exception of Mr. George Simpson (suddenly called in to supply the place of Mr. James Whitney, confined by severe illness), were all of our own “domestic talent.” Miss Houston was equal to her reputation in the soprano recitatives and arias; Miss Kate Rametti, a *debutante*, daughter of the well-known flutist, sang the one contralto aria, “But the Lord is mindful,” and made an excellent impression by the power and richness of her voice, her simple, tasteful rendering of the music, and her modest manner. Mr. M. W. Whitney had to sustain the chief weight of the solo music in the character of Paul, and he achieved the task with dignity and effect. The tenor was at fault sometimes in reading, as well as weak and superficial in style; but the manner in which he sang “Be thou faithful unto death” proved that he had it in him, with due study, to do justice to such music. And was *St. Paul* to relapse into silence for the winter here? So indeed it proved.

December 23. Annual Christmas performance of the *Messiah*, Sunday evening. Rain fell in torrents, but the Music Hall was crammed; for this with many had become an annual religious festival; many must hear *this* oratorio at Christmas, who seldom care for any other. The choruses went on the whole as well as usual. In point of musical sonority, balance of parts, etc., there was improvement manifest; but there were tares still to be weeded out, and there were timid, tardy motions to be strengthened in more than one of the fugued pieces, which might have been clearer. The airs and recitatives were mostly in new hands. Their efforts were all creditable; but only in Miss Houston, who sang “I know that my Redeemer,” was there anything

like fresh inspiration. Mrs. H. M. Smith vocalized "Rejoice greatly" and other airs with good voice skilfully but coldly. There was charm and pathos in Miss Rametti's rich but immature contralto. The younger Mr. Winch (William J.) had a beautiful, clear tenor voice, of good power, hardly yet developed, and sang with so good a method, in so chaste a style, and with so much intelligence, that he was heard with greater pleasure than many more experienced and would-be impassioned tenors. The new basso, also, Mr. J. F. Winch, had a capital deep voice, and sang as if more study and experience would make him a superior oratorio singer.

With the new year (1867) the Society took up an oratorio of Handel which had never before engaged its attention as a whole. This was *Jephtha*, the last of his eighteen English oratorios, of which the composition was begun on the 21st of January and finished on the 30th of August, 1751, just ten years later than the *Messiah*. The work extended over six months, whereas the *Messiah* cost him only twenty-four days; and he was seldom occupied longer than a month or six weeks on a single oratorio. But in *Jephtha* he was several times interrupted by his eye disease and even by occasional blindness. It may be easily imagined that he put much of his most serious thought and feeling, much of his best power into such a work, and it ranks indeed among his noblest oratorios. That it is not heard more frequently is doubtless due in no small degree to the want of completion by an able hand of the printed sketch, which is all that we possess, of Handel's orchestral accompaniments. Without that even the *Messiah* would have been unavailable for making its complete and just impression. How, or to what extent, the difficulty was obviated by our Society on this occasion, we are not informed. It is significant that this still stands as the first and only performance of *Jephtha* in the records. A few extracts from it have been well known here both before and since; such as the fine tenor recitative and aria, "Deeper and deeper still," and "Waft her, angels, to the skies," and one or two choruses. But the music for the most part was new and untried for our singers. It shows throughout the ripeness of the composer's consummate art, and contains some of his finest inspirations. The choruses, all of them, though they are comparatively free from fugues, are very original and grand. "When his loud voice in thunder spoke"; that solemnly impressive one, "How dark, O Lord, are thy decrees" (the fac-simile of the original manuscript of which shows the very place at which Handel's blindness overtook him, compelling a suspension of work for a week or two), "They ride on whirlwinds," "In glory high, in might serene," etc., are singularly graphic and

imaginative. But, it must be confessed, the work abounds with solos of a rather formal, uninspiring cut, especially in the First Part; and it was well to abridge several of the longer ones by leaving off the minor strain with the *Da capo*.

Jephtha was publicly given on Sunday evening, Feb. 17, — once and not again. Most of the choruses were well sung, with full orchestra and organ. The soprano airs furnished few great opportunities for Parepa. She sang them artistically, as she did everything, with clear and copious tone and faultless vocalization; but naturally enough much of the time with a free and easy business-like routine, securing an effect now and then by the superfluous holding out of a clear, high tone; great audiences, then and now, being children enough to applaud such tricks. But “Tune the soft melodious lute” was exquisitely sung.

Mrs. J. S. Cary took the contralto part of Storge, wife of Jephtha, which contains the richest and most pathetic of the solo music, full of presentiment of woe; and her warm, sweet voice, her uniformly true style and feeling, were what the part required. The part of Hamor, a young warrior betrothed to Iphis, was intrusted to Miss Kate Rametti, whose only drawback was that of modesty, amounting even to timidity, this time aggravated by a cold. Miss Clara M. Loring made her *début* in the Music Hall in the single recitative and air of the Angel; her clear, fresh, sweet soprano, and the way in which she entered into the spirit of the music, won her a success. Mr. Simpson did his best, and not without success in those two gems for the tenor above named, which Braham and Sims Reeves used to sing so wonderfully, and which Mr. Arthurson also had sung here with perfect style and feeling, though with limited vocal means. To the earlier, heroic strains of *Jephtha*, Mr. Simpson was hardly equal. Mr. M. W. Whitney, in the part of Zebul, wholly recitative, except once near the end (where each of the characters is led up to the footlights in turn to sing a parting recitative and air), declaimed with weight and dignity, if somewhat monotonously. The Music Hall was crowded; and the performance much admired. When will *Jephtha* be taken up again, in real earnest, with the accompaniment properly elaborated by some true Handelian like Robert Franz, and made to show the wealth and depth of beauty and of meaning there is in it?

On the following Sunday evening, Feb. 24, for a more popular attraction, the *Creation* was brought to the front again, with the hall so crammed with standing ticket-holders that it was very difficult to find passageway to seats; *too* full in fact, so that some people

became nervous. Doubtless Parepa was the magnet; certainly her singing of this music was always something magnificent. Mr. W. J. Winch was the tenor, and M. W. Whitney the basso.

Armed with the same powerful Parepa-Rosa magnet, besides other good soloists, with the full orchestra of the Symphony Concerts, and the great organ, the Society conjured vast crowds into the Music Hall on Saturday and Sunday evenings, April 20 and 21, for its Easter oratorios.

Saturday evening offered Rossini's *Stabat Mater* and Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*. The former is sensational and secular, to be sure, except in some passages, and had become hackneyed as the only "sacred" venture of the Italian opera troupes, whose managers would have them make hay on Sundays as well as all the week. But the exceptional excellence of the performance rendered it enjoyable. We had never heard the soprano parts more splendidly sung than by Parepa; and Mrs. Cary, with her pure contralto and chaste style and feeling, sang like a truly musical and soulful artist. Mr. James Whitney, with a voice sweet in quality and artistically used, lacked weight and power and sword-thrust energy for "Cujus animam"; that other concert hack, the "Pro peccatis," would have been re-galvanized into life by Mr. Rudolphsen, if it could have been by anybody. The opening chorus, the unaccompanied quartet, "Quando corpus," and the "Inflammatu8," in which both Mme. Rosa and the chorus were sublime, came upon many of us as good as new. It was well enough in itself to leave off Rossini's weak and jejune fugue finale; but that involved putting the "Quando corpus" and the paradisaical glories before the "Inflammatu8," and that again involved a transposition of key in the latter. Mr. M. W. Whitney's bass was as firm as a rock in the quartet, as wherever he bore part, and that gem of the work was sung so nicely that it had to be repeated. The chorus was fuller than usual, and in this easy work, compared to the oratorios on which they had been studying, the voices came out round and clear and unanimous, so that the ensemble was inspiring.

The *Hymn of Praise*, a work of more sterling metal, followed to advantage. The orchestral symphony charmed more than ever before. One or two of the choruses might well have been taken a shade less rapidly; and there were still some scrambling and confusion in such places as the latter part of "The night is departing." But nearly all was strikingly effective. Mme. Rosa's bright voice was electrifying in the glad announcement that ushers in that chorus; and everywhere both she and Mrs. Cary lent their best powers to the music. Mr. J. Whitney, for the tenor recitative, lacked dramatic

force and weight of voice, but he did all with feeling and with good expression. The audience showed great enthusiasm.

The Mendelssohnian vein was well kept up the next night in *Elijah*, a spirited performance; the great choruses, backed by the thousand throats of the great organ, extremely effective. Mme. Rosa had full field for her glorious voice and talent in the chief soprano part throughout. In the fine melodrama of the boy looking out for rain; in the sublime "Holy, holy," that opens the quartet; in "Hear ye, Israel," and in the concerted pieces, no one at that day could surpass her. The angel trio, with three such voices as Parepa-Rosa, Miss Houston, and Miss Phillipps, had a new and peculiar interest. The contralto tones of the last-named lady seemed to have reached their perfect ripeness. Miss Houston did excellent service in some of the smaller soprano parts. Mr. James Whitney had grown into better *rappor*t with the Music Hall, his tenor solos coming out with more power than in his previous efforts; and he caught the spirit of the music. For the central figure, the prophet, Mr. Rudolphsen was highly satisfactory. On both evenings every seat was sold and occupied, and a handsome sum redounded to the treasury.

At a meeting held May 1, some proposed changes in the by-laws were accepted; and it was voted to pay Carl Zerrahn \$500 for his year's services as conductor, and B. J. Lang \$300, as organist and pianist.

So ended one more season. Its record was a good one. *Jephtha* was the only new accession to the repertoire. *St. Paul* was the new thing of the year before, and it preserved still novelty enough. And there was also the *Messiah*, and the *Creation*, and *Judas Maccabæus*, and *Elijah*, and the *Hymn of Praise*, the *Forty-second Psalm*, and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*. Will it be out of place here for the annalist to recall some reflections which passed through his mind on looking back over that season's record? They are such thoughts, such questionings, such fears, as must have occupied occasionally many of the best friends and even members of the Society. There is safety and precaution in the entertaining of such fears.

"The *Creation* and *Messiah*, great and never to be forgotten, are very old stories with us, — so much so that it would cost a miracle, at least a new inspiration, to lift the chorus out of the old unconscious habits, faults and all, in singing them. Even *Elijah* and the *Hymn of Praise* are getting to be as familiar as household words with all our music lovers. Two great obstacles there always are to widening the field of our acquaintance with great works of this kind: two discouragements to studying and bringing out other great works which, by their intrinsic worth, have quite as great a claim on us as

any in our list. First, the mass of a great choir are too lazy to set to work, with mastering energy, upon a difficult new work (new to *them*), even should it be by Handel's great contemporary, who was at least his equal. Then, the material economy of such a society, the eye to outward and immediate success, so easily forgets the real, excellent first purpose, that of learning things and doing things for art's sake, being tempted by some dazzling opportunity, as the chance presence of a famous prima donna, into doing the easy old thing over again for the hundredth time, just for the sake of presenting *her*; the people pay and crowd the hall to hear the singer, the singer being the first consideration, the music altogether secondary. The prosperity is so intoxicating, so easily won, that the same round of oratorios bids fair to repeat itself indefinitely; indeed, have not these few, which we all know almost by heart, proved just the right sort of background on which to display the nightingales and divas, about whom we are all so crazy, that we do not care whether we are ever to know Sebastian Bach or not?

“Perhaps for that, we need a new Society; some smaller, earnest club of singers, who would devote themselves to this specialty of learning the *Passion music*, the *Magnificat*, the *Christmas Oratorio*, or some few of Bach's three hundred church cantatas. We confess we sometimes wish that our old Society would either become a great deal better, made up entirely of earnest spirits, or so much worse, that we might without ceremony dispense with it and build up another on a new foundation. We have rejoiced more than once of late years at the infusion of new wine into it; but perhaps, after all, new wine needs new bottles.”

We cite the above as a fair, an essential part of the history we are writing; for, to appreciate the progress of the Society, we must also see it as reflected in the minds of friendly, serious observers. But wait awhile! Perhaps the time is near when we may exclaim, as Frederick the Great once did to his courtiers, and as if nothing else could be half so interesting, “Gentlemen, old Bach has come!”

FIFTY-THIRD SEASON.

MAY 27, 1867, TO JUNE 3, 1868.

The annual meeting was held in Bumstead Hall on Monday evening, May 27, the president, Dr. J. B. Upham, in the chair. The treasurer's report was flattering: receipts for the year past, \$12,-495.50; expenditures, \$9,627.63; leaving a balance of \$2,867.87,—a result unprecedented in the history of the Society. From the president's report it appeared that there had been nine regular meetings of the government, and that the Society had been called together five times to act on business; and all these meetings were harmonious. Thirteen members had been admitted, eight discharged, and

four had resigned. There had been thirty-two rehearsals with good attendance and six public performances, with choruses of five hundred voices, orchestras of fifty (for the availableness of which thanks were given to the enterprise and liberality of the Harvard Musical Association), aided by celebrated singers, and by the response of large and remunerative audiences. Besides touching with renewed emphasis on the evil of *absente ism* from rehearsals, and other minor points of discipline, the president urged the speedy taking up of a plan long mooted among the members, the preparation of the annals of the Society for publication. "Such a history," he said, "would be a most acceptable possession to all the present and past members of our venerable association, and would not be without interest to others who have at heart the welfare of the cause we are endeavoring to support and to advance. The time for such a work, if it is ever to be accomplished, ought not to be much longer delayed. Our earliest associates are rapidly passing away. All the original members are now dead. In a brief while, it will be impossible to find among the living any in whose memory lingers a picture of the early trials and struggles through which our now sturdy and vigorous manhood has been attained." In conclusion, he called attention to the fact that the coming year would furnish opportunity for the first in the regular series of Triennial Festivals, which he believed it to be the policy and purpose of the Society to adopt, and of which the great Festival of 1865 might be considered the auspicious beginning. At the same time he hoped "that the ordinary work of the year might not be interfered with, nor the regular concert season shorn of its goodly proportions, but that all things appertaining thereto might be provided for, decently and in order, with unabated zeal and in its proper time."

The trustees of the Permanent Fund stated its amount at \$2,248.20, according to the value of the government bonds held by the Society.

The meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—

President. — J. BAXTER UPHAM.

Vice-President. — O. J. FAXON.

Secretary. — LORING B. BARNES.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING:

all re-elected; with an almost wholly new board of directors:

O. FRANK CLARK, THEOPHILUS STOVER, CHARLES H. WEBB. D. L. LAWS, E. C. DANIELLS, R. M. LOWELL, STEPHEN SOMES, OLIVER B. LOTHROP.

The first meeting of the new board was held June 4. It was voted, that the first Triennial Festival should be given in the spring of 1868, on substantially the basis of that of 1865; and that application should be made to friends of the Society and others for subscriptions to a guaranty fund, like that of 1865, not binding until \$25,000 should have been subscribed. It was also voted to have printed and suitably bound fifteen hundred copies of the new by-laws, with the deed of trust, an abstract of the library catalogue, etc. Also, to transfer \$1,500 from the books of the treasurer to the Permanent Fund.

October 2. At a meeting of the board, Mr. Carl Zerrahn and the Hon. John Phelps Putnam were made honorary members of the Society; and it was voted to rehearse Handel's *Samson* for performance in November.

At this meeting there sprang up a lively controversy, a thing extremely rare in the deliberations of the board of government. That sudden overturning of the old board of directors was not without its significance, it seems. There was a point in view, a comet, as it were, silently foretold; it now stood visible in the horizon. A motion was made by Mr. C. H. Webb, that Rossini's *Moses in Egypt*, as the Society had given it in former years, should again be taken up at an early day. This elicited a pretty warm discussion. The president and all the five executive members opposed the motion, on the ground that, although the work had been given and had been popular in past years, it was really not an oratorio, and should never have been brought out by this oratorio society; and that it would be a step backward to return to it. But it was the darling wish of the other members; all the directors, seven of whom were present, advocated the work, and deemed it suitable and proper in all particulars, and worthy of the Society's best endeavors. The vote stood: yeas 7, nays 5. And so the sugary Rossini opera — excellent in its way and in its place — was once more to put on the sober garb of oratorio, and masquerade in the same company with Mendelssohn and Handel. But the struggle was not yet ended, as we shall soon see.

It now came to laying out a programme for the regular season in accordance with the closing suggestion above quoted from the president's annual report. In the first place, concerts were to be prepared for the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, while the winter's practice should bear chiefly on the Triennial Festival in May.

The first concert, on Saturday evening, Nov. 23, had not the usual crowded audience. This may have been partly owing to the miscellaneous character of the programme, which was made up of excel-

lent selections; but the continuity of interest was too often broken, making it not always easy for the chorus voices to find their pitch at once with certainty, while the impression of each chorus obliterated that of the one before, and left the mind distracted. The solos were thrown into bad perspective by the medley. Yet Mrs. Kempton, though ill and therefore a little tremulous, sang "But the Lord is mindful," and "O rest in the Lord," with power and feeling; and Miss Houston gave, "Jerusalem, O thou that killest," very impressively. The duet "O lovely peace," from *Judas*, was finely sung. The choruses, four from *St. Paul*, and "The heavens are telling," from the *Creation*, were impressive. Mendelssohn's *Forty-second Psalm*, "As the hart pants," given entire, was more enjoyable.

Handel's *Samson*, on the next evening, drew a larger audience, and on the whole went admirably. It was judiciously abridged, and given with great spirit. The great choruses, some of Handel's best, told with strong effect. Miss Houston fairly carried her audience away by the clearness and brilliancy of her high tones, and by her sure and admirable delivery of the ringing trumpet song, "Let the bright seraphim." Mrs. Kempton, too, won sincere applause in the part of Micah. Mr. James Whitney gave the touching tenor air, "Total eclipse," with expressive tone and style, showing careful study. Mr. H. Wilde, with a strong and resonant voice, did good justice to the part of Manoaah; and Mr. M. W. Whitney's ponderous bass was heard to advantage in that of Harapha.

These two performances were given at a loss, — a loss made good by the usual Christmas production of Handel's *Messiah*. It was given twice, on Saturday and Sunday evenings before that joyful anniversary. The new point of interest on the first evening was the first appearance in oratorio of Mr. George L. Osgood, a member of a large family all amateur musicians, the famous singer of his class (1866) at Harvard, the possessor naturally of a beautiful tenor voice, which he had cultivated for a year in Germany. His voice, his refined style, and true expression had already won much favor in one of the Symphony concerts. He gave "Comfort ye" in clear, pure, warm tones, with admirable declamation, and sang "Every valley" with a fluency and evenness of execution remarkable for one so young in years and in this kind of experience. In "Thy rebuke," etc., he was almost equally successful, entering into the deep pathos of the music with true intelligence and feeling. The only want was of greater weight and sustained power of voice, — a want more felt in the tasking and exceptional air, "Thou shalt break them," though much could be set down to nervousness. Of Mme. Parepa-Rosa,

Mrs. Cary, and Mr. M. W. Whitney, there is no need to repeat things chronicled so many times.

The second night was stormy, but made slight reduction in the audience, though greater inroads in the ranks of the chorus. Nevertheless, the *Messiah* went with more spirit and precision than the night before. Mr. Castle this time sang the tenor solos, with greater power and volume of voice than Mr. Osgood, but not with more expression, nor so refined a quality of tone. His effort was, however, highly successful; and so was that of Mr. Rudolphsen in the bass solos. The rest was as before.

December 28. At a meeting of the government it was voted to give no performance at Easter, on account of the near approach of the Festival. *Moses in Egypt* was assigned to Feb. 29, and *Elijah* to March 1.

After a rehearsal of the former, Jan. 5, 1868, at the request of the conductor and the organist, the board was convened, when Mr. Zerahn protested against the performance of the Rossini opera as an oratorio, which he characterized as a very good opera, but he considered it as progressing backwards, instead of forwards, to present it to the cultivated patrons of the Handel and Haydn Society.

Then Mr. Lang spoke, and begged the government to reconsider their action. He earnestly protested against it, and wished his protest to be entered on the records.

But it was fighting against a foregone conclusion. After another long discussion of its propriety (Jan. 10), *Moses* was insisted on by a vote of 6 to 5, and it was rehearsed for five or six weeks, together with *Elijah*. The Rossini party had its triumph; let us trust that they enjoyed it. "Shall there be no more cakes and ale, because thou art virtuous?"

On Feb. 11, the president submitted to the board a programme for the Festival. The scheme contemplated nine performances; five of them choral, and four miscellaneous orchestral and vocal. The works then agreed upon were: *Hymn of Praise*; a cantata of J. S. Bach; the *Creation*; *St. Paul*; Costa's *Naaman* (for which *Samson* was afterwards substituted); the *Messiah*, and Beethoven's *Choral Symphony*.

On Feb. 29 (leap-year day) came the coveted performance of Rossini's *Moses in Egypt*, as transformed into a quasi oratorio. The house was full, and the performance was a good one, with a goodly array of solo singers: Mme. Parepa-Rosa (fortunately recovered from illness), Miss Edith Abell, Mr. George Simpson (from New York), the Messrs. Winch, and Mr. M. W. Whitney. There was a

fitness in the choice of date for these delicious melodies and concerted pieces, since Rossini wrote them, and he was born on leap-year day. Many undoubtedly enjoyed the thing, and were to be congratulated upon having had their way. Probably no harm resulted in the long run; the appetite once appeased was not likely to grow ravenous again very soon, and the Society could pursue its upward way serene and undisturbed. Its programmes did not show a downward tendency from that day onward, as the Festival would soon make evident.

At all events, *Elijah*, which drew a crowd on the next evening, March 1, both in matter and in manner made amends. Chorus and orchestra (in which it was pleasant to see Carl Rosa take his place among the first violins) were prompt, sure, and effective. The solos were all good, with the exception of the new contralto, Mme. Eliza Lumley, from London, whose rich voice was painfully tremulous. Mme. Rosa, taking *all* of the soprano solos, including the Youth, sang superbly, and at the same time simply, indulging in no superfluous cadenzas. Miss Houston, limited to duet, trio, etc.; Mr. Rudolphsen, as *Elijah*; and Mr. Simpson, were all up to expectation. The receipts that evening were very large.

There is no more of that season left to chronicle until we reach the third, or First Triennial, Festival, for which the guaranty fund sought. (\$25,000) was easily doubled, and no subscriber had to be assessed. This it comes now in order to describe.

THE FIRST TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

During the week from Tuesday, May 5, to Sunday, May 10, inclusive, musical interest on this side of the Atlantic had its centre in Boston. Five great oratorios, grandly given by a well balanced, well-trained force of seven hundred and fifty voices, with an orchestra of more than a hundred instruments, the best solo singers in the country, with one of the grandest organs in the world too, as well as in the noblest Music Hall upon this continent, — besides four Symphony concerts, with splendid programmes and with such an orchestra, — this could indeed be called a Festival. There might have been more smoke than fire in all this; for the American people had sometimes erred in the ambition to do things on a bigger scale than others, to compel cheap wonder by display of quantity, with too small regard to quality. So this great Festival might have been a windy, unsatisfactory, self-glorifying enterprise, a massing together of imposing "monster" concerts, having a doubtful influence on musical taste

and culture, compared with the usual more quiet, steady agencies. But the whole spirit and the matter and the manner of it forbade that supposition. The musical matter chosen was all of high intrinsic worth, deserving large interpretation, and to be received with ears and souls quickened by a general sympathy; the means of execution were adequate; the labor of arrangement, organization, and rehearsal had been earnest and continuous, prompted by an artistic desire to make all these means coöperate with ease and certainty in performance as nearly perfect as possible in this busy and distracting world, and in an inclement season particularly trying to singers' throats, as well as to the whole musical and moral temper of any but an utterly unsensitive "harp of a thousand strings."

Our old Society made a first brave experiment of musical festivals in May, 1857. That was not a bad one, in spite of many discouragements. The second, in May, 1865, on occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, was a more matured attempt, and on a larger scale. This third one, inaugurating the custom of Triennial Festivals, went as far beyond that of 1865, as that went beyond the one of 1857. The chorus, never averaging so well before in numbers, or in quality of voices, or in the right sort of musical spirit, had been kept in rehearsal nearly all winter on the oratorios, and on the exacting choral portions of the Ninth Symphony; and Mr. Zerrahn's drill had been more critical and searching, as well as more inspiring, even than before. The four parts were uncommonly well balanced. According to the handsomely printed and convenient book programme of the Festival, the soprano singers numbered 230; the alto, 171; the tenor, 142; and the bass, 204, — total, 747 voices. For a month or more there had been four rehearsals in a week.

For solo singers, although the hopes which had for some time rested upon one or two of the famous English singers, and upon the great German baritone Stockhausen, had been disappointed, the government were able to present a goodly list, headed by Mme. Parepa-Rosa and Miss Adelaide Phillipps, each a host, and continuing with such names of good assurance as Miss Julia E. Houston, Mrs. J. S. Cary, Mr. George Simpson, of New York; and Messrs. James Whitney, John F. Winch, H. Wilde, J. F. Rudolphsen, and M. W. Whitney. Two distinguished instrumental artists were engaged: Miss Alide Topp, an interesting young German pianist, pupil of Von Bülow, strongly recommended by Liszt, and Mr. Carl Rosa, the excellent violinist.

The orchestra was larger and better than that of 1865, and numbered 115 musicians. To the sixty or more of our own, who had

been moulded together and refined by three years' good practice of the best classical music in the Symphony concerts of the Harvard Musical Association, there were added about forty of the best members of the New York Philharmonic Society and several from Philadelphia,—among them many welcome faces of Mr. Zerrahn's old "Germania" associates. The proportions were excellent: 22 first violins, headed by our own William Schultze, with Julius Eicbberg as lieutenant; 20 second violins, 12 violas, 10 violoncellos, 13 double basses, 4 flutes, besides piccolo, 4 oboes, 4 clarinets, 4 bassoons, 6 horns, 4 trumpets, 1 cornet, 3 trombones, 2 ophicleides, 1 serpent, 4 instruments of percussion.

Sunday morning and evening were devoted to rehearsals; that of the evening being public, each of the seven hundred and fifty singers being allowed to bring a friend, while all the remaining space of the great auditorium was filled by those who paid a dollar for the privilege of an advanced hearing of the opening concert. So that the Festival excitement really covered more than a week. Then, for the first time, the full force, vocal and instrumental, was brought together; when lo! a curious difficulty: there was too much of a good thing! As the sopranos on the one side, and the contraltos on the other, filed in upon the platform, the human tide kept rising rank upon rank up either slope, until it even trenched upon the side balconies; where were the gentlemen tenors and basses to find room? They bestowed themselves in the corners around the organ, in the balconies, and finally away up in the second balcony above, and still more remained outside, to wander about the hall finding no place or "coigne of vantage" whence to join their voices with their brethren, while the great choir and orchestra and organ rolled out their mighty floods of harmony. But this was an evil not irremediable; better err on the safe side and have too many rather than too few; a natural shrinkage has to be allowed for, and the experience of great choral bodies shows that to make sure of six hundred singers, at least eight hundred must be invited. (Modern discipline is better.) What should they all accept, all come? Well, many evils cure themselves, as Tuesday morning showed.

The day of the opening, Tuesday, May 5, was bright and auspicious. That spring, until then black and wintry, for once wore a sunshiny and delightful aspect. By the appointed hour of 11 A. M., the large and eager audience were in their places; presently the tide of orchestra and singers—the latter reduced to a convenient seven hundred—flooded all the stage again, and only the adjoining lower balconies; and at that moment the Music Hall presented a beautiful and

brilliant scene, yet with wise abstinence from extra ornament. In the lull that ensued after the principals and the conductor had been welcomed to their places, Dr. Upham, president of the Society, stepped forward and made a brief address of welcome to the feast, which he explained to be "a series of musical performances which the Society hope may prove to be the first of a long and unbroken succession of Triennial Festivals, similar in their nature to, and on a scale commensurate with, those great musical gatherings which, for more than half a century, have been kept up triennially at Birmingham, and at brief intervals at Liverpool, at Worcester, at Gloucester, at York, and elsewhere in Great Britain, and more recently in the larger cities along the valley of the Rhine in Germany."

He added that it had seemed to the directors of the Music Hall Association an appropriate occasion on which to place against those walls the rare and beautiful sculptures which had recently been presented by Miss Charlotte Cushman, then for the first time to be publicly seen. "These are the busts of Beethoven, of Palestrina, and of Mozart, designed by Wilhelm Matthien, a Danish sculptor living at Rome, who was a companion and co-worker with Thorwaldsen, and whose works, I venture to say, can claim fellowship and equality with those of the great master I have named, with those of Canova and of Dannecker. It is a beautiful custom in the cities of the Old World, to connect the first exhibition of a rare work of art with imposing pageant and ceremony.

"As of yore the swart Egyptians rent the air with choral song,
When Osiris' golden statue triumphing they bore along;
As along the streets of Florence, borne in glad procession, went
Cimabue's famed Madonna, praised by voice and instrument,"

so it has seemed most fortunate and opportune now and here to associate the unveiling of these creations of a kindred art—the almost living and breathing portraiture of this great trio of musical kings—with their own solemn revelations in symphony and in song."

Then the curtains against the rear wall of the Music Hall were let fall, and there were disclosed the busts of Palestrina and of Mozart, poised upon their symbolical brackets, on each side of the Apollo Belvidere. Many of the audience rose eagerly, the chorus waved their handkerchiefs, and Charlotte Cushman's gift was acknowledged with many a token of appreciation and of pleasure. The Beethoven bust and bracket were set up temporarily in the lower vestibule.

Conductor Zerrahn waved his baton, and all the voices and all the instruments, and the great organ, at which sat Mr. B. J. Lang, burst

at once upon the ear, *fortissimo*, in all their weight and splendor, in Luther's choral, "*Ein' feste Burg*," with which Nicolai begins his "Festival Overture." This is a massive, brilliant, and effective work for an opening; but it had been given here twice before on such occasions, and was not made for immortality. Not a few would have preferred one of the cantatas of Bach (a purpose which we have seen the directors did for a time entertain). How fitting would have been Bach's cantata on that very choral!

Mendelssohn's *95th Psalm*, "Come, let us sing," was the one new vocal selection of the Festival, — short, sweet, full of fervor, masterly in style, and not without variety or powerful contrasts. The opening tenor solo, "O come, let us worship," a warm, melodious, cheerful invitation, was sung in good voice and style by Mr. Simpson, who, as precentor, ushers in the chorus with the same strain.

To its composed and peaceful rhythm succeeds the excited 6-4 of the more stirring, jubilant, tumultuously tuneful chorus, "Come, let us sing to the Lord with gladness," taking pattern from a half-sentence of bright soprano solo (Mme. Parepa-Rosa), which soars to a sustained high G, and drops an octave, — very animating in her large, clear tones. This splendid, overwhelming chorus, which is in C major, ends in a canon in the minor; beginning with tenors and basses in unison, strong and stern, "For the Lord is a mighty God, and a mighty ruler over all false idols," in which Truth's terrible and warning aspect for a moment is disclosed with a right Old Testament Hebrew relish; of course the final chord is major — "a mighty God" — and triumphantly held out. Next comes one of Mendelssohn's most characteristic and beautiful duets, for two sopranos, with a lovely undulating figure in the accompaniment, "In his hands are all the corners of the earth," which was finely sung by Mme. Rosa and Miss Phillips. From its gentle and beguiling stream, we are summoned by the bold fugued chorus, "For His is the sea," to a religious sense of what is grand in nature. It is the most eloquent chorus in the Psalm, and with the rich and lovely orchestration almost graphic. It ends, however, in a gentler and familiar strain, a return of the opening theme, "O come, let us worship." One felt the significance and grandeur of this chorus brought out in the rendering. The fifth and final number, in G minor, opens with a sweet, sad, pleasing *andantino* for the tenor solo, "Henceforth, when ye hear His voice entreating, turn not deaf ears," etc. This touching strain is akin to that of "Hear ye, Israel," in *Elijah*, but more deeply shaded. The rhythmical flow is ruffled at the thought of Israel's rebellious hearts, and the instruments whisper with short breath, growing more and more excited, and swelling to

a startling climax, as the voice tells of the divine wrath; but the music means it more in sorrow than in anger. Then the pleading theme is sweetly taken up in chorus by the female voices only, with intermittent tenor solo, till it takes possession of the whole chorus, and is worked up with increasing power and volume, and more and more florid and highly colored instrumentation, until it reaches a pitch of agonizing earnestness, almost unendurable, in that reiterated *diminished seventh* chord, "Turn not deaf ears"; but instantly out of this stern rock is struck as it were a sweet spring of tears, a lovely instrumental figure leading us back to the meadows, and rippling around the remainder of the chorus, which is in the tender strain of the beginning, and thus brings the composition to a close, only with a whispered last reminder, loving and gentle (yet again with *diminished seventh*, this time *pianissimo*), "Turn not deaf ears and hard hearts!"

But the grand feature of that morning's programme was the *Hymn of Praise*. Suffice it to say, that that *Sinfonie-Cantata*, after repeated hearings here, seemed greater than ever, perhaps the greatest sacred work of Mendelssohn; in no other surely was he more supremely *Felix*. The three symphonic movements, with such an orchestra, went to a charm. Then the whole multitude of voices burst forth on the first chorus, "All men, all things," as if by an innate irresistible necessity, as if their song had been all the while potentially contained, and thus far detained, in the long symphony. The effect was stupendous, a glorious sun-burst of light and life and praise, dazzling and flooding all. The solo parts were all good. Mme. Parepa-Rosa's voice seemed never more bright and birdlike, soaring with perfect ease. The duet with Miss Phillipps, "We waited for the Lord," with chorus rising full and tranquil like a tide of sweet, exhaustless harmony, was admirably sung, and the inevitable encore was insisted on with more than usual fervor. Mr. Simpson sang the Watchman recitative, and other solo portions, in good taste, as well as with good voice. Upon the whole, this noble work had never before received here a more inspiring interpretation.

Of the evening's performance of *Samson*, we reproduce our own record (*Dwight's Journal of Music*, May 23, 1868):—

"We have ever found this more tedious than any of Handel's oratorios. And for the reason that it is not an oratorio in the *distinctive* sense, of which the *Messiah*, *Israel in Egypt*, Bach's *Passions*, and Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* are the best examples, although it is nearer to the dramatic origin of oratorio before it had developed into an independent character of its own. *Samson* is a nondescript, mainly dramatic and personal, crowded with characters, who have great lengths of recitative, almost always given without life or

point, and with arias, characteristic, to be sure, and sometimes beautiful, very various, now quaintly florid like those of Delilah, now serious and noble like 'Return, O God of hosts,' now of this individuality, now that; but broken up into so many kinds and personalities, that all *seems* longer than it is; and even with the omission of a third part of the work, as on this occasion, it taxes patience to sit through it all. Scattered among these are splendid choruses, whose refreshment ever comes most timely; they sink into the mind like rain into the thirsty desert. 'O first created beam,' 'Then round about the starry throne,' 'Fixed in His everlasting seat,' etc., are splendid pieces, and superbly were they sung.

"We do not say that there is not in nearly all these arias something to reward study; but, crowded into one work, they are as confusing and sit as heavily upon the spirits (grown so nimble through the choruses) as a miscellaneous promenade concert. Generally they fell to good interpreters,—excellent, in Mme. Rosa and Miss Phillipps. The former sang in several characters, warbling 'the merry, merry pipe' of the Philistine woman, and cooing Delilah's 'plaintive turtle notes,' with thorough comprehension and mastery of all the piquant accent and quaint, ingenious turns of phrase and ornament through which Handel makes this character so unmistakable. Of course 'Let the bright seraphim' lost none of its refulgent splendor. Miss Phillipps produced a deep impression in the contralto air, 'Return,' and her whole part of Micah was indeed admirable. Mr. Wilde, in the part of Manoah, showed himself possessor, hardly master, of a rich and telling bass voice, which he used manfully, with fair execution and expression. Mr. Whitney had the declamatory part of Harapha, and did it ample justice. We wonder that such musical rodomontade as the air 'Honor and arms,' by whomsoever sung, can still find admirers; it is as uninteresting as so pompous, commonplace a hero himself would be. *Simson* is German for Samson, but Mr. Simpson's voice hardly suggests the strong man. He sang the sweeter portions well; best of all 'Total eclipse,' an air which has a certain beauty of its own, but which to us is chiefly interesting as prologue to the sublime chorus, 'O first created beam.'"

SECOND DAY. *Wednesday Afternoon, May 6.* First miscellaneous concert, with the following choice programme:—

1. Overture to "Euryanthe" *C. M. von Weber.*
2. Song from *Rinaldo*, "Lascia ch'io pianga" . . . *Handel.*
MISS ADELAIDE PHILLIPPS.
3. Symphony, in G minor *Mozart.*
4. Concerto for the Pianoforte, in A minor . . . *Schumann.*
MISS ALIDE TOPP (first appearance in Boston).
5. Overture to *Leonora* (No. 3) *Beethoven.*

The symphony and overtures were the same which had figured in the first concert] of the Harvard Musical Association three years earlier. The home nucleus of the orchestra had become so much better blended and assimilated by three years of artistic concerts, that when the best players from New York and Philadelphia came to supplement them, they played together as if they had long been accus-

tomed to it. Miss Phillipps sang that very simple but very noble and pathetic air from one of Handel's Italian operas in her best voice and manner. She was partial to the song which suited her so well. The first sight of Miss Alide Topp, the young German pianist, was the signal for spontaneous and lively greeting; youth and grace and beauty, the glow of artistic enthusiasm, blended with the blush of modesty, won quick sympathy. Her performance of Schumann's extremely difficult, as well as finely poetic and original concerto was wonderful. — at least to a Boston audience at that day. The touch was crisp and clear; the full chords rang out instantaneous in all their breadth and fulness; the distribution of accent, the phrasing, the light and shade, seemed all that could be desired; there was delicacy where that was needed, there was force to a wonderful degree for those slender arms, — force which the strongest passages could not exhaust. There was the charm of *abandon* too; she lost herself completely in her music. Any suspicion of affectation was at once disarmed. All the best qualities of the modern *technique* were there in a degree we had hardly seen surpassed. The interpretation of the work was intelligent and highly satisfactory; Schumann seemed speaking for himself. The public were electrified. After no end of fine piano playing, here was still a fresh "sensation." Persistently recalled, the young artist appeared at the side door repeatedly, in trembling acknowledgment; but there was no help for it, play again she must; four giants were already covering the Chickering grand with coarse cerements, to huddle it away, when this bright creature stood among them, and it had to come to life again and give out music. She played, from memory, the first of Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsodies," displaying every phase of Lisztian virtuosity.

THIRD DAY. *Thursday Afternoon, May 7.* Second miscellaneous concert, with another noble programme: —

1. Overture, "Meeresstille und glückliche Fahrt" (Be-calmed at Sea; a breeze; happy voyage; coming into port) *Mendelssohn.*
 2. Scena ed Aria, "Ah, perfido!" *Beethoven.*
- MME. PAREPA-ROSA.
3. Concerto for the violin, in G *Spohr.*
- CARL ROSA.
4. Symphony, in C *Schubert.*

Schubert's gloriously great symphony, of the "heavenly length," was magnificently played. How warmly, with sweet, rich, manly heart tones, the 'cellos pleaded in the andante! How the great bassos thundered in the rush and whirl of the finale! Mendelssohn's graphic concert overture, — a "tone-painting" in the true subjective

and suggestive sense, — an illustration of a fine poem of Goethe, came home to the imagination in the rendering by that grand orchestra. Beethoven's highly dramatic and impassioned scena, quite Italian for him, was a good selection for Mme. Rosa; the best resources of her voice and art were brought in play to good advantage, and made a great impression. Mr. Carl Rosa played like an artist; he held his audience in close attention, and was heartily applauded.

Evening of Thursday. For the first time the Music Hall was crowded. Strange that so grand a Festival must reach the middle of its period before most people, music lovers too, begin to realize their opportunities! It is not owing to indifference so much. Think how readily and solidly this Festival was guaranteed! But from this point of the Festival it was full tide to the end.

Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* was the one important gain to the repertoire of the Society since the preceding Festival (1865). It was timidly approached at first; many times it was talked of, looked at, tried a little, and then put back on the shelf. But once taken up in earnest, it got a great hold on the singers, and in each successive performance it made a deep impression on the public. This time deeper still; for it was in truth a magnificent presentment of an essentially great, artistic, and profoundly religious oratorio; and some of us indulged the hope that it would prove a stepping-stone to Bach himself.

The solo parts were all creditably given by Miss Houston, Mrs. J. S. Cary, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Rudolphsen. For the rest, we copy a few sentences from one of our New York visitors, the editor of *Watson's Art Journal*, which chimed with our own impression at the time: —

“ . . . Admitted that *St. Paul* is a great work, we must as candidly admit, that on this occasion its choral interpretation was in every respect worthy of its greatness. The masses of voices were well balanced; they had studied the work thoroughly; and there was a heartiness in their delivery which proved that they sang for the love of singing, and with the desire to sustain the reputation of the old and honored Handel and Haydn Society, — a reputation which overshadows that of any other vocal organization in the country. Thus animated, the effectiveness of the singing may be imagined. Accustomed as we have become to hearing this splendid body of singers, the mighty volume of tone which burst forth at the words ‘Lord! thou alone art God!’ completely overwhelmed us. . . .

“The superb performance of this opening chorus was but the initial number of a series of grand vocal efforts, which seemed to increase in intensity with the development of the work. In those strongly marked and emphatic choruses, ‘Take him away,’ ‘Stone him to death,’ etc., the spirit and the promptness of the singers were manifest; every point was taken up with decision, and the emphatic enunciation of the words gave a feeling of reality

which is not often achieved by a chorus, however well it may be trained. It needs, besides training, an ambition to excel, and a love for the work being done.

"In the gentler choruses, such as 'Happy and blest,' 'How lovely are the messengers,' etc., other fine traits were displayed. The pianos were full, rich, and soft; the great volume of sound was toned down to a gigantic whisper, and the current went as smoothly as though the multitude of voices were one voice, cultivated and directed by art. In the grander choruses, all these qualities were combined; and where all was so completely admirable, it is difficult to select one for special comment. The chorus, 'O great is the depth,' which is unsurpassed in the majesty and grandeur of its movement, was sung with a power and weight which could hardly be surpassed; the same may be said of the first and last choruses of the second part; but probably the most impressive of all is that brilliant aspiration, 'Rise up, arise!' which, after a movement of unspeakable majesty, culminates in that wonderful choral, 'Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling!' In this the highest excellence of choral singing was attained, and as the last notes of the warning trumpets died away, and the voices sank into a whisper, the whole audience burst out into a shout of applause, which made the building ring, and still but faintly expressed the enthusiasm of the people. Mendelssohn never had better justice done to him in any part of the world; no finer voices ever joined to interpret his inspirations, and never did a more willing, earnest, and conscientious body of singers meet together to perform a musical work. Heartily did we wish that New York could, for once, hear what we heard that night, and at each oratorio during the Festival; for we are certain that it would awake it to a sense of its utter inferiority, and would shame it into the endeavor to achieve a similar result."

FOURTH DAY. *Friday Afternoon, May 8.* Third concert, vocal and instrumental. The hall was crowded, for expectation was on tiptoe for Beethoven's *Choral Symphony*. This was preceded, for a first part, by Wagner's *Tannhäuser* Overture, brought out with superb power and breadth by that orchestra of one hundred and fifteen instruments; Weber's grand scena from *Oberon*, "Ocean, thou mighty monster!" to which Parepa was entirely equal; and the two movements from the unfinished *Symphony in B minor*, of Schubert, which by their sweet, sad melody and occasional climaxes of grand symphonic power had grown in favor with successive hearings; and the rendering this time was one of the best orchestral interpretations of the week.

Then came the great event of the Festival, the first really satisfactory performance in this country of the *Ninth* or "*Choral*" *Symphony*. There had been on the whole a good performance of it in the Harvard *Symphony* concerts of the year before; but then Mr. Zerahn had only half so many violins and basses under his baton; volume and breadth were wanting; then, too, as in all earlier attempts, the quartet of solo singers were not equal to the frightful difficulties

of their parts, although the chorus of some three hundred select voices had studied it in earnest until the music really inspired them, and the result was that the audience got a never to be forgotten glimpse of the meaning and the grandeur of that highest reach of the deaf master's creative genius. What we had in outline and in spirit then, we were now to have in spirit and in palpable embodiment. The "Ninth" was at last to be realized. To show how it was done, the historian will take the liberty to bring in evidence a nearly *verbatim* reproduction of his own contemporary record:—

Thanks to the fervent co-operation of that noble orchestra,—of that chorus of seven hundred voices, who had become so well *instudirt* (as the Germans say) into the music that it lifted them above themselves, so that they sustained themselves at giddy heights of song where mortal singers ordinarily are soon made breathless,—of that quartet of soli (Mme. Rosa, Miss Adelaide Phillipp, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Rudolphsen), the first competent one it ever had in this country,—and, above all, of Carl Zerrahn's all-animating earnestness and calm control as master spirit of the whole preparation and achievement,—this vast, perplexing, much-disputed, and in truth exceptional creation, about which not only musical publics, but even musicians of high standing, have been sceptical, was felt, confessed, almost unanimously, at its full worth.

The three instrumental movements were wonderfully well brought out. No weakness this time in the first violins, no poverty of tone in the middle strings, no mere faint outlining of the 'cello part so all-important, no lack of mass and weight in double basses; so that the hollow void of rustling empty fifths in the beginning, and the blinding force of the stern Fate theme that cleaves through it, and the stormy working out of this relentless theme, with such commotion of the nether elements, towards the end of the Allegro, were palpable in general bearings and details; while the doubling of the usual pairs of reeds, flutes, horns, etc., made it easy to show all the warmth and beauty of those pleading human strains, in which a sweeter solution of the now dark life struggle is promised, and a hint. a germ of the final "Joy" tune is thrown out, if we did but know it.

The uncontainable merriment of the Scherzo, the shaking off of the shadow for a time (vainly, yet it is wonderful how long and how exquisitely the humor and the strength hold out), simply forgetting it in pastoral gayety and healthy tingling life in all the senses, with the delightful toying of bassoon and oboe in the trio, was all clear, elastic, lifesome, fine. And then the heavenly Adagio, where the tones of the first chord drop in one by one like musical rain from heaven,

and where the choral theme, with the alternating three-four strain, so rich and deep in feeling, is varied with such subtle, fine divisions, — the whole air electric with those *pizzicato* sparks emitted by now one and now another set of strings, as if possessed, enchanted by the theme, until the slow, good-natured horn itself becomes inspired and soars into a florid, eloquent cadenza, — did it not hold the souls of all that listened poised in upper air, a blissful, serene, spiritual element, a moment of eternity!

But neither the struggle of the strong will, nor child-like abandonment to the simple joy of living, nor spiritual revery, however high and holy, avails to solve the problem. Hence the second part of the Symphony. The wild, fierce *agitato* of the orchestra cries out in anguish for the solution, and the dozen double basses with the cellos (this time in perfect unison) almost *talk* in their recitative. The motives of the Allegro and the Scherzo are recalled in turn; but the basses grimly, impatiently refuse comfort. The heavenly Adagio is touched; the answer is more gentle. But more yet is needed. The reeds sweetly hint the "Joy" tune; consentingly the basses take it up and hum it through in half-hushed unison; other instruments steal in with graceful phrases of accompaniment; the tune takes possession of the whole orchestra and rings out in full harmony *tutti fortissimo*, subsiding to a sweet meditative cadence, before the theme, now found, is taken up by voices and instruments, as has been all along intended. The *agitato* prelude is renewed, and this time the bass solo voice exhorts to cheerful song, to words of love and universal brotherhood, to Schiller's "Hymn to Joy."

How it is sung, by alternate soli and full chorus; with what wondrous changes and surprises of rhythm and of modulation, and to what a sublime height all the voices soar and hold out on the long religious notes, where the thought of the "embrace of all the millions" leads to the felt presence of the Creator and the Father, while the whole air thrills with the vibration of the instruments, throbs with the sparkle of the myriads on myriads of stars, why need we tell? Suffice it to say, those seven hundred voices did do all that, did clearly, musically, brilliantly give out those arduous tones and firmly hold them out, did render all those trying passages and figures without blur or indecision; and that the clear, powerful soprano of Mme. Rosa, so all-sufficient and enduring, the strongly pronounced bass of Mr. Rudolphsen, mastering the difficulties of a part of such wide compass, and (though with less certainty) the two middle voices, less important, did achieve those solo passages, in which every quartet before had nearly broken down, even to that elaborate four-part

cadenza, — all so palpably and clearly that all felt the greatness of the music and were transported, filled with a glorious realizing sense of the sublime ideas of Schiller's Ode interpreted, illumed with all the heart and soul and genius of the great musician, whose life-long highest aspiration (in his soul's secrecy and in his art) found there the very text it wanted.

FIFTH DAY. *Saturday Afternoon, May 9.* Fourth miscellaneous concert, opening with Mendelssohn's *Reformation Symphony*. This was its first performance in this country. Neither in imaginative invention, nor in unity, nor in effectiveness, did it seem at all equal to his other symphonies, still less to his overtures, which are so original and individual. And it is known to have been Mendelssohn's express desire that it should not be published; but the great talk made about it among his English admirers, together with the speculative instinct of publishers, finally badgered his executors into giving it to the world among the "posthumous works." It was composed for an occasion, the tercentenary festival of the Augsburg Confession, June 25, 1830; and having a historical significance, as well as points of musical interest, it is entitled, like any elaborate work of a master, to an occasional hearing in all musical communities. Its significance and chief power are found in the last movement, which is based on Luther's choral, "*Ein' feste Burg.*" This, taken as the type of Protestantism, is worked up with a wealth of counterpoint and of accessory thoughts, and with a charm of instrumentation, far more edifying than the attempt of Nicolai, with which the Festival began. The first movement (*Andante and Allegro con fuoco*), though full of rush and brilliancy, — a struggle of the old and new religions, they call it, — did not give us a feeling as if it were kindled from a fire within; nor did it, for several pages, sound quite Mendelssohnian. But there is one gem in the symphony, one charming bit of sunshine, the Scherzo; healthy, bright, and happy enough for Father Haydn; of exquisite art and grace in the trio with its antiphonal trills; but what it may have to do with the Reformation is not clear. The *Andante*, sweet and serious, is only one of the composer's commonplaces, saying more feebly what he has said better elsewhere. The audience on the whole were interested, for the work was well interpreted.

This concert offered one other novelty (for that day) in the E-flat Concerto by Liszt, which served for a second display of Miss Alide Topp's brilliant, exquisite piano playing. She played it with an enthusiasm worthy of better music; "for anything more wilful, whimsical, *outrée*, far-fetched than this composition is, anything more incoherent, uninspiring, frosty to the finer instincts, we have hardly known under

the name of music." All were again in raptures with the young pianist, who did well, on being recalled, to lay Liszt by for the unpretending, more poetic *Berçeuse* of Chopin.

Miss Phillipps sang Mozart's "Voi che sapete" charmingly. For overtures by the great orchestra there were Spohr's to *Jessonda*, and Rossini's to *William Tell*,—the latter given with great fire and spirit.

That Saturday offered two more performances. At noon an organ concert, with an excellent programme, Mr. B. J. Lang being the competent interpreter on the great organ of the Music Hall.

1. Organ Prelude and Fugue in C *Bach.*
2. Sonata in B flat, Op. 65, No. 4 *Mendelssohn.*
3. Pastorale in F *Bach.*
4. Fugue on the letters B-A-C-H *Schumann.*
5. Improvisation.
6. Fantaisie in G, Grave (full power of the organ), *Bach.*

What can we say of the *Creation* in the evening, more than that the hall was overcrowded, and that the rendering was of the very best in quality, as it was in means the most amply furnished of any ever before known in Boston? The solos were sustained by Mme. Rosa, Mr. James Whitney (tenor), and Messrs. J. F. Winch and M. W. Whitney (basses).

SIXTH AND LAST DAY. *Sunday Evening, May 10.* Handel's *Messiah* makes the climax in all Festivals, the Christmas Festival included, of the Handel and Haydn Society. Of a work so oft returning, we need not speak in detail. Many of the choruses, especially the "Wonderful" and "Hallelujah," we thought we had never heard so grandly given, not forgetting Birmingham. We only regretted the omission (there *have to be* omissions) of one of the most beautiful and most pathetic of all the choruses, "And with his stripes," without which the contrast of "All we like sheep" loses much of its vividness and force. This time the solos were in good hands: Mme. Parepa-Rosa, Miss Adelaide Phillipps, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Whitney.

The Festival was followed by a social reunion, with dancing and congratulations, on the evening of May 14, in the Music Hall. At a meeting of the board (May 18) the sense of obligation to Carl Zerrahn for his great services as conductor was expressed by voting him a yearly salary of \$300, besides \$500 for his share in the success of the Festival. On May 25, he was also offered a gratuity of \$200. And a few days later he was on his way to Europe for needed rest and fresh musical experience.

CHAPTER IX.

FIFTY-FOURTH SEASON.

JUNE 3, 1868, TO MAY 31, 1869.

THE annual meeting was held on the evening of June 3. The report of the treasurer, Geo. W. Palmer, showed the receipts for the year, including cash on hand, to have been \$12,639.87; expenditures, \$11,510.16; balance in treasury, \$1,129.71. The receipts at the first Triennial Festival were \$23,620; expenses, \$20,283.06; net proceeds, \$3,336.94, which, added to the Permanent Fund, made the whole amount of that fund \$7,576.05.

The president, Dr. Upham, in his report, paid a special compliment to Mme. Parepa-Rosa, and alluded to the Festival as an achievement worthy of pride and congratulation. Never since his connection with the Society had there been a greater interest among the members or so high a degree of attention and of discipline, as during the past year. The death, during the year, of Mr. Stephen Somes, a member of the board of trustees, was afterwards brought to the attention of the Society in a few words of appropriate eulogy by the president. Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:—

President. — J. BAXTER UPHAM.

Vice-President. — J. F. FAXON.

Secretary. — L. B. BARNES.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Directors. — THEOPHILUS STOVER, E. C. DANIELLS, OLIVER B. LOTHROP, SAMUEL JENNISON, D. L. LAWS, R. M. LOWELL, GEORGE FISHER, LEVI W. JOHNSON.

Now follows a suspension of all concert life throughout a summer of great heat and drought. The only music was that of the brass bands in the streets, which only aggravated the feeling of extreme heat; so that one was reminded of the answer of the boy sent out by Elijah in the oratorio, to look for signs of rain: "The heavens are as brass above us!" "Brass! all, all is brass," might have formed the hotly whirling motive of a choral fugue. By the middle of September the Society had not fully shaped its plans for the oratorio season, beyond

deciding on a performance in Thanksgiving week. *Jephtha* was talked of, and of course the *Messiah* for Christmas. There was also some thought of taking up, for a novelty, Sterndale Bennett's *Woman of Samaria*, after its recent success at Birmingham. Nor did it look by any means impossible that the old Society would brace itself up to the work of making a strong beginning upon Bach, and devoting some of its time all winter to the study of the *Passion Music*, so as to bring it out, in whole or part, during the next spring. That indeed would be a new era in its history! At any rate such aspirations, destined sooner or later to be realized, deserve to count in the record of a society's true inward life and progress.

In October the Sunday-evening rehearsals were resumed, with Mr. Lang conducting during the absence of Mr. Zerrahu, and at the same time accompanying at the pianoforte. *Judas Maccabæus* and *Elijah* were the works in hand. There was some thought of taking up the Mass by John K. Paine (since made musical professor at Harvard), a work entitled to a hearing after the praises it had won in Berlin. As for Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*, the government had already taken measures to procure the most approved edition of the orchestral and vocal parts, and to have the text done into English in as close and singable a version as possible, so that both might be published here, and the study of the great work begin with energy, in the hope of bringing out a goodly portion of it during Passion Week.

Mr. Zerrahn was welcomed home again, full of fresh musical impressions gathered in his Fatherland, in season to conduct the two oratorios immediately after Thanksgiving, on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Nov. 28 and 29. The first was Haudel's heroic oratorio *par excellence*, the ever-welcome *Judas Maccabæus*. The performance seems to have been of hardly average excellence. Some of the ringing easier choruses went evenly and grandly; but in others voices hesitated or went astray; while a stridulous quality in high soprano passages, and a coarseness in the tenors, were noticeable in contrast with the Festival chorus. The solos were more fortunate. Miss Houston sang "From mighty kings" with great effect. Mrs. Barry (late Mrs. Cary) had not changed her warm contralto voice, nor her artistic style, with change of name. Miss Anna Granger had a fresh, bright, out-leaping voice, suited more to gay and brilliant things than to the melodies of deep interior life. A good singer in her way, phrasing the music well and losing not a note, nor slighting one, though indistinct in verbal utterance, she had in *Judas* a couple of pieces suited to her; in "So shall the lute" she executed the rou-

lades with clean-cut evenness and freedom; her "sprightly voice sweet descant ran" indeed. Mr. James Whitney was the tenor, and Mr. Wilde, the bass.

Elijah fared much better in the choruses, but the orchestra was rough and careless. Miss L. M. Gates shared the soprano solos with Miss Houston, and in "Hear ye, Israel," gave proof of a fine, flexible voice of large range, sweetness, and of easy, free delivery. Miss Houston and Mrs. Barry both sang with characteristic care and fervor. Mr. J. F. Winch took, for the first time, the part of *Elijah*, much of it successfully. Mr. Wm. J. Winch, with large tones, not without sweetness, made a conscientious, earnest effort, with no air of pretence; but voice and manner were not then ripe for the tenor solos in *Elijah*.

Then came two performances just after Christmas. On Saturday evening, Dec. 26, the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by loyal listeners to the *Messiah*. The chorus seats were not so full as usual; and the orchestra, owing to theatre engagements on that night of the week, was somewhat shrunken from its fair proportions. The instruments were sometimes out of tune; but that might have been largely due to the low pitch of the organ. Most of the choruses went well; and the beautiful one, "And with his stripes," was restored. The performance gained peculiar interest from the two principal lady singers. Miss Adelaide Phillipps in the contralto airs surpassed herself, showing herself in all the sincere, ripe artist. Very interesting, too, was the first appearance in oratorio of Miss Anna S. Whitten; and most sincere and genuine and sympathetic was the use she made of her beautiful soprano voice. It was not without some slight faltering of timidity in the beginning; but as she went on, she won upon her audience. The spirituality and beauty of the music suffered little in her rendering, which confirmed the promise of her first public effort in a Symphony concert a short time before. Mr. James Whitney and Mr. John F. Winch sustained the other principal parts acceptably.

Sunday evening brought a smaller crowd of hearers, while the chorus seats were full, and the orchestra was raised to the full complement of the Symphony concerts. It was one of the grandest presentations of *Elijah* we had had here until then. Miss Phillipps again lent her noble voice and art. Miss Houston was at her best in the principal soprano parts. It was understood that she was about to retire into domestic life; so that the beauty, brilliancy, and fervor of this supposed last public effort enhanced the feeling of the loss. She sang as if she loved it, and fain would not leave it. The

smaller soprano parts — the boy looking out for rain, and in the concerted pieces — were taken by Mrs. D. C. Hall, who proved herself the possessor of a voice so true and beautiful, so telling, and who delivered it so well, that one wondered why she never had been called upon before in this way. Mr. Rudolphsen came back to his old part, the Prophet, which he always made effective, more so than ever this time. Mr. Whitney made his best mark so far in the tenor arias.

For the Easter season, it being too late to undertake the *Passion Music* that year, two oratorios were rehearsed, one of them new, the other great. Costa's *Naaman* (which probably would have been called *Elisha* but for Mendelssohn's *Elijah*) drew a large audience on Saturday evening, March 27, but not so large as *St. Paul* the next night. It was creditably performed, considering its novelty and strangeness, but not nearly so well, so heartily as *St. Paul*, which took possession of the singers. *Naaman*, as a composition, was all one might expect of the author of *Eli*, the London conductor, an Italian, graceful and thoroughbred musician as he was. It is a clever work, but not a work of genius. It is pleasing, — at least where the author is content to be himself and not too ambitious to keep step with the mightier ones, — but it is not great. It is frequently pathetic, sometimes imposing, oftener brilliant, but does not seem to have sprung from any deep religious sentiment, from any *bonâ-fide* inspiration, so much as from the pardouable promptings of outward position, emulation, and example. It cannot be called original, unless certain ingenious contrivances of orchestral illustration or intensification, dramatic surprises, etc., merit that distinction; for either the composer flows on easily in the manner native and habitual to him, which is the Italian operatic manner, good of its kind but commonplace, or he labors after models like *Elijah* in too obvious imitation.

It is, however, quite dramatic (sometimes melodramatic), and herein lies, perhaps, its best distinction. The characterization of persons is well considered and in the main felicitous. Certainly the part of the captive Jewess, Adah, "the little maid," is musically individual and charming; and it was well suited to the pure, sweet soprano and the fervent, chaste, devout expression of Miss Whitten, who sang it beautifully. The part of the distressed widow and the miracle of the oil are plainly modelled after the Widow in *Elijah*, and come in at the same early stage in the proceedings. Miss Phillipps evidently had her own distress, that of a severe cold, so that she even sang out of tune for once, and with less force than usual, but artist-like, with true expression. She also sang the music of Timna, wife

of Naaman, mostly recitative, except a solo with chorus, "Be comforted," and the second voice in a trio, — these more successfully, and very touchingly and simply the Dream of the Child, the melody of which is rather in the commonplace and sentimental modern English vein, somewhat ennobled by superior musicianship.

The scenes with the Shunnamite woman contain some of the freshest music; for instance the trio in the first part, which is in a nobler and less Italian-stage style than most of the concerted pieces. There is real pathos, almost Handelian, in the air addressed to her dead son; and in all the part the clear, true, brilliant voice and good delivery of Miss Gates showed to advantage. Costa treats the part of the prophet Elisha, both in the cut of its recitative and melody and instrumental illustration, much after the manner of Mendelssohn's Elijah. Like that, it is the central figure of the oratorio, dignified and grand, but far less interesting. Mr. Rudolphsen sang it all intelligently and carefully, with artistic style, but in a somewhat dry, hard quality of tone, which had been growing upon him. Mr. James Whitney lacked only strength for the unhealthy hero, Naaman, whose approach is always heralded by a sensational and pompous march, in which form of writing Costa liked to indulge a turn for ingeniously eccentric instrumentation. His distressful utterances, with their feverish *agitato* accompaniment, are perhaps worthy of the subject, an ill-chosen one; but the music, with some fine passages, is wearisome. The second tenor part, Gehazi, was fairly rendered by Mr. W. J. Winch.

The most popular pieces were the two trios and the quartet, "Honor and glory," — pleasing and graceful in their way, although, with one exception named above, they sound as if right out of the modern Italian opera. The trio, "Haste! to Samaria," is bright, but trivial. The choruses, various in character, musician-like, interesting, seldom rise to grandeur, nor are the most elaborate ones the best. In these the parts flow less naturally and blend less genially; the intervals are difficult; and from the very fact that they were not sung with anything like the confidence and the effect to which we were accustomed in the choruses of Mendelssohn and Handel, voices faltering and some parts faintly audible, one could infer that the music did not take hold of the singers very strongly, though many of them may have liked some of its details. There was a simple grandeur in the choral, "When famine over Israel prevailed," which is plainly harmonized, with organ, all the orchestral voices silent except the huge bass tuba. And "The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked" has a fine motive beautifully wrought out. The finale of the

first part, like that in *Elijah*, is a chorus of praise and thanks for water after drought, — a palpable imitation, as in the rush of the violins, the strange atmospheric modulations which convey the sense of moisture, etc. ; it is graphic and exciting, but follows *longo intervallo* after “ Thanks be to God, who laveth the thirsty land.” As the most important work of an accomplished musician, *Naaman* was not unworthy to be brought out, once or twice at least, by our Society, considering that it could not get ready early enough in the season to take up Bach’s *Passion* or the *Israel* of Handel, and that, short of these great things, it had but little new and easily practicable to choose from.

St. Paul, on Sunday evening, was superbly rendered ; the music seemed to carry all along with it. The choruses were sung with a will, and came out full and round and strong. The solos, by Miss Houston, Miss Phillipps, Mr. J. F. Winch, and Mr. James Whitney, were highly satisfactory.

During the month of May, there was much thought and discussion in our city, as well as in musical circles everywhere, on the important question of a reform of the concert pitch, which had become too high for the convenience and best effect of singing voices. It was agreed on all hands that the pitch had risen about a whole tone since the time of Bach and Handel, else where did the former find the human voices for his sustained high parts? Here in Boston we had already a certain foothold gained in favor of conformity with the new “ French pitch ” ; the great organ of our Music Hall was tuned to it. One more step had been taken by our public-school committee, who had introduced the new pitch, or normal diapason, into all the schools. What more could be done to bring us wholly into line with the new movement? The orchestral wind instruments, the reeds especially, could not be lengthened out to suit the organ without deranging their scale, altering their intervals unequally ; hence a chronic difficulty of pitch in all the oratorios. To procure new instruments, properly made for the purpose, would involve an expense beyond the means of most of the musicians. It was therefore agreed between the three committees of the Handel and Haydn Society, the Harvard Musical Association, and the Boston Music Hall Association, to have another set of instruments (those from New York in 1865 having proved unsatisfactory) ordered from Europe ; and, to meet the expense, a concert was organized and given on Thursday afternoon, May 20, 1869, in aid of the efforts of the joint committee “ *to establish here the normal diapason, or French pitch, for all orchestral or choral performances.* ” The concert was an encouraging success. The first

part took the form of a symphony concert, consisting of a Beethoven symphony (No. 8), an aria of Mozart ("Non più di fiori"), by Miss Adelaide Phillipps, and an overture (to *The Water Carrier*) by Cherubini. The Handel and Haydn chorus furnished the second part, in an excellent performance of the *Hymn of Praise*, the solos by Miss Houston, Miss Phillipps, and Mr. W. J. Winch. Mr. Zerrahn of course conducted, and Mr. Lang was in his place at the great organ. The symphony was played through by the orchestra at the usual high concert pitch; but before the voices, with the organ, came in, the instruments had to be tuned down (by such imperfect means as were available) to the organ or French pitch; nor was there much attempt to hide the awkward process either from sight or hearing. Such a tuning (down) as there was, prolonged and mystifying! Some one, plainly from the "rural districts," asked his companion, "What is all this?" "Oh," replied he, "this is where the normal diapason comes in." The little episode was a good practical demonstration of the need of the reform. The receipts of the concert were nearly \$600, and in due time the new instruments arrived; but some fatality has always beset the best attempts to use them; and, like the earlier ones, they have vanished out of sight and knowledge.

On the next evening (May 21), the Society joined in a very hearty and enthusiastic testimonial, a farewell concert to Miss Adelaide Phillipps, who was soon to leave us to fulfil a long engagement at the Italian opera in Paris. The work selected was Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, with Miss Whitten, Miss Phillipps herself, and Messrs. James and M. W. Whitney. There was Mr. Zerrahn with his orchestra, who played the overture to *Egmont*, and accompanied Miss Alide Topp in the *Concert-stück* of Weber. Miss Phillipps sang Rossini's florid aria "Una voce" with the most brilliant exuberance of ornament; and Miss Granger sang "Come per me sereno" from the *Sonnambula*.

So ended another season, richer in promise, to be sure, than in fulfilment. Glowing aspirations, hopes and plans almost heroic followed the great Festival. But during a summer's rest enthusiasm is on the ebb. As winter's work approaches, it becomes not so easy to do all that had seemed so attractive, so inspiring in the hour of triumph. The working motive comes not from the past, but from a new great object looming before us in the immediate future. Life runs in waves, and ever between two heights must lie a valley of depression. After each Triennial Festival, look for one year of shrinkage. Still the year's work, unless measured by the hopes and plans at the outset, was by no means below the average, and on the

whole more than creditable. For the programme (as achieved, and well achieved) reads: Handel's *Judas Maccabæus* and *Messiah*; Mendelssohn's *Elijah* (twice), *St. Paul*, and *Hymn of Praise*; and, for a novelty, Costa's *Naaman*, — not an inconsiderable list. If we had reached the bottom of our valley, we were still far above the level of the sea. Many a choral society would be proud to climb as high as that.

FIFTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 31, 1869, TO MAY 30, 1870.

At the annual meeting (May 31) the report of the treasurer showed that the receipts from concerts. etc., together with a balance on hand of \$1,129.71 at the beginning of the year, were \$9,723 12. The whole of this had been expended, leaving the treasury without funds; but as the Society was out of debt. no assessment was required. The permanent fund was valued at \$8,195. The report of the librarian showed the library in good condition. A beautiful fac-simile of Handel's autograph score of the *Messiah*, in chromo-lithograph, had been presented by Carl Zerrahn, and a fine engraving, representing the "Apotheosis of Handel," by Dr. Upham. The officers were all re-elected, with the exception of one director, Mr. Wm. H. Wadleigh, in the place of Theophilus Stover. The president's report was, as usual, interesting and instructive, but too long to give here in full. After some introductory details and comparisons of three of the great choral societies of the world (the Siug-Akademie of Berlin, the Sacred Harmonic Society of London, and our own Handel and Haydn Society), Dr. Upham stated that there had been fourteen meetings of the government to attend to the musical and business interests of the corporation, and three business meetings of the Society. Thirty-nine gentlemen had been admitted to membership, sixteen had been discharged, five had resigned, and no one had died. Much was said in praise of the unusual number of rehearsals; much of the performances, especially of *Elijah* and *St. Paul*, while that of *Judas Maccabæus* fell below the mark. From the closing paragraphs we quote: —

"With this anniversary closes the eighth year of my official connection with our venerable association. In this term of eight years, the Society has gone through some of its most trying experiences, and it has known some of the most joyous and triumphant eras of its history. It has seen the last of its original members, the remnant of that heroic band who upheld the honor and bore the burden of its struggling infancy, drop into the tomb. It has passed into and out of the cloud of rebellious war, the like of which the

world had never known before, and in which it bore its share of the general doubt and uncertainty and gloom.

“On the other hand, it has seen the creation of a fund upon a secure and substantial basis, with encouraging prospects of its continued increase. It has established a series of triennial festivals, with a success so signal and unqualified as to give assurance of their permanency as an institution.” (Alas! 1888.) “It has but recently joined with our sister associations in art to arrest and bring back to a safe anchorage the musical pitch, which in these latter years of storm and excitement had drifted so wide of its moorings. It has crossed the boundary line of its first half-century of life, and is now in the maturity of its strength, never before so conscious of its own power, never so honored and so loved, never so ready and so able to do battle for the noble cause to whose interests it stands pledged.”

What then for another year? With a glance forward over its record we find no concert until Christmas, when was given of course the *Messiah*, and *Naaman* for the second time; then, for Easter oratorios, the *Creation* and *Elijah*, — that is all. On the other hand a beginning was at last actually made (Jan. 2, 1870) on the study and rehearsal of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*, though it came not to performance that year. The reason of all this? “Peace Jubilee,” which so disturbed the peace of music, during, before, and after that midsummer of 1869. Into the current of that great wave of popular excitement, into that broad sea of many thousand voices and many hundred instruments, gathered by the enthusiasm and ambition of one man, by all the arts of advertising, popular appeal, and influential indorsement quietly and skilfully secured, the Handel and Haydn of course, some reluctantly, some willingly, nay ardently, were swept as by the resistless power of fate.* It swallowed up their summer and in fact their year. To climb out of the valley (if we may return to our figure), they had first to cross a vast and surging sea. They formed of course the nucleus, the sure and solid heart and centre of the great chorus of ten thousand voices (instead of twenty thousand, as at first announced), and they did their work as well as practicable under the strange conditions, the vast hall for sound, the multitudinous companionship, the audience too multitudinous for musical appreciation. In the five days, June 15 to 19 inclusive, which made the author of the plan a popular hero in his way, — days in which fixed stars like Mendelssohn or Mozart, had they lived among us, must have “paled their ineffectual fires” before such calcine effulgence, — the Handel and Haydn chorus swelled the volume of Luther's choral, *Ein' feste Burg*; “God save the King” (nick-

* The invitation to join in the Jubilee, after long discussion in the board of directors, was accepted by a vote of nine to two, the president voting nay.

named *America*); Rossini's *Inflammatus*; "Star-spangled Banner" (with artillery and bells); great choruses of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn, and more which need not be mentioned. It shared the abundant popular applause; it had ranged itself on the side of the many, of the idol of the day, but largely to the sacrifice of its own proper work. Could it be helped? Its fifty-fifth season tells a short and comparatively meagre story.

The Jubilee excitement once over, the old Society may vibrate back into its "normal diapason." Here is a good sign, which we read in *Dwight's Journal of Music* of Aug. 28, that year:—

"The government of the Handel and Haydn Society were never more in earnest. We do not know that they have decided on the list of oratorios to be brought out. But there is one important piece of news which we are quite safe in telling. This time, it appears to be really a settled thing that Bach's great *Passion Music* (after the gospel of St. Matthew) will be taken up and studied with the design of producing it in Passion Week. The full score (as edited by Robert Franz) and the orchestral parts were procured from Germany last winter, but too late to enter upon so formidable a task at that time. The voice parts for the double chorus will soon be in readiness. Messrs. Ditson & Co. already have them in the engraver's hands, and are preparing to publish an octavo edition (like their Mendelssohn and Handel oratorios after the Novello pattern) of the entire work for voices and pianoforte, with both German and English words, — the latter translated * here expressly with the utmost care to keep them as close as possible in spirit, sense, and form to the original text, antiquated and quaintly pictistic as it is, while scrupulously studying in every syllable and vowel sound Bach's never careless marriage of the word and tone. Thus there will be plenty of copies of the full vocal score, at a moderate price, both for the singers to sing from, and for the inquiring listener to look over while he listens, or to study at his leisure. For an American publisher this is a bold venture and an honorable one. But we believe it will repay in the long run. Bach's *Matthew Passion* is bound to take its place in the repertoire of the great choral societies in this country, as it has long since done all over Germany, where it is performed in a dozen places every year; as it has done too in London, where it is to be revived next winter, and even in Paris, witness the interest it excited at the Pantheon a year ago. With us it is a question of time only; it may never be popular, but it will be, it is already, in such demand, that it cannot be kept out of the market or the concert room much longer. For our old Oratorio Society, too, it is a brave, bold undertaking; perhaps the boldest step they could take; with due faith and persistency it will not prove a rash one. Why should they not essay the boldest, the most difficult of tasks? They have for years been taking all the arduous steps that lead right up to it; they have mastered Handel's oratorios, except the *Israel*, which yet waits for *adequate* performance; they have had great success with *St. Paul*, which is a stepping stone to Bach; they have even triumphed signally in the whilome discouraging choruses of

* By John S. Dwight, adopting Franz's piano accompaniment for many of the arias.

the Ninth Symphony. What task remains, what further height to gain, if they would still make progress; but to grapple manfully with and solve the long-postponed problem of the great religious music of Sebastian Bach? Even if they do not succeed in doing it perfectly, or more than passably at first, for want especially of great solo singers, masters of the (here at least) rare art of recitative, still the effort will reward with a sweet sense of progress; it will inspire and charm with a new knowledge, a new love, with the beginning of a new possession that shall grow sweeter and richer the more deeply they enter into it and realize it."

On the 16th of September, the Society chose ten delegates to represent it at a so-called "National Musical Convention," summoned by Mr. E. Tourjée, the enterprising head of the New England Conservatory and organizer of the "Peace Jubilee" chorus. This was one of the feeble offshoots, or say echoes, of the Jubilee. It held two sessions in the Music Hall, Sept. 22 and 23; adopted a "permanent organization" (which proved very short-lived); whereupon papers were read, discussions held, with agreeable interludes of organ playing and vocal music. The plan seemed vague, and so seemed much of the talking, — some of it having more sound than sense. But some of the papers which were read contained sound and valuable ideas. In March following, a proposition that the Society should join the "National Musical Congress" in a "Jubilee" in June was unanimously negatived; and that is the last we hear of the "Congress."

There were many Bach "straws in the wind" that autumn; symptoms of expectation, showing how much the long talked of *Passion Music* occupied men's minds. In the organ concerts at the Music Hall arrangements of several choruses from the *Passion* figured in the programmes; while organ fugues, toccatas, etc., of the old master, and other things suggestive of his name, were being made familiar. Communications by way of advice or suggestion to the singers cropped out in the newspapers. The time for study and rehearsal will soon come, — with what immediate result?

Early in December, Mr. Lang, the much-esteemed organist of the oratorios, after a long illness, sailed for Europe with his family and several of his pupils, intending to spend about a year principally in Dresden. Mr. J. C. D. Parker was the one preferred to occupy his place as organist during his absence. Meanwhile rehearsals went on, with an attendance ranging from 200 and 250 on stormy evenings to 525, averaging 390 singers. The works in hand were *Naaman* and the *Messiah*. Forty new members were admitted in November; 165 had been absent from all meetings and rehearsals for eight weeks, 91 of whom were "suspended."

On the evening of Christmas (Saturday) the Music Hall was completely filled with the usual devoutly attentive audience. The chorus numbered about six hundred singers, and the performance was, perhaps, the best ever heard here until then. The solo principals were Miss Houston, Miss Adelaide Phillipps, Mr. W. J. Winch, and Mr. Myron W. Whitney, — all highly satisfactory, particularly the contralto. The orchestra was hardly strong enough, and in some of the wind passages the chronic incongruity of old and new pitch marred the euphony. Mr. J. C. D. Parker presided ably at the organ. Sunday evening (Dec. 26) the rain thinned both chorus ranks and audience; yet the second performance of *Naaman* was more spirited and telling than the first. The solos were sustained by Miss Houston, Miss Phillipps, Miss Lizzie M. Gates, and Messrs. W. J. Winch, Edward Prescott, and J. F. Rudolphsen.

With the new year, 1870, the study of Bach's *Passion Music* was begun in earnest. In January it was rehearsed five times with attendance varying from three hundred to three hundred and fifty singers. At first it interested but comparatively few, who came to it more or less prepared whether by inward affinity or private study; but gradually and steadily it gained ground in the sympathies of many. It was most instructive study, whether it came to public performance or not, and it sowed seeds in many hearts of a deeper, sweeter musical sense than they, perhaps, had known before. On Feb. 4 (the vice-president, O. J. Faxon, being present for a short time and warmly welcomed, after nearly a year's absence through severe and dangerous illness), it was voted to give selections from the *Passion* on the Saturday before Easter (reckoning without the host!), together with a Mendelssohn cantata; and *Elijah* for Easter. The Bach rehearsals, with the same average attendance, went on into March, when it was decided to substitute the *Creation* for the *Passion* in the concert of April 16, by reason of inability to produce it adequately for lack of a sufficient orchestra. Time will cure that.

The performance of the *Creation* (disappointing all our hopes of Bach) was an indifferent one for this Society, the weather stormy, orchestra to some extent a makeshift one, audience small, and altogether not a fortunate revival. The chief singers were Miss Houston, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. M. J. Whitney. The next evening (Easter, April 17) brought a fine performance of *Elijah*. It had the accustomed orchestra; it had been rehearsed with zeal; the chorus seats were fuller; the audience larger and more eager. The central figure of the Prophet stood forth very nobly in the recitative and the cantabile of Mr. Whitney, who took this all-important part

for the first time. Much had been expected, but not more than was realized, from the new contralto, Miss Antoinette Sterling, from New York. This young lady, who two or three years before had created a sensation in a miscellaneous concert here by the richness and the volume of her voice, had since enjoyed the best opportunities of instruction abroad, especially with Mme. Viardot Garcia, of whom she was a favorite pupil; and she had sung with marked favor in concerts at Cologne and London. She delivered her sentences of recitative with fine intelligence and with great power and fervor; and in her two arias all was simple, earnest, and expressive, her tones singularly rich and telling. Her manner was easy, self-possessed, and quiet. Miss Houston's clear and powerful soprano more than held its own. Mrs. J. W. Weston sang the smaller soprano parts, that of the youth, etc., very acceptably; and Mr. W. J. Winch in the tenor solos showed no slight improvement both in voice and style.

That this much-broken season, with such good intentions postponed, was not pecuniarily profitable, appears from a vote of the board (May 11) notifying the trustees of the permanent fund that all the interest thereof for the past year was needed to meet the bills of the Society. And again (May 23) the treasurer was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

FIFTY-SIXTH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1870, TO MAY 29, 1871.

At the annual meeting (May 30), the president presented his annual report, which was accepted and approved. In opening he referred to the deficiency in funds, and said that the treasurer had been authorized to negotiate a temporary loan. Thirty-five new members had been admitted during the year; four had resigned, and four had been honorably discharged. In the same time ninety-one had been suspended under a new article of the by-laws, of which number seven had been reinstated. Two members had died in the course of the year. The number of rehearsals was twenty-nine, with an average attendance of three hundred and six, the gentlemen averaging better than the lady members. The public performances had been fewer than usual, only four, besides the assistance rendered at the Peace Jubilee, and once at a celebration of the Mercantile Library Association. The annals of the Society would probably be ready for publication during the coming year.

The president alluded to the attention given to Bach's *Passion*

Music, and said that the reasons for its non-performance were many and sufficient; an orchestra adequate to the double functions demanded could not be obtained; but the hope of yet producing it was not abandoned. He suggested a higher standard of requirement in the examination of candidates for admission; complimented the Salem Oratorio Association, and closed with eulogistic reference to the invaluable aid of their excellent conductor, Carl Zerrahn, to their accomplished organist, Mr. Parker, and to Mr. O. J. Faxon, then retiring from the vice-presidency, after filling that office for eleven years, to whom a complimentary resolution was presently passed.

The librarian reported six hundred and fifty copies of Bach's *Passion Music* added to the library. The treasurer's report showed the receipts of the year (including one year's income of the fund, \$438.62) to be \$5,493.37; expenditures (with balance of \$395.25 due to the treasurer) the same. There were outstanding bills leaving the Society in debt about two thousand dollars. The permanent fund amounted to \$7,400. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President. — DR. J. BAXTER UPIAM.

Vice-President. — S. LOTHROP THORNDIKE.

Secretary. — LORING B. BARNES.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Directors. — GEORGE FISHER, SAMUEL JENNISON, LEVI W. JOHNSON, A. PARKER BROWNE, EDWARD FAXON, T. FRANK REED, CHARLES H. JOHNSON, W. O. PERKINS.

It will be remembered that this was "Jubilee" season; Jubilee was in the air. Music having run her quiet, modest course until mid-summer in her wonted way of Art, then all seemed given over to the noisy echoes, here and there, of the last year's Peace Jubilee in Boston, to Monster Concerts, Choral Festivals, and at the acme, "out of all whooping wonderful," a Beethoven Centennial Celebration in New York (with Gilmore guns and anvils, and all the modern improvements which may have been supposed to interest the great composer deaf to his own music, — of which, however, one whole symphony and extracts from others were included in the programme, to make it clear that this great splurge had *something* to do with Beethoven). Indeed that programme was astounding. Nothing more ingeniously grandiloquent and swelling could have entered into the imagination of the inventor of the Jubilee himself. Were the words "Grand," "Complete Combined Grand," "Grand-Popular-Classical-Patriotic-National," etc., ever reiterated so many times in one bill of fare? The explanation of it was plain enough. The same

restless, enterprising class of spirits who got up the Boston Jubilee, existed also in New York and in all our great commercial cities, always eager to be doing something on a "stupendous scale"; could they be quiet until they had imitated, possibly surpassed, the great example of the year before? The centennial year of Beethoven (born in December) was only seized upon to give the project color.

Now, our old Handel and Haydn Society, festively inclined no less than musically, were not slow to accept an invitation to that New York celebration, all their expenses of journey and hotel being paid by the management. On Monday evening, June 13, five hundred and forty-six members of its chorus (S. 160, A. 133, T. 113, B. 140) left by the three boat lines and reached New York the next morning. During the first two days they attended rehearsals very constantly. On Thursday evening they were allowed to sing the first part of *Elijah* (the managers lacking courage to risk the whole work). The solos were by Parepa, Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Castle, and Mr. M. W. Whitney. It was pronounced the best performance of the celebration, and the one most enjoyed. With that exception the whole huge affair was "nothing more nor less than a series of cheap vocal and instrumental concerts." On the fourth day, for lack of public support, the great bright bubble broke, leaving three concerts, including Handel's *Messiah*, to exist on paper; and our friends came home, "disgusted with the management, delighted with the trip." It was on this occasion, during one of the rehearsals under a pretentious but incompetent conductor, that a severe thunder-storm came on, causing some flutter in the female portion of the chorus, when an officer of the Society called out, "Ladies, there is no occasion for alarm, Dr. — is a perfect *non-conductor*."

At a special meeting of the Society, a few days later, a warm vote of thanks, with renewed pledge of confidence, was passed to Carl Zerrahn; also a vote of thanks to Secretary Barnes. Sept. 6, at a meeting of the board, a committee was empowered to treat with Mlle. Christine Nilsson's agent for four or more appearances in oratorio in November or later. It was voted to hold a second Triennial Festival in May. Messrs. Zerrahn and Lang were reappointed at salaries of \$500 and \$300. Rehearsals began Oct. 2, with *Judas Maccabæus*, four hundred singers present. Then for four Sunday evenings the choral portions of the Ninth Symphony were rehearsed, attendance from four hundred and seventy-five to five hundred and ten (S. 168, A. 138, T. 92, B. 112). Nov. 20, Symphony and *Messiah* rehearsed, with Mlle. Nilsson for a listener, and much pleased she was with the chorus. Nov. 27, rehearsed *Israel in Egypt*, five hundred voices.

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 19, after a week of various musical performances in Boston commemorative of the centennial anniversary of the birthday of Beethoven (Dec. 17, 1770), the Society, jointly with the Harvard Musical Association, gave a performance of the Ninth (or Choral) Symphony, after long and vigorous rehearsal of the choruses. This was preceded in the programme by the overture to *Egmont*; the quartet (in canon) from *Fidelio*; an andante and adagio from the *Prometheus* ballet; and the Hallelujah chorus from the *Mount of Olives*. In this memorable concert the rich week of the Beethoven Centennial reached its climax and its close. It was a remarkable success, although the audience fell short of expectation; there was a loss of over \$500, which was shared equally between the two societies. The chorus was five hundred and fifty strong, and did its work nobly; the orchestra of sixty-four instruments was never more responsive to Mr. Zerrahn's control. Even the almost impossible quartet of solo singers was well represented by Mrs. H. M. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Barry, Mr. W. J. Winch, and Mr. Rudolphsen.

Next in order, fitly crowning that Beethoven year (for there is always kinship among greatest things), came the annual performance of the *Messiah*, both on Christmas eve and on the evening of Christmas. The fatigue of the hard week was felt, and so was the benumbing spell of sudden winter; so that the chorus seats were not at their fullest, and the orchestra was small. But with Zerrahn at the helm, and Lang at the great organ, with a chorus well trained, and with good principal singers, the oratorio went grandly as a whole. On Sunday evening the house was full, and so was the orchestra, and there was more life and spirit pervading the whole effort. Mrs. Weston, bating excessive nervousness (it was almost her *début*), sang the soprano solos on the first evening with refinement; a sincere musical quality and feeling making themselves felt in her pure, fresh, liquid tones. On Sunday evening Mrs. Julia Houston West, with all her wonted fervor, and with more than wonted power, sang the great arias and recitatives. Miss Sterling took the contralto solos. The tenor on the first night was Mr. Winch; on the second, Mr. F. C. Packard, who, for a first appearance in so formidable a task, made a remarkably good impression. The bass solos were intrusted to Mr. M. W. Whitney.

1871. The new year opened with six or eight consecutive rehearsals upon *Israel in Egypt*. A stormy season thinned the average attendance, which ranged from 250 to 400.

Early in February, the Society and the community were called to

mourn the loss of Gen. Thomas E. Chickering, the oldest of three brothers who so successfully continued the noble business built up by their father. His winning, amiable disposition from his childhood made him many friends. He had served a thorough practical apprenticeship in his business, having, first and last, with his own hands made every part of a piano. His sympathies were large, so that he found time for zealous participation in musical, military, charitable, and social enterprises. He had been president of the Handel and Haydn Society, Commander of the "Ancient and Honorable," and during the war did honorable service at the head of a regiment, for which he was brevetted general. He was modest, manly, kindly, gentlemanly, and true. To all, in all conditions, his words and manner were those of a friend. At a special meeting of the board of directors (Feb. 17) the following resolutions were presented by Mr. Samuel Jennison:—

Whereas, the recent and sudden death of Gen. Thomas E. Chickering has removed from among us a gentleman widely and honorably known in this community, and one who has always manifested a warm interest in the Handel and Haydn Society:

Resolved, That the sad occasion presents fitting opportunity for the board of directors of this Society, which once enjoyed a prosperous season of several years under his presidency, and which never failed to receive favor at his hands, to express their appreciation of the liberality with which he, together with the firm of which he was the head, ever responded to the call for aid in all musical and charitable enterprises; and especially is it to be remembered that with him the offer of aid sprang from the generosity of his nature rather than from the desire to advance private interest, or from the love of popular applause.

Resolved, That to him as the head of a partnership of brothers, succeeding to the career of an honored father, himself once president of this Society, this community is indebted, to an extent that cannot be estimated, for the means of promoting the cultivation of the art in whose service this Society had its origin, which has shed grace and refinement upon thousands of New England homes, and has lent its invaluable influence in embellishing the social life and manners, and in elevating this city to its proud and eminent position of Patron of Music and of Choral Song.

Resolved, That this Society desires to pay tribute to his memory by taking part in the musical exercises at his funeral, and thereby to testify its sympathy with his family and friends in their sudden bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Society, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

He was buried with distinguished honors. The funeral service was at Trinity Church in Summer Street, Bishop Eastburn and the Rev. Phillips Brooks officiating. Large delegations from the various military bodies with which Gen. Chickering had been associated were

present; and the workmen in the employ of the Messrs. Chickering, to the number of three hundred and ninety, filled the entire left of the body of the church. There was an impressive musical service under the direction of Mr. J. C. D. Parker, the organist of the church; and the Handel and Haydn Society, under their conductor, Carl Zerrahn, sang the choral from *Elijah*, "Cast thy burden on the Lord." The funeral cortege then moved to Mt. Auburn, where the remains were deposited in the family tomb.

The work of rehearsal now went on, mainly with reference to the coming Festival, until April, and with an average attendance of 411, the highest number at one time being 550. On March 3, it was voted to return to the old "concert pitch," for the reason that, although new instruments at normal diapason pitch had been provided, still the movement in that direction had proved a failure for want of sympathy on the part of the musicians of the orchestra. What became of those new instruments (bassoons, clarinets, oboes, flutes) remains a riddle to this day, 1889.

On the first and second days of April was realized at last a long-cherished desire of the Society to give some oratorios with the distinguished aid of the young Swedish singer, Christine Nilsson. On Saturday evening, preceded by a semi-public noonday rehearsal, the *Messiah* was given with a chorus of nearly seven hundred voices. Our notes at the time say: "There is something individual, original, and charmingly sincere in what the young Swede does; something genuine from within, which is even better than the purity and sweetness of her voice and her artistic modulation of it; and we were not surprised to hear from her a somewhat different rendering of the great songs in the *Messiah* from the examples set to us by great singers heretofore. The distinguishing quality of Christine Nilsson's singing of them was its beautiful simplicity, much of the time almost childlike, and a pervading gentleness, the expression as of a deep, interior, meditative rapture (even in 'Rejoice greatly'), rather than the perpetual giving out of the full power of voice to triumph by main force. Hence, when the strong, emphatic points did come out, they told with a peculiar power, because the feeling was so genuine, so uncontainable. There was a virginal purity and sweetness, and a clear power, in her delivery of 'There were shepherds'; it was indeed an imaginative realization of the scene, the holy peace and beauty of the starry night, with its miraculous new hope! 'Rejoice greatly,' given with exquisite grace and evenness, was not less truly the expression of true joy because it did not leap out into loud, bold revelry of song; it was the heart full of happiness communing with

itself; something too much, perhaps, of the *sotto voce*, so that some of the more shaded tones may not have fully reached the ear in all parts of the hall; but still one knew how true and good it all was; and how feelingly the words 'He is the righteous Saviour,' etc., were expressed in the tearful voice! . . . In the great song of faith, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' it is not too much to say that she actually made it new to us, imparting such freshness to it, such originality (not sought for *as such*), that, for the first time since we heard Jenny Lind, her countrywoman, sing it, we were not bored, but happy to hear the song repeated. It was characterized, as we have said, by quiet fervor and assurance; a heart's confession to itself, rather than a bold proclamation and profession; touchingly shaded as the various reflections came up. And when the words 'I know' returned again, it was not with strong, bold emphasis, but with a 'still voice,' far inward, as in rapt revery and ecstasy of faith."

It seemed to infuse a new spirit into the whole. Seldom did the choruses all go so well, and well were they accompanied. The other leading singers, also, did their best: Miss Annie Cary, Mrs. Houston West, and the Messrs. Winch. The *Creation* had a no less uncommonly good performance. Nothing could be more evenly and exquisitely melodious than Nilsson's singing of "With verdure clad"; though "On mighty pens" was better suited to the grander, soaring style of Jenny Lind, whose voice went up there like a rocket. Mr. Whitney's grand, deep bass was never so telling as in those descriptive pieces; Mr. Simpson was happy in the tenor airs; and Mrs. West, in the trying predicament of inheriting the soprano rôle from Nilsson (in the Adam and Eve scene), acquitted herself in a most praiseworthy manner.

From that time forward the second Triennial Festival in May was the one objective point of the whole work of the Society, with a clear field before it. Rehearsals came thick and fast; no less than twelve in April, with attendance varying from 200 to 536; in May, five more.

SECOND TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

MAY 9-14, 1871.

The scheme was an immense one, perhaps almost too ambitious. Think of Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, copious selections from Bach's *Passion Music*, Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise* and *Elijah*, Beethoven's Choral Symphony, and Bennett's *Woman of Samaria*, together with much more, in one week's programme! Well might the worthy

secretary, elated with the result, exclaim, "Probably the most stupendous programme ever presented at any Festival, either at home or abroad, was here presented, and the performances, of the oratorios in particular, elicited from the most critical the most unbounded praise." It included nine great concerts, five of oratorio and four of symphony, etc., ending on Sunday with the never-failing *Messiah*. The chorus numbered over seven hundred voices, properly balanced and of better average quality than ever before. The orchestra, with that of our own symphony concerts for a nucleus, included many of the best musicians of the Philharmonic and Thomas orchestras of New York, others from Philadelphia and other places, to the number of one hundred in all. The principal vocalists were:—

Soprani: Mme. Erminia Rudersdorff, for the first time, than whom no soprano for a dozen years had shown herself more thoroughly qualified for the oratorio tasks of the Birmingham and London festivals; besides Mrs. Julia Houston West and Mrs. H. M. Smith.

Contralti: Miss Adelaide Phillipps, Miss Annie Louise Cary, and Miss Antoinette Sterling.

Tenori: Mr. William H. Cummings, expressly from London, and Mr. William J. Winch.

Bassi: Mr. Myron W. Whitney, Mr. J. F. Rudolphsen, and Mr. John F. Winch,—all residents of Boston.

For solo pianists, two distinguished German artists, Miss Anna Mehlig, of Stuttgart, and Miss Marie Krebs, of Dresden, were engaged. Of course Carl Zerrahn conducted, and Mr. B. J. Lang presided over the 5,700 pipes of the great organ, which had been tuned up to the reigning concert pitch (at a cost to the Society of \$1,000).

FIRST DAY. *Tuesday Afternoon, May 9.* Nicolai's Religious Festival Overture, founded on Luther's choral, "*Ein' feste Burg*," for orchestra, chorus, and organ, again, for the fourth time, did duty at the opening of a Handel and Haydn Festival. It has hardly the intrinsic worth to warrant that distinction; but it served to impress the audience at once with the full weight and breadth of the great gathering of forces, vocal and instrumental. Next came the rousing aria, "Sound an alarm," from Handel's *Judas Maccabæus*, which introduced the young English tenor, Mr. Cummings, who was more than a good singer, really a good musician, having had an organist's education, which is an excellent foundation. A pupil of Dr. Hopkins, of the Temple Church, he was known also, unprofessionally, to sing well. Accident first brought him out in that capacity. Only seven years before, Sims Reeves had called on him to take his place

in *Judas Maccabæus*, and after much hesitation he consented; his success was marked; he was encored in "Sound an alarm," and from that time, after some period of study in Italy, he had been a public singer, mostly in the field of oratorio. A musician in his instincts and his culture, we found him also a refined, intelligent, well-educated gentleman. We never heard this battle song so powerfully given by any one, with the exception of Sims Reeves, who evidently furnished him the model. In an able review of this Festival by the late Mr. F. C. Bowman, of New York, we find the following just estimate of Mr. Cummings:—

"There was no passionate earnestness in his singing, but an even excellence. Whatever he did was characterized by discretion, good judgment, and a broad intelligence. He was a singer of such refinement and delicate sensibility that at the close of whatever he sang one could not but commend the tact with which the salient points had been brought out, the admirable wisdom with which every musical phrase had been balanced, and the exact measure of expression accorded to it. Mr. Cummings's voice was by no means a marvel of beauty, whether as regards quality or quantity. Many men have finer voices, and even more have larger ones; but in the well-trained skill, the discipline of years, the discretion and the wisdom that guided Mr. Cummings in the use of his powers to their best advantage, and enabled him to convey to his hearers the exact meaning of the composer, he has no equal among us."

Third on the programme came Mendelssohn's four-part song, "Farewell to the Forest," sung by the entire chorus unaccompanied. It was an absorbing, rich, cool, broad mass of euphonious harmony, each of the four parts being palpably felt, and all, in time and tune, in light and shade, in clear, precise enunciation, as perfect as one could wish. In the third stanza it went without the conductor's wand, steady as clock work, with no shade of drooping from the pitch. It had to be repeated. Yet the unpretending part-song was never written to be sung in that way; it was subjecting it to too strong a magnifying lens.

After a graceful rendering of Rossini's "Non più mesta" by Miss Cary, Mme. Rudersdorff made her first appearance here in a scena in the classical character of *Medea*, composed for her by Randegger, then the foremost Italian teacher of singing in London. Rudersdorff was her maiden name. She was born in December, 1822, at Ivanowsky in Russia; but at the age of three years she was taken to Hamburg, where her father was engaged as concert master. Her beautiful voice was formed at an early age through Marianne Sessi; afterwards Banderali and Bordogni became her teachers. After appearing in England and Germany as a concert singer, she made her

début in opera at Carlsruhe in 1841, and was then engaged at Frankfort-on-the-Main, where she was married in 1844 to Dr. Küchenmeister, a professor of mathematics. In the prime of her youth and beauty, both of voice and person, she made a notable career in German opera. After renouncing the stage for a time, she accepted an engagement at Breslau in 1846; afterwards in Berlin from 1852 to 1854, when she removed to London, where she resided until her coming here. Her first rôle in London was Mozart's Donna Anna; but she soon gave herself to oratorio and concert singing. In the Birmingham Festival of 1861, where the present writer first heard her, she shared the leading soprano honors with such artists as Tietjens and Mme. Lemmens-Sherrington, and her voice at that time seemed more worn than it did here. It must have been glorious once. Her strong side, next to her complete musicianship (rare among singers), was her dramatic fire and the intensity with which she threw herself into the passion and expression of her song. There was a marvellous vitality about her; her earnest, sympathetic presence seemed to quicken chorus, orchestra, and all around her; it was even said that orchestras in London stood in fear of her, she knew their parts so well. She was at home in all the great music and in every part of it; if need were, she could have conducted any of the oratorios impromptu, orchestra and all. Mme. Rudersdorff was a woman of great and various experience in the world; she was eccentric, brusque, original, genial, very social, witty and entertaining, well read and intelligent on many subjects besides music, a brilliant conversationalist, warm-hearted and generous, very independent, very attractive, and sometimes provoking. In 1872 she took up her abode in Boston as a singing teacher; later transferred her school to a farm residence in the interior of Massachusetts. She died Feb. 26, 1882. The clever actor, Richard Mansfield, is her son by a second husband whom she married in London. Among her pupils were Anna Drasdil, Emma Thursby, and Emily Winant.

The *Medea* scena, as the very name suggests, is a long, impassioned outburst of jealous love, revenge, and tenderness, on the same scale with Beethoven's "Ah perfido," only more extravagant and with a larger proportion of fierce declamatory recitative. It sounded the whole compass of that sort of passion, as well as of the singer's voice, which, while weak in the middle portion and sometimes inaudible at some distance, often thrilled you by its splendid high tones, as well as by its strong deep tones of indignation. It was a revelation on her part of superb vocal and dramatic power. The Hallelujah chorus from Beethoven's *Mount of Olives*, sung and accompanied

with great spirit, closed the miscellaneous first part of the concert. Part second was filled by Mendelssohn's Symphony-Cantata *Lobgesang* or *Hymn of Praise*, more worthy of the opening of so great a Festival. There is no need to repeat what has been said so many times before of the power and beauty of the work, or of the zeal and the effectiveness with which both orchestra and singers gave themselves out in it. The memorable feature was the admirable rendering which Mr. Cummings gave of the tenor solo, and the recitative, "Watchman, will the night soon pass?" And Mme. Rudersdorff, in answer to the Watchman, instead of ringing out the sentence in a clarion tone, sang softly, sweetly, "The night is departing," and then repeated the word "departing" with a burst of splendor. Many were speedily converted to the new reading. In the lovely duet, "I waited for the Lord," her dramatic *sforzando* habit was rather in contrast with the even flow of Miss Cary's smooth, rich voice; otherwise, the duet was all but perfect on the part of solos and of chorus. Upon the whole a noble opening concert!

SECOND DAY. *Wednesday Afternoon, May 10.* A concert, orchestral and vocal, with the following programme:—

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| 1. Overture to <i>Leonora</i> , No. 3 | <i>Beethoven.</i> |
| 2. Fifth Pianoforte Concerto, in E flat, with orchestra | <i>Beethoven.</i> |
| MISS ANNA MEHLIG. | |
| 3. Cavatina; "Se m'abbandoni," from <i>Nitocri</i> | <i>Mercadante.</i> |
| MISS ANNIE L. CARY. | |
| 4. Overture to <i>Genoveva</i> | <i>Schumann.</i> |
| 5. Symphony in G (No. 13, Breitkopf & Härtel) | <i>Haydn.</i> |
| 6. Grand Scena: "Andromeda" | <i>Mozart.</i> |
| MME. RUDERSDORFF. | |
| 7. Aria: "Una voce poco fa," from <i>Il Barbiere</i> | <i>Rossini.</i> |
| MISS PHILLIPPS. | |
| 8. Symphonic Poem: "Les Preludes" | <i>Liszt.</i> |

In the evening the hall was crowded for *Elijah*, the oratorio in which, more than in any other, the seven hundred singers were known to be at home and sure. Every chorus, great or small, sublime or tender, solemn and devout or graphic and dramatic, went to a charm. "Thanks be to God" almost took the audience off their feet; the orchestra, too, was superb in that, and indeed throughout. The double quartet might have been sung better; but "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" (Mme. Rudersdorff, Miss Phillipps, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Whitney) was almost perfect as a piece of quartet singing. (It was understood that Mme. Rudersdorff had drilled the voices.) By some fatality the Angel Trio, never before intrusted

here to three finer artists, never went so badly! The music of the Prophet seeks too high a level for Mr. Whitney's best voice; but much of it he sang nobly and impressively; particularly "It is enough." Mr. Cummings was all that he had taught us to expect of him in the tenor solos. Mme. Rudersdorff threw an intensity and vigor into the part of the Woman, which made that scene for once quite thrilling; and her rendering of "Hear ye, Israel," and "Be not afraid," was electrifying. Miss Phillipps in "O rest in the Lord," and Mrs. Houston-West in the smaller soprano parts, were excellent.

THIRD DAY. *Thursday Afternoon, May 11.* The second, orchestral and vocal concert had not so large an audience as such a programme, with such an orchestra, and such solo artists, seemed to warrant.

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| 1. Overture: "Nachklänge aus Ossian" | Gade. |
| 2. Aria: "Fac ut portem," from <i>Stabat Mater</i> | Rossini. |
| MISS CARY. | |
| 3. Concerto, for pianoforte with Orchestra | Schumann. |
| MISS MARIE KREBS. | |
| 4. Cavatina: "Robert, toi que j'aime" | Meyerbeer. |
| MME. RUDERSDORFF. | |
| 5. Aria, from <i>Orchestral Suite in D</i> | J. S. Bach. |
| 6. Symphony in C | Schubert. |

EVENING. *Israel in Egypt.* For the first time in this country this colossal oratorio of Handel was presented *entire*. Only fragments of it had been given here before. The Society, since its fiftieth anniversary (1865), had by successive timid, half-way efforts, been growing up to the great work as a whole. Again we must be allowed to copy from our own notes written after the performance:—

More marked than the improvement in performance, seemed the progress, both with singers and with public, in the appreciation of this music; it would astonish were we to cite some of the newspaper criticisms of those former days side by side with the uniformly respectful, the deeply impressed, delighted tone of the comments upon this occasion.

The unflinching grandeur and sublimity, the vivid imagery, the stupendous scene shifting,—sometimes instantaneous, by a single chord, as when a lightning flash lights up the night, always in the stately preparation of one wonder by another, chorus upon chorus, miracle upon miracle,—the great lights and shadows, the long repeated, now approaching, now receding, echo of the contrapuntal thunders, of that great mountain range of choruses, was palpable enough in mass and substance, clear enough in outline, precise and positive enough in all main strokes, in spite of confusion and timidity in details here and there, to awe and elevate the listening crowd, and keep expectation fresh unto the end.

There was a sense of wholesome feeling in the completeness of this effort. Every chorus, every recitative and curious air, even those in the "Appen-

dix," happily adapted from other works of Handel by Sir George Smart (only excepting the bass air, "He layeth the beams," which is not an integral part of the work), was given, — much to the relief and lightening, we do believe, of any "heaviness" which may have attached to old abridged presentations of the work; it is a case where the whole is lighter (more elastic) than a part.

Of the solos we will speak first, as the greatest novelty. The First Part, as left by Handel, contains nothing but two bits of tenor recitative (one ushering in the great opening chorus expressing the sighs of the children of Israel in bondage, the other immediately after it, "Then sent He Moses," to introduce the series of "plagues of Egypt," both delivered with true simplicity and dignity of style, and with distinct enunciation, by Mr. Cummings), and one aria, "Their land brought forth frogs," etc., grotesquely graphic with its hopping violin figure, but a serious and melodious air enough, which Miss Sterling sang in her rich tones with large, simple, sustained style, not straining for too much expression. Moreover, of Sir George Smart's interpolations there were given two noble pieces of soprano recitative, "Thrice happy Israel in the light of God," and "But soon as Pharaoh," which gave room for some of the best tones and the thrilling declamation of Mme. Rudersdorff. Then a grand one for the bass, "He measured the waters" (without the air, "He layeth the beams"): and, a little further on, another, "God, looking down, confounded all their host," followed by the bold and graphic air, "Wave from wave, congealed with wonder, stood, a crystal wall, asunder"; all given in majestic tone and style by Mr. Whitney.

In the Second Part, after the great opening chorus (the Song of Moses), comes a duet for sopranos, "The Lord is my strength," a musing minor strain, begun by one voice after the other, canon-like, in successive fragments, truly beautiful and quaint, the voices joining in exulting, bird-like triplets near the end, and carefully and nicely sung by Mme. Rudersdorff and Mrs. West, though in quality their voices are not very sympathetic. A little further and we come to the great duet of basses, "The Lord is a man of war," which they say was begun badly, but which leaves on our mind as a whole the impression of very admirable singing on the part (equally) of Mr. J. F. Winch and Mr. Whitney. This piece pleased so well that it required firmness to refuse a repetition. In the trying air, "The enemy said, I will pursue," Mr. Cummings gave further proof of his intelligent, chaste, manly declamation, giving the latter part, "I will draw my sword," with fine energy. The soprano air, which follows it, "Thou didst blow," is quite peculiar (as it was to most entirely novel) in its half-declamatory, half-florid structure, and very difficult, giving opportunity, however, for great dramatic coloring, which Mme. Rudersdorff improved like a true artist, though it did not present her voice always to the best advantage. The duet for soprano and tenor, "Thou in thy mercy," is a quiet, heart-felt strain, full of the sweet sense of mercy and deliverance, and was sung with fit expression. There remains only the air, "Thou shalt bring them in," a simple, tranquil, trustful melody, in low tones, where Miss Sterling's voice was very rich, and simply, beautifully sung.

Now of the great "mountain chain" of choruses (forming twenty-eight out of the original thirty-five numbers of the work), it would require a description of them all to tell how well or far from well each one was sung. Most of them

are double choruses, most of them very difficult, and some of them are long. The opening double chorus, which is a very grand one, as it were a great choral overture or prelude to the whole, "And the children of Israel sighed," was impressively rendered. The four-part fugue, "They loathed to drink," with its strangely characteristic theme, expressing the sense of "loathing" by the interval of the "extreme flat seventh," was perhaps not absolutely sure and true in intonation, yet the intricate movement of the parts was on the whole clear and effective. A difficulty, more in the single than in the double choruses, must have been experienced by the singers from the way in which they were placed, divided as they were into two choral bodies at opposite sides of the stage, so that many who were singing the same part were separated from each other by the whole width of the hall, and could hardly hear or feel each other. Moreover they had rehearsed it only once in that place and from those seats; could the stage arrangement be made permanent, rounding that end of the hall into a convenient, graceful amphitheatre, so that the rehearsals could take place *there*, the difficulty would be greatly remedied, for all would get to feel at home in the situation before it came to a public performance. How aptly the "frog" air followed upon this chorus! The double chorus about "all manner of flies" was quite effective, and the fine divisions of the violins made the suggestion very vivid. The grand announcement, "He spake the word," would have been still grander, had Mendelssohn (whose arrangement of the score was used) known of the three trombone parts which Handel actually wrote for this and similar passages, and left on a separate sheet, which has since been embodied in the score in the complete Leipsic edition of Handel's works now in course of publication. "He gave them hailstones" was the sensation of the evening; it was magnificently sung; "*fire* mingled with the hail." *i. e.*, it was sung with spirit; and all parts, orchestral and vocal, "ran along" with such a crisp and positive precision, that the scene was real. This was too good to pass off with one hearing, and the encore had to be granted. The strange, sombre modulations of "He sent a thick darkness" were palpable if not precise; and the "smiting" chorus, though here and there a little timid in attack, held attention breathless by its startling and relentless force. The pastoral simplicity and sweetness of "But as for his people, he led them forth like sheep," was smoothly, evenly, and beautifully expressed.

That there should have been some signs of unsteadiness, some blurred and wavering outline here and there in such a long stretch of trying and fatiguing choral work, was to be expected, nor can it be otherwise until the same singers shall have performed it several times in public; new singing robes, especially such regal ones, must be *worn*, to feel at ease in them. These symptoms of constraint and insecurity were mostly noticeable in such intricate polyphonic mazes as "He led them through the deep, as through a wilderness." Here they were in the woods indeed. Eight voice parts (to say nothing of the instrumental parts), all with imitative, yet differing fragments of melodic runs and turns, heading so many ways, pausing and beginning each so fitfully and frequently, and yet all bound to strictest unity of plan, were surely involved in a task that might well be bewildering to themselves; and even should they thrid the labyrinth ever so steadily and coolly, to the average listener, with ear untrained to musical intricacies of this sort, it would still sound bewildering, as doubtless Handel meant it should, though

with clear hint enough of a divine *leading* all the while. In this, and a few more such fugged double choruses ("Thy right hand, O Lord," "Thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble," etc.), there may have been some blur or faltering, but not always really so much as there seemed to be, for the unfamiliarity of the general ear with movements of so intricate a structure must be taken into the account.

The same qualification must apply also to certain criticisms upon another score, that of seeming discords, or imperfect chords; for more than once, emboldened by the grandeur of these subjects, Handel used such freely; his sure instinct told him that nothing commonplace would do; and, once rightly apprehended, these exceptional effects are very grand; not *all* the discord must be charged to the singers.

Some of the great pictorial passages, however, those phrases of two or three bars which engrave themselves indelibly upon the mind as complete, awe-inspiring pictures ("The floods stood upright," "the depths were congealed," where a new chill strikes through the tones each time they are repeated in an altered key, "shall melt away," "shall be as still as a stone," etc.), made their impression in a way that will not be forgotten. Then there are certain great broad choral sentences, or proclamations, in eight parts of course, brief and commanding, which introduce the more elaborate descriptions, such as, "He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up," "And Israel saw that great work," the introduction to "The horse and his rider"; of these the effect was sublime, almost appalling. The more peculiarly ecclesiastical choruses, in *Alla breve* rhythm ("And I will exalt him," etc.), evidently modelled upon the old Church of England service music, tracing its lineage to Palestrina, of course are not calculated to flatter the popular ear, and may seem dull to many who admire "Elijah," but they are solemn and impressive, and they bring repose at needful moments in the midst of the exciting splendors of that mighty choral and orchestral magic-lantern, which in every image which it casts upon the wall (of darkness) awes you with the vivid likeness of a startling miracle. Verily Handel knew what he was about when he put in the pieces which we children fancy to be dull!

Our (possibly too trivial) simile reminds us of what we once witnessed in Berlin at Christmas time, when certain artists arranged an exhibition of transparencies, admirable copies of great master works of sacred painting, and between the pictures, as we sat in the dark room, musing on what we had seen, there would resound a strain of solemn music from a choir invisible, the celebrated Dom-chor; is it not just what Handel has here done, to rest, not dissipate the mind, between his more stupendous pictures?

We should speak of the Song of Moses and the children of Israel, which begins and ends the Second Part sublimely, as one of the triumphs of this performance; just alluding by the way to the pregnant suggestion of those introductory chords in the orchestra, where the chord of each tone of the diatonic scale is sounded in succession, through its several inversions, as if prelude on a world harp, trying all its strings, preparatory to a universal song. In the intricacies of "The horse and his rider" the singers had an arduous task, but they "triumphed gloriously." Where it returns at the end, led in by Miriam's noble recitative and exhortation, "Sing ye to the Lord," to the height and grandeur of which Mme. Rudersdorff was equal, it justifies itself by the triumphant true ring of its enduring quality; and again

the long tasked voices had vitality enough to bear them bravely through. Their leader's animating sign seemed present everywhere, from first to last of the whole work; and, like strong swimmers, very few gave out before they reached the shore. It was indeed a noble effort of the seven hundred, rewarded by the close attention and delight of nearly all that numerous audience; and it must have gladdened the heart of Carl Zerrahn to feel that the severe and patient study through which he had so many nights conducted them and cheered them on, had wrought out anything so near to victory, — the beginning of sure victory it may be called, so surely as the effort in the same spirit shall be followed up. The orchestra, so far as our memory serves us, did its work well too; and the great organ (though only in part available, being still in the process of "tuning up" to "concert pitch," — *heu prisca fides!*) did, under Mr. Lang's skilful and judicious treatment, solidly subsidize the deep foundation harmonies and swell the volume and extend the background of the whole Handelian tone architecture.

FOURTH DAY. *Friday, May 12.* The evening was given to rehearsal of the *Passion Music*. The afternoon concert was as follows: —

Overture to the Hindoo Legend, "Sakuntala"	<i>Goldmark.</i>
Songs. a. "Canzonetta"	<i>Mozart.</i>
b. "Es war ein König in Thule"	<i>Liszt.</i>
MISS STERLING.	
Grand Recitative and Aria, "Deeper and deeper still," and "Waft her, angels, to the skies," from "Jephtha"	<i>Handel.</i>
MR. CUMMINGS.	
Unfinished Symphony	<i>Schubert.</i>

The Ninth (or "Choral") Symphony, in D minor, Op. 125.
(Comp. 1822-3) *Beethoven.*

The first part of this programme was too long to usher in the Choral Symphony. Moreover it was heavy; the *Sakuntala* overture, with all its beauties, being lengthy, surfeiting, and sombre, and it was not discreet to let a smaller symphony, even the lovely "unfinished" one of Schubert, step in immediately before the giant masterpiece of Beethoven. Mr. Cummings's Handelian aria was in good keeping with that, and admirably sung; so was Mozart's well-known canzonetta "To Chloe"; but Liszt's not very musical setting of the Goethe ballad was rather out of place. It was a new proof of the vitality, the inspiration of the "Joy" Symphony, that, after we already felt satiety, and with the prospect of its great length before us, a few bars of the opening orchestral movement wrought such marvellous refreshment, and that the lengthening procession of beautiful and wonderful ideas kept heart, soul, and sense alive and full of rapture to the end. The Ninth Symphony had at last come to mean something in this community. Our musicians liked to play it; our

chorus singers never were more happy than when they had a call to sing it, terrible as the task once seemed, and trying as the voice parts are, ranging at a height which nothing but a certain *lift* of joint enthusiasm enabled them to carry and to hold. This time the work went better as a whole than it did three years before. The chorus sang more surely and more easily, the natural result of practice and familiarity. The orchestra was admirable. The quartet of solo voices, although it lacked Parepa's all-sufficient and unfaltering soprano, was on the whole the best that we had ever had. Mrs. H. M. Smith's musical, clear soprano was sure, true, telling, well sustained; Miss Sterling's contralto by its weight was always felt; Mr. Cummings in the tenor was invaluable, lending a new charm and completeness to the whole; and Mr. Rudolphsen, then in excellent condition, delivered that most difficult opening recitative for the bass, the exhortation which brings in the voices, as well as his trying passages in the quartet (in that almost impossible *quadruple cadenza* for instance) in a manner too artistic to escape the recognition of exacting connoisseurs. And so with the last symphony of Beethoven closed another climax of the Festival, — but not the last one.

FIFTH DAY. *Saturday, May 13.* Three performances. At noon an organ concert, at which Mr. B. J. Lang performed the following programme: —

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| 1. Fantaisie in G | Bach. |
| 2. Prelude in E flat | Bach. |
| 3. Fugue in B flat | Schumann. |
| 4. Improvisation. | |
| 5. Sonata in B flat | Mendelssohn. |

The fourth and last orchestral and vocal concert occupied the afternoon. It opened with a brilliant performance of Wagner's overture to *Tannhäuser*. Next came the noble recitative and aria, "Non più di fiori," from Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*, which few could sing more nobly, with more delicate expression, than Miss Adelaide Philipps sang it, with the fine *obbligato* accompaniment by Mr. Weber on the clarinet. The charming pastoral adagio and andante from Beethoven's *Prometheus* ballet followed, very delicately rendered, especially the 'cello solo. Then came the exquisite Chopin concerto in F minor (only the middle and last movement, to the general regret), played with taste and feeling by Miss Anna Mehlig. The glorious old C-minor Symphony of Beethoven (Boston's first love in symphony) worthily closed the series.

In the evening the Festival reached its highest climax. Then at last the long-deferred hope and aspiration of a year or two past were

partly realized in the actual production of a considerable portion of the *Passion Music*. The presentation, and successfully, though only of selections from perhaps the greatest monumental work in the whole history of sacred music, — Sebastian Bach's setting of the *Passion of our Lord* according to the gospel of St. Matthew, — was the highest mark yet reached in the whole history of our Handel and Haydn Society and of choral efforts in this country. It was essentially the *newest* thing of the week; the freshest musical experience that Boston had enjoyed for years. Is it too much to say that it led us farther into the inmost sanctuary of the divine life *in tones* than any revelation thereof that had been vouchsafed to us before? The saddest of all music (though never gloomily oppressive), yet how uplifting and inspiring! Accepting and embracing sorrow with all the fervor which tones only can express, it is only that we may find in it, what Beethoven in his way also found, beauty and "Joy" forever! Could we, then, listen for an hour or more to a theme so serious, so seriously treated, and yet feel a strange serenity and sweetness all the while, a renewal of hope, a new sense of the worth and interest of life? Verily with most listeners it was so. We think we describe the average (of course not unanimous) impression made on that great audience. Many went there to whose minds the very name of Bach had been to that hour a bugbear; a goodly number of them came away enamoured of him, longing to hear more. Some, doubtless, went to sneer; some of them perhaps persevered in that, doggedly clinging to their own conceit; but more went home to praise. By far the greater number had been taught to fear a wearisome display of musical "learning"; quaint and frigid lengths of curled, conventional, and by-gone melody, far from melodious to modern ears; and an intolerable heaviness of fugue and counterpoint, mere "intellectual arithmetic," without a quickening ray of soul or genius or a throb of real feeling, — a passion passionless, in short. What was their surprise — or would have been if they had known enough — to find that there was not a single fugue in all of it, with just the one short exception of the splendid chorus by which *all* were overwhelmed with wonder and delight, "Ye lightnings, ye thunders," and which had to be repeated!

It would be curious could we reproduce here the various testimonies of the public journals, which, taken together, may be supposed to fairly represent the average impression — the "public opinion," so to speak — regarding that experiment. Any good lawyer, putting that evidence together, sifting and weighing, making all due allowance for degrees of culture and of preparation, for prejudice and

ignorance, for weak and vague enthusiasm, for blind echo of authority, "fashion," guess-work, and what not, will say that it contains abundant proof that to the mass of that audience what they heard then of the *Passion Music* was a new revelation of sublimity and beauty, of rich humanity and tenderness, of most profound, sincere religious feeling; that not only were the choruses and chorals felt to be of surpassing fulness, depth, and pathos, and of a kind that seemed original and fresh; but that the instrumentation, also, of the double orchestra possessed a singular and fascinating fitness, enhancing, vivifying every beauty, every apt expression, as if it too were all alive and human, and all in a style they never heard before, tone combinations altogether novel, yet never betraying any motive but the intrinsic and religious motive of the whole work; also, that even the long arias with all their quaintness, and the wonderfully human recitatives, charmed by their musical and sympathetic truth and beauty; while more than once were they surprised by things that sounded strangely modern in the best sense. Indeed, the music made its mark, and it awakened a desire which nothing short of the whole work would satisfy again.

Under the circumstances it was the part of prudence, no doubt, to begin then with selections; though several of the pieces necessarily lost something of their meaning and their beauty by being taken out of their connection with the whole. Impressive as the few separate choruses and arias were, no one could fully feel their power and beauty who had not studied the entire work as one. The selections, on the whole, were made with judgment, mainly from the most striking and most practicable numbers, including fair examples of each kind: the narrative recitative, the recitative in character; the formal aria (preceded sometimes by accompanied *cantabile* recitative), the harmonized choral, and the grand chorus (often double): enough of it, indeed, in the First Part, to preserve something of the progress of the mournful story. The various elements which enter into the composition of the text, too, were in some sense represented: as (1) the gospel narrative, recited by the tenor, called Evangelist, with the usual dry chord accompaniment. This recitative is so beautiful and so expressive in its whole series, each phrase, each tone of music so close to each sentiment and image, nay to each phrase, word, syllable even, of the text, that but a faint idea of it could be formed from the very few fragmentary specimens. Yet even these failed not to interest by their purity of style, their obvious fitness and felicity. Mr. Wm. J. Winch delivered them in clear, true tones, simply and chastely, and with a fair degree of expression. They were merely

a few sentences connecting the words of the betrayer and betrayed in the scene of the Supper ; a few more where the Master's "soul is sorrowful" at Gethsemane ; and again, telling how he "fell down upon his face and prayed," as introductory to the one bass aria selected.

(2.) Of what we may call the *character* recitative, or dialogue, the words of Jesus of course are of chief importance ; and here the pious heart and genius of the musician, with utmost reverence and tenderness, have conceived and rendered every tone so worthily, that it would seem actually caught from the dear Master's lips. Possibly all did not notice, though they must have felt, the fine, mysterious thrill where, whenever Jesus begins speaking, soft tones from the quartet of strings flow in to weave a halo round his sacred head and make the very air divine. The only parts selected were : first, from the scene of the Last Supper, those which relate to Judas, the blessing of the bread, etc. There is a solemn, sovereign majesty and tenderness in every tone of this recitative ; at the words "Take and eat," and "Drink ye all," the phrase becomes melodic, and the instruments combine to make the voice and the whole scene more present ; then, farther on, the words "My soul is sorrowful unto death" ; and again where he prays that the cup may pass from him. This is for a bass voice, and of course demands a noble one, and also more than voice or skill. Mr. Whitney delivered it with dignity of style and simple, true expression, if not always with all the sympathetic delicacy of which it is capable ; indeed that would require a singer of at once a finer and a more commanding stamp than we have known.

(3.) The chorals,—people's tunes,—like our psalm tunes (but so much more musical and from the heart of deep experience), by which Bach intended the participation of the worshipping congregation in the Passion service. These Lutheran melodies he has harmonized for four parts, over and over again, each time with a new expression suited to the new occasion, with such truth of feeling and such perfect art as to elicit all their meaning, all that is implied in them, and make their beauty ever fresh and incorruptible. Of the dozen which he introduces in the Passion, three were sung. One, the first of all, after Jesus has foretold his crucifixion, —

"Say, sweetest Jesu, what law Thou hast broken,
To bring on Thee the dreadful sentence spoken." etc., —

was used to open the performance, rather abruptly to be sure, but nobly and impressively, at once arresting a profound attention. The richness of the sad and sombre harmony, supported only by the instruments, which play the same parts with the voices ; the individ-

ual movement of the voice parts, — four interwoven strains of melody, — each helping the expression of the whole, made itself felt by all. The public yielded to the choral unconditionally; and that was a good beginning. Still more captivated were they by the two which came later, “I will stay here beside Thee” (after the prediction of Peter’s denial, but standing in the selections wholly by itself), and the same tune again with other harmony, “O head, all bruised and wounded.” For all three of them were sung with fine precision and expression by the seven hundred voices, so that it all sounded broad and full, at once majestic and sweet.

(4.) Other specimens vouchsafed to us, naturally of the most interesting and important, belong to what may be termed the *reflective* element in the Passion Music. It is the more subjective portion of the text and music, — the comments, meditations, prayers, confessions, now of the ideal church or congregation of believers, now of the individual pious heart filled with warm personal love and sympathy for Christ, who in almost every instance in this work is called by the human name Jesus. These are interspersed all along, prompted at various stages of the narrative, and take the forms of chorus and of aria, accompanied in polyphonic harmony with independent figures and suggestions by the orchestra. The *arias* are very numerous, elaborate, commonly preceded by a verse of rhymed melodic recitative, and are for each of the four kinds of voices. The *choruses* (of this class) are few, but very great, serving for grand, solemn opening and closing of the two parts. More numerous, and of the sweetest, deepest, tenderest of all the music, are the combinations of the two, arias *with* chorus, in which Bach shows some of his most characteristic and imaginative creative power. Perhaps the greatest chorus of this kind (unfortunately not given among that evening’s specimens) is that which Bach has used for the overture, as it were, or gate of entrance (grander than Dante’s to the Inferno) to the solemn and heart-rending spectacle. It is a *double chorus*, with double orchestral introduction and accompaniment: “Come, ye daughters, weep for anguish” (at the sight which ye shall see), in which instruments and voices seem pressing, crowding forward, like a vast multitude with anxious hearts, yet irresistibly attracted, all moving on in long-drawn figurative phrases; the second chorus asking, “Who?” “Where?” “How?” the first replying; until soon a third choir in unison (boys) joins in with the long tones of a choral, line by line, intermittently, “O Lamb of God”; and finally both choruses and both orchestras are brought together to swell the mighty current of the leading theme. Nothing in music can be more sublime; noth-

ing, perhaps, more difficult to execute. Mr. Lang, by the way, showed a proper sense of the situation by making his opening voluntary on the organ out of a portion of that orchestral prelude.

But, if we lost the opening, we had the unspeakably beautiful and sacred *Schluss-Chor*, or concluding double chorus, the parting hymn of the disciples weeping at the Master's tomb. What other art, what poetry, has ever yet expressed so much of grief, of tender, spiritual love, of faith and peace, of the heart's heaven smiling through tears, as this tone elegy, — at once an inspiration of profoundest pious feeling, and the ripest masterpiece of complete art?

So should the *Passion Music* close, and not with fugue of praise and triumph like an oratorio. How easily and evenly the music flows, a broad, rich, deep, pellucid stream, swollen as by countless rills from every loving, bleeding, and believing heart in a redeemed humanity! How full of a sweet secret comfort, even triumph, is this heavenly farewell! It is the "peace which passeth understanding." "*Rest Thee, softly!*" is the burthen of the song; one chorus sings it and the other echoes, "*Softly rest!*" Then both together swell the strain. Many times as this recurs, not only in the voices, but in the introduction and numerous interludes of the exceedingly full orchestra, which sounds as human, sympathetic, and spontaneous as if it too had breath and conscious feeling, you still crave more of it, for it is as if your soul were bathed in new life inexhaustible. The middle portion, too, before the return of the main subject, and which is more discursive (the lines, "Long, ye weary limbs," etc., to "Closed in bliss divine," etc.), is wonderfully beautiful, and shows in how high and free a range of pure imagination Bach could soar in his intensity of feeling. ("Want of *soul*," forsooth!) — This chorus was indeed admirably sung, as if every singer's heart were in it; and, with eight vocal parts so fully manned, and blended to such purpose by the master soul of polyphony, with such accompaniment of double orchestra and organ, it conveyed a sense of wealth and fulness such as no combination of instruments and voices had ever given us before.

First in order, among the *reflective* pieces given in that night's selection, was the contralto recitative and aria, "Grief and pain," prompted by the incident of the woman with the box of ointment, — a touching melody, with slight, but tenderly suggestive, exquisite accompaniment, — simply two flutes, in thirds and sixths, with string quartet made out from the figured bass by Franz. It was well suited to the rich tones of Miss Sterling, who sang it simply, largely, well, though some would have liked a little more dramatic pathos.

One of the happiest selections under this head was the tenor solo with chorus (recitative, "O grief!" and aria, "I'll watch with my dear Jesu alway," with the soft, rich, soothing choral response, "So slumber shall our sins befall"). To each intensely pathetic exclamation of the recitative, with its underground of not less eloquent accompaniment, the chorus of believers respond in four-part harmony, subdued and serious, self-accusing, holding up in several new lights the choral with which the selections opened. Nothing could be more beautiful, unless it be the aria which sets in after it, in a more buoyant, yet moderate tempo, full of sweet confidence. The pregnant melody first sings itself through upon the oboe, and then is taken up in fragments by the tenor voices, "I'll watch," etc., while at intervals the chorus, soft and sweet, and evenly diffused like summer rain, repeats, "So slumber shall," etc., then stops and listens partly to the other (kindred) melody of solo voice and oboe; the latter, like a silver thread, runs through the whole. In the tenor solo, Mr. Winch, though far from realizing all the beauty and interior meaning of the music, did much better than could reasonably have been expected of one just entering so new an element. The intervals were sure, the tones true and musical, the style manly and honest. The only fault with the choral responses was their too uniform loudness.

The next selection followed in unbroken sequence: the recitative and aria for bass voice, which is a meditation on (or application of) the prayer of Jesus that the cup might pass from him. The air, "Gladly will I, all resigning," etc., is full of beauty and resigned expression; but it is a melody of so elastic, delicate a fibre, that it could not be just the best selection for Mr. Whitney's solid, ponderous, majestic manner. It is Gothic, so to speak, while he was Doric.

And now came (No. 33) the great sensation of the evening, and the most startling revelation of Bach's wonderful dramatic power. Jesus has been seized and led away. A flute and oboe, in mournful, quaint, melodious duet, stand out from the deep, sombre background of the orchestra, preluding to, and then accompanying the mingled lamentation of a soprano and an alto solo, "Alas! my Jesu now is taken." As they sing on each in its own heart-broken, long-drawn, sobbing strain, lengthening out the melodic figures in grief's unhurried and involuntary way, the sultry atmosphere is ever and anon relieved by loud bursts from the indignant chorus, "Leave him! bind him not." "Moon and stars have in sorrow night forsaken," the duet continues. "Leave him!" thunders again the chorus. "He's led away! Ah! they have bound him, — all pity banish'd,"

still they sing, or almost wail in yet more long-drawn, melting cadence, when suddenly the smothered indignation of the general breast finds full vent in the swift, tremendous double chorus, "Ye lightnings, ye thunders, in clouds are ye vanished?" The short, stern motive is first given out by all the basses; the tenors answer fugue-like, while the deep basses of the orchestra begin to roll and rumble; the theme goes round the circle of parts; the rolling movement takes possession of the vocal basses also; voices echo voices instantly and sharply, like clap on clap of thunder, or in vivid flashes, and the foundations of the great deep seem upheaved in foaming billows, when suddenly there is a pause, — a moment of the silence that expresses more than sound, — and then, upon the major of the key (heretofore minor), with a new motive, gathering up all the forces of the orchestra, with an appalling energy and splendor, the storm waxes to a mighty whirlwind, as quickly over as it suddenly came on, leaving the awed, excited hearer listening still with bated breath: —

"Burst open, O fierce flaming caverns of Hell, then!
Engulf them, devour them,
Destroy them, o'erwhelm them,
In wrathfullest mood.
O blast the betrayer,
The murderous brood!"

The effect was overwhelming. Such a rush and storm of harmony, such vivid, terrible tone-painting, such startling climax, and withal such wonderful sonority and wealth of tone (for to Bach's own vocal and instrumental polyphony Robert Franz had added the brass instruments, which doubtless Bach himself would have used in our day), were a new sensation, a new sense of sublimity, to that audience, even so shortly after Handel's "Hailstorm" chorus. But even if the two choruses may come into comparison, think how unique is Bach's conception in making such a chorus the necessary sequel and development of such a duet! — for the two pieces must be taken together as one scene, one dramatic moment. Doubtless many a person has puzzled over the notes of that duet, and come to the conclusion that it looked long-winded, dull, and thankless; but when we came to *hear* it, framed in all the subtle beauty of the instrumentation, and with a live singer, well at home in Bach, like Mme. Rudersdorff, to put life into it, and seconded so well in the contralto by Miss Sterling, *all* were charmed by it. (The little choral interruptions, too, Bach's instinct knew, were as essential to the musical charm as to the vividness of the dramatic scene.)

From the Second Part, which is the longer of the two, only two numbers, in addition to the choral, "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden," were vouchsafed. One was the not wholly unfamiliar alto aria (equally well suited for the mezzo-soprano voice), "Erbarme dich, mein Gott" ("O pardon me, my God"), with the beautiful violin solo (remarkably well played by Mr. Listemann). The string quartet had been enriched by Franz with a quartet of reeds (clarinets and bassoons), delicately eking out and coloring the intrinsic motives of the piece to render Bach's intention the more palpable. This very broad, sustained, and difficult melody, the loveliest, the noblest, most pathetic in the whole work, was sung by Mme. Rudersdorff with great feeling and expression, bringing it home to most hearts more powerfully than when it had been sung before, though in a less scrupulously chaste and even style than that to which we had been accustomed, so that the strong dramatic accent and the frequent breath-taking seemed at first a little strange; but she breathed a new life into it, and even the violin and whole accompaniment seemed to become possessed with her magnetic spirit. The other was the wonderful concluding chorus, of which we have already spoken.

Of the many numbers which were not presented (nearly two thirds of the entire work), we have only mentioned the one most important, the opening double chorus. There will come another opportunity to speak of the many things left over for a more complete performance, — many arias for all kinds of voices; several great choruses; many smaller ones, such as the stirring and excited ones both of the disciples and of the Jewish multitude, called *turbæ*; and three fourths of the chorals. The selections given formed a good beginning upon a work requiring years of study. The performance, for a first attempt, was altogether creditable. It was the highest mark in pure artistic effort which the old Society had reached thus far. More familiar things it could sing better, but here it found its worthiest and highest task.

To eke out the usual full measure of the concert a shorter novelty was given, — Sir Sterndale Bennett's oratorio, or rather sacred cantata, *The Woman of Samaria*. Had it been ever so good, it had hardly a fair chance after Bach. That impression remaining, this was gaslight in the midst of sunshine; at least it sounded tame in comparison. Its best power is shown in the choral and orchestral writing. The instrumentation abounds in delicate felicities, worthy indeed of the romantic, genial composer of the two charming overtures, the *Naiades* and the *Wood Nymph*. The finest impression made in the whole work was the unaccompanied quartet, very simple

in itself, but executed to perfection by the four principal singers, Mme. Rudersdorff, Miss Phillipps, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. J. F. Winch, each of whom sang also an effective aria. All the choruses showed a practised hand in contrapuntal vocal writing. The most satisfactory, perhaps, was the figured finale, "Blessed be the Lord." The cantata seemed to be of moderate difficulty compared with the great tasks of the Festival; and, though it suffered from such great neighborhood as *Israel* and the *Passion Music*, it did not suffer in the rendering.

SIXTH (LAST) DAY. *Sunday Evening, May 14.* The Festival concluded with the most widely known, most loved of oratorios, Handel's *Messiah*; and the hall was crammed to overflowing. Singers and audience both came to it naturally a good deal fatigued. As far as one could judge in that condition, it was in the main a very good performance, but not up to the most proud traditions of the old Society. Some of the choruses, however, went superbly. Mme. Rudersdorff had to claim indulgence on account of a severe sore throat; but in "I know that my Redeemer" she made up by her inspiring earnestness and fervor, and by her thorough understanding, for what she lacked in voice. "Rejoice greatly" was less suited to her. Mr. Cummings was nearly all that could be wished in the tenor solos; Mr. Whitney was nobly at home in the bass; and Mrs. West shared the soprano part to great acceptance.

And so ended the most important, the most nobly planned and worthily, successfully executed festival of music of which this country could yet boast. In the magnitude and richness of the programme it even surpassed most festivals abroad. So many of the greatest works, choral and orchestral, in one week, are very seldom heard. The main element in this success, throughout, was, by general consent, the chorus singing. Never before had the foremost oratorio society of America been in such excellent condition. The number of voices was full large enough for any work, — perhaps too large for some of the choicer tasks. The proportion of young and live material in the regiment (of 700 or 750) had been very much increased within three years. There was a good average of fine, fresh, musical, and telling voices. Most of them were persons who could read music readily, and who loved good music, and were willing to spend time and effort in learning to sing a great work as it should be sung; this they had shown by the fidelity and zeal with which they followed up the long and frequent series of rehearsals necessary to such a Festival. Of course, there was still room for improvement; the "weeding out" process, the elimination of "dead wood," in so large an army, and

so old and proud, must go on always, and fresh, young life must take its place. There must be some mode of honorable retirement (from active service) provided for those whose zeal, and love, and pride in their old Society have outlived their voices. And the lesson has yet to be learned in this country, regarding all such enterprises, that, beyond the point of sufficiency, much virtue lies in limitation of numbers. Enough is as good as a feast. In our fast age, there is too much ambition to do things on the biggest scale. Could we only *select* the soundest, choicest portion out of the crowds of singers whom the teaching of music in the public schools is raising up for us, is it not obvious that a chorus of 500 or even 400 voices might be trained to execute the oratorios even more satisfactorily than 700 or 1000? And then, for certain of the finest tasks, — getting to be the most important now, since the old repertoire has grown so familiar, — such tasks as the cantatas, passions, etc., of Bach, — is not the sound *heart-wood*, the nucleus choir, always more prepared and more available than the “great bodies which move slowly,” waiting for raw recruits and stragglers to catch up? Of course, for certain things, for certain effects, a more general massing of forces is desirable; and that might be by combination of several less bulky organizations.

There is no denying, however, the great and solid progress which the Handel and Haydn Society had made. And it was due, not only to the increased respect for music in our whole social life and education, but more immediately and signally to inspiring devotion, wise counsel and suggestion, practical ability and unstinted labor on the part of the officers of the Society and their long-trying and trusted musical director, Mr. Carl Zerrahn. The latter gentleman showed himself fully equal to the great undertaking. He had been instant, in season and out of season, in the laying out of the work, and in the preparation of himself and of the forces under him, which he wielded with such inspiring certainty, for the achievement of so formidable a programme. All were grateful to him, and seriously wondered whether without him such a week would have been possible. Nor could we overrate the general obligation to the energetic and devoted secretary, Mr. Loring B. Barnes, who in all that concerns the business affairs of the Society had been, through a large part of his seventeen years of service, its mainspring and factotum, as it were, and who was since gratefully promoted to the place of president. Of the retiring president, Dr. J. Baxter Upham, who had so enviably identified himself with the cause of musical education in our community, and who for eleven years had so well upheld the dignity, and courtesy, and harmony of the old Society, and done much to

raise its ideal and enlarge its scope, well might the Society express its appreciation, as it did in the annual meeting, in a series of warm and grateful resolutions.

The financial result of the Festival was not proportioned to its excellence. There was a loss of about \$5,000, so that a ten per cent assessment had to be levied on the subscribers to the guaranty fund of \$50,000. And again the year's income of the permanent fund was required to meet the year's indebtedness. At a meeting of the board (May 27) Mr. Zerrahn's salary for the Festival was fixed at \$1,000; and for his services until Christmas, at \$200; Mr. Lang's, as organist, at \$400 and \$100.

CHAPTER X.

FIFTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

MAY 29, 1871, TO MAY 27, 1872.

THE annual meeting was held May 29, Dr. Upham, for the last time, in the chair. The treasurer, Mr. G. W. Palmer, presented his report. The total receipts of the year were \$4,100. At the beginning of the year there was due to the treasurer a balance of \$395.25, which at the end of the year was reduced to \$56.97; this account is exclusive of the Festival. The permanent fund amounted to \$8,220. The expenses of the Triennial Festival were \$26,870, which it was expected would be diminished by a discount of about \$1,000. The receipts were \$20,601, leaving a balance against the Society of \$5,200, to be apportioned among the guarantors.

In beginning his annual, which was also his farewell report, the president, Dr. Upham, said: —

“It gives me the sincerest pleasure to congratulate you upon a year of acknowledged artistic success, not only in the ordinary operations of the Society, its routine of rehearsals and public performances, but in the crowning labors of its great Triennial Festival, the echoes of whose triumphs are now coming back to us from almost every town and city in the land.

“The work of the Society in its necessary routine of duties has been greater in the past year than at any former season within my remembrance. Our meetings for practice commenced on the 2d of October, and continued weekly, as usual, until the 26th of February; from which time they increased in frequency, in a constantly accelerating ratio, till the opening of the Festival. The number of these rehearsals (forty-eight in all) is greater than in any previous year since I have been connected with the Society. The average attendance also has been better than ever before. The fullest attendance was on the evening of the 18th of December, the thinnest on the 28th of April, the number present on those occasions being six hundred and one hundred and fifty respectively. Once only were the rehearsals entirely suspended, viz., on the evening of the 12th of February, at which time a severe snow-storm was raging. The average attendance during the season was in round numbers four hundred,—to be exact, 392 27-48,—out of a total of a little more than seven hundred members. I have not included in this enumeration the rehearsals which took place during the Triennial week, nor those which preceded the New York Beethoven Centennial celebration (so called) in June last, which if added to the above list would swell the total number

of rehearsals proper to fifty-six, and increase somewhat the percentage of attendance.

“I have thus minutely dwelt upon this point because of the great importance I attach to it as being at the same time the test and the measure of your progress in choral excellence.

“It appears from the secretary’s records that the government have been ten times called together for business purposes during the year, and the Society have been twice summoned for the admission of members and the transaction of other business connected with the interests of the corporation. Sixty-two gentlemen have been admitted to membership, four have been reinstated after their membership had for some reason ceased, six have been discharged and three have resigned. Six of the active members of the Society have died within the year, viz., Messrs. A. W. Brown, James D. Kent, C. Judson Merrill, A. Pendergrass, A. J. Tenny, and James Rice, some of whom had rendered long and valuable service with us, whose presence and whose aid and counsel will long be missed. The year, too, numbers among its dead the honored name of Col. Thomas E. Chickering, one of the past presidents of the Society, in whose sudden and unlooked-for departure the whole community will mourn with ourselves the loss of one who had identified himself as the friend and patron, not of art alone, but of every noble and generous enterprise.

“It may be proper to speak in this connection of the somewhat unusual action on the part of the Society in the month of June last, viz., the acceptance of an invitation to join as a body in the celebration of a musical festival in a distant city. I allude of course to the so-called Beethoven Centennial commemoration in the city of New York. As was probably well known at the time, my individual judgment was opposed to such action, fearing, as I expressed to my friends in the board of government, lest the dignity and self-respect of the Society might in some way be compromised when too late to be remedied. How far my fears in this regard were well founded, those who were present at that celebration are best qualified to judge. Of the Society’s performances themselves, so far as they were allowed to be given, I can only speak in terms of unmeasured praise. My only object in speaking of this matter now is to suggest the propriety of much and careful consideration in the future before any similar invitation be accepted, should occasion again occur.”

Of the Festival and its financial deficit, Dr. Upham said : —

“Must we seek for this (financially) ill success in the actual surfeit of good things which our community had already received prior to this final feast of symphony and song? Or must we attribute it in part to the distractions of a week in which the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Army of the Potomac divided the public attention with the votaries of art? But amidst our regrets at the monetary aspect of the Festival, it is pleasant to remember that the choral occasions were those which always attracted the largest and most appreciative audience; from which it is fair to suppose that, had your physical endurance been equal to the task,

and we had added still others to the already herculean labors imposed upon you, the financial as well as the artistic success of that trying week might have been assured."

After touching upon a variety of other topics, Dr. Upham concluded with these words:—

"It remains for me, at the close of this my long term of service, to express to my esteemed associates in the board of government,—to our honored conductor, Mr. Zerrahn, and to my accomplished friend, Mr. Lang, who, together with our excellent secretary, have been co-workers with me in always kind and friendly relations from the very first,—to you, gentlemen, one and all, my grateful acknowledgment of the uniform kindness and courtesy I have received at your hands through all these years of responsibility, of enjoyment, and of care. In so many times as I may have been forgetful or negligent of my duty toward you, who have so often honored me with the highest office within your gift, I crave your kind indulgence and your pardon. If it has been my good fortune in any manner to aid or advance the noble cause to whose interests we stand pledged, it will be to me a source of unflinching satisfaction. I have passed with you the best ten years of my life,—in many respects the happiest ten years of my life,—to which happiness you, my friends, have done your full share in contributing. Will you accept for yourselves, individually, my heartfelt thanks and my earnest wishes for your welfare and continued success? May the present prosperity of this old and honored Society be perpetual, and may the blessing of Almighty God rest upon you and upon it."

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected with the formality of a ballot, although nearly every candidate received the unanimous vote of the Society. The following is the list:—

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The retirement from the presidency of Dr. Upham, the election of the long-faithful and indefatigable secretary Mr. Barnes, as his successor, and of Mr. A. Parker Browne, as secretary, gave especial interest to the meeting. Several of the newly elected officers were called upon for speeches. President-elect Barnes addressed the Society at some length in regard to its future, and offered resolutions complimentary to his predecessor, which were passed with hearty unanimity.

After a well-earned summer's rest, the first partial sign of life was the singing by fifty members of the chorus at a meeting of the American Peace Society, held in the Music Hall, Sept. 26. Mr. Zerrahn conducted in three choruses: "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah" from the *Messiah*, and "How lovely are the messengers," from *St. Paul*. Then the rehearsals were resumed Oct. 8, upon *St. Paul*, with an attendance of 350 singers, and Mr. C. Peter-silea at the pianoforte. The next week the number had increased to 377, and Mr. Lang, who had just come home from Europe, was at his old post as accompanist. Oct. 20, 150 members took part in a concert for the sufferers by the great Chicago fire; audience 300! *Judas Maccabæus* and *Elijah* occupied the rehearsals until Saturday, Nov. 26, when *Elijah* was produced, with the members of the Dolby troupe to lend peculiar interest to the performance. These were: Miss Edith Wynne, a Welsh lady of interesting manner and good musical culture; well schooled in almost all classes of music, though her chief successes in England had been in oratorio and ballad singing. Mrs. Whytock-Patey, then the most eminent of English contraltos, since the retirement of Mme. Sainton-Dolby; her style pure and simple, her voice deep and tender; she was unsurpassed in oratorio. Mr. Cummings, the tenor, had already made his mark in Boston, and was welcomed back. Mr. Santley, the very distinguished English baritone, sang all reputable kinds of music. English and Italian opera, oratorios and so-called ballads were all in his line, and he sang all well. Mr. Patey, a fair basso, was also in the group.

Let it go without saying that the Handel and Haydn chorus did their part well; did they ever fail in *Elijah*? And never had they a finer audience to inspire them. There was an orchestra of 40, and the chorus numbered over 500 voices,—largely in excess of the usual number at rehearsals. This chronic symptom, which cannot have escaped the reader's notice many times already, the historian must confess to be beyond his power of explanation, considering the rigid disciplinary by-laws which occupy so many pages of the secretary's records. We turn then to the new solo artists.

To begin with the soprano, a truer, sweeter exponent of oratorio music than Miss Edith Wynne we cannot wish to hear. There were *greater* voices, of more power and volume, more brilliancy, more queen-like majesty, but few that were so sweet, so pure, so womanly human, and trained withal to such easy, even flexibility, such exquisite expression. All that had been said before of her artistic purity, "unstained of the world," her earnest dedication of herself to the

expression of the music, her unerring sense of fitness and proportion, and her uniformly right conception, and of the charm with which honest intention and exertion on her part were always blessed, was now clear to all who heard her in *Elijah*.

Mme. Patey, with less experience, perhaps less genius, also gave herself, her whole generous nature and rich, generous voice with genuine fervor to the expression of the contralto music. "Woe unto them," and still more "O rest in the Lord" (which had to be repeated) were nobly, beautifully rendered. This singer had from the first taken a deep hold upon the sympathies of our musical public.

Mr. Cummings was in excellent voice, and delivered all the tenor recitatives and airs with that refinement, that intelligence and conscientious earnestness, which always characterized his efforts.

Mr. Santley's rendering of the great part of *Elijah* was all, and more than all, that was anticipated; and that is saying a great deal. The wealth, and beauty, and endurance of his magnificent voice, which gave itself out so freely, yet always had power in reserve; his frank and manly presence and whole way of doing things; his thoroughly self-poised and easy manner of approaching and of carrying through whatever vocal task; the perfect union in him of natural gift, artistic training, clear intelligence, and healthy, genuine feeling, made him the noblest interpreter that one could wish for such exacting music. He was equal to every variety of expression called for by the part. In the dialogues and recitatives nothing could be more dignified and full of unction than his delivery. His rendering of the almost impossible, the iron air, "Is not his word like a fire," was a new revelation of unflagging vocal valor and endurance. Every note was surely taken; every accent truly marked, magnetic; every phrase precisely chiselled out; no faltering or nervous hurry in the even progress of the whole, and yet there was power left for a magnificent blaze of splendor at the end. The writer heard the original *Elijah*, Mr. Weiss, sing this in London; but Santley verily was greater.

On the next, Sunday, evening the same fine group of artists lent éclat to the performance of *Judas Maccabæus*.

Handel's heroic oratorio is a very different matter from *Elijah*; less well known here and less popular, partly because of its quaint antique cut and want of the modern sensuous instrumentation, partly because of its many difficulties. Had such a performance as that of Sunday evening been anticipated, there hardly would have been so great a falling off of audience. The work is full of beauties, particularly in its great variety of solos, which only needed those inter-

preters to make their beauty felt. For the tenor few oratorios could be more trying ; and Mr. Cummings, though his delicate voice showed symptoms of fatigue at times, achieved the task with spirit and expression. "Sound an alarm" was done even better than at the Festival, and the way in which he grappled with that most difficult air, "How vain is man," which we think no one had attempted here before, proved him a thorough artist. In "Call forth thy powers," too, he was masterly.

To Miss Edith Wynne belonged the finer triumphs of the evening ; so fully did she reproduce the spirit of each melody, and each so individual, that she won all hearts to Handel and herself. She gave new charm and quaintness to "Pious orgies." The lovely air, "O Liberty!" with violoncello (commonly omitted), could not have been more lovingly and exquisitely sung ; and the words, "Bless him, Jehovah, bless him," in the preceding recitative were touched with tenderest and truest feeling. "From mighty kings" was splendidly delivered. The long roulades of "So shall the lute" were evenly and smoothly executed, although she had not the long breath of certain singers. But throughout all she sang there was the same devotion, the same artistic finish and integrity.

Mme. Patey's part was small, mostly confined to the melodious duets with the soprano, which were never more enjoyed. Nor had Mr. Santley by any means a great part, but of what there was he made the most. The recitative, "I feel the Deity within," and air, "Arm, arm, ye brave," were most inspiring ; and in "The Lord worketh wonders" we had an instance of that self-possessed and steady movement through long stretches of most difficult roulades, which we had hardly found in any other singer in the same degree. And how he shaded the tone to every meaning, as in the words, "And still as He thunders, is fearful in praise!" One could object to all these artists, conscientious toward their music as they were, even once or twice to the soprano, that they could not end an air as it is written, but must "make effect" with a high tone or some form of cadenza. But this was English usage.

The receipts for these two concerts differed widely ; for *Elijah*, about \$3,300 ; for *Judas*, about \$1,500. On Dec. 10 the Society joined in a concert given by Theodore Thomas in honor of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis, who was then visiting this city. Meanwhile the rehearsals all had Christmas week in view. And two more noble oratorios, both of which could by that time be counted favorites, *St. Paul* and the *Messiah*, were given to crowded audiences on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dec. 23 and 24, with the valuable aid

once more of the noble group of solo artists, Miss Wynne, Mme. Patey, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Santley. Need we say more?

1872. On the 13th of January, a miscellaneous concert was given with the same fine artists, — their farewell in short. The first part consisted of Rossini's *Stabat Mater*. Hackneyed as it was, — having been murdered in a "sacred concert" by every Italian opera troupe that ever came here, as the sole meet sacrifice which such troupes had to offer, — it has much beautiful and some grand music in it, which was rejuvenated by these singers. Nothing could be better suited to the large, rich, sensuous contralto of Mme. Patey; and no richer voice, unless it were Alboni's, could Rossini have desired for it. It all went admirably well, closing judiciously with the "*Inflammatus*," an arduous task for such a voice as Edith Wynne's, yet it soared bravely, musically, above orchestra and chorus. The best piece in the work, the marvellous unaccompanied quartet, *Quando corpus*, was sung to perfection. The second part began with the trumpet choral, "Sleepers wake!" from *St. Paul*, grandly sung. Mr. Cummings sang Handel's "Total eclipse" with more beauty and delicacy of tone and expression than ever. Then came a sentimental commonplace song by Gounod for Mme. Patey, hardly worthy of her, "There is a green hill far away," in which the music does not relieve the bald sectarian creed statement of the words. The Society sang two unaccompanied part-songs by Mendelssohn with fine sonority and unity; and then Mr. Santley exerted the peculiar charm of the sustained continuity and large, tranquil, easy flow of his great organ-toned voice, with perfect simplicity of expression, in Gounod's "Nazareth" ballad, wrought up to a climax with orchestra and chorus in the last verse.

The most important of the selections, however, was Bach's aria, full of pious ecstasy of bliss, "My heart, ever faithful," inasmuch as it was given for the first time here (perhaps the first time anywhere) with the orchestral parts as completed by Robert Franz; this accompaniment, with Miss Wynne's singing, brought out its intrinsic beauty as never before. The concert ended with the "Conquering hero" chorus from *Judas Maccabæus*.

The next evening *Elijah* was repeated in the same grand style as before; except that Mr. Santley suffered from a severe cold, which he surmounted bravely in some pieces; while in others it gave us opportunity to know more of the artistic worth of Mr. Patey, who took up the part at a moment's notice and did it with great credit.

This completed the season's programme. It offered nothing new, but it was all pure gold; four noble and exacting oratorios, forming

a worthy record for a period of reaction and comparative quiet after the strain of a great Triennial Festival. During the rest of January and February the *Passion Music* was again rehearsed, with large attendance, earnestly. But already the "Jubilee" wind was again rising. A bigger cyclone than before! On the 17th of February an invitation from Dr. E. Tourjée to the Society to take part in Mr. Gilmore's second Jubilee in June following, called this time the "International Jubilee," was accepted, and a force of over 700 singers was drafted for that service. The *Passion, Israel in Egypt*, and various Jubilee music occupied the rehearsals until the annual meeting.

FIFTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1872, TO JUNE 2, 1873.

At the annual meeting, May 27, it appeared by the treasurer's report that the receipts during the year had been \$8,136.75, and the expenses \$7,495.26 (including the balance of \$56.97 due the treasurer at the close of the last year), leaving a balance on hand of \$641.49. The report also announced a bequest to the Society of \$1,000, by the late Eben Dale of this city, which was added to the permanent fund. The income from the fund for the year had been \$441.69, which would be added to the principal, as no occasion for its use had occurred. The currency value of the fund, May 1, was \$8,705.36.

The election of officers was as follows:—

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Now comes a second period of "Jubilee," with music of more instruments, more voices than were ever heard, or ever can be heard together. Again the disturbing, stunning shock of "Peace" expressed with anvils, cannon, bells, in most bewildering harmonic turmoil. At all events we come at once upon a new phenomenon in Handel and Haydn history, that of summer rehearsals. These were held up to the seventeenth of June, in preparation for the Jubilee. *Israel in Egypt*, for one thing, was rehearsed with sister societies from

Salem, Lynn, and West Roxbury. And this, as given by the four societies together forming a chorus of one thousand four hundred voices, with an orchestra of two hundred and fifty instruments, was doubtless the best thing, the most reasonable in its dimensions, and the most artistic in its character and spirit, in the whole Jubilee programme. But the work fell flat with the audience of five thousand people, small for the enormous building. For so poorly was it heard, that it could not be appreciated half so well as at an ordinary Handel and Haydn performance in the Boston Music Hall. As we have already intimated, and as many even now remember, this Jubilee was on a much larger scale than the first one. The original prospectus promised a chorus of twenty thousand voices and an orchestra of two thousand. Military bands from "every nation," delegations even "from classic Greece and the Holy Land, from Turkey, China, and Japan," and all this in a "Coliseum that will seat a *hundred thousand people!*" And so on. It lasted from June 17 to July 4, beginning and ending upon patriotic anniversaries. It is not for us here to write its history; we are concerned only with the part the Handel and Haydn Society took in it. We have already mentioned its one best peculiar contribution.

The opening day (June 17) was almost altogether patriotic: "Star-Spangled Banner," national airs, "Old Hundred," and the like. In this the old Society counted as seven hundred in a chorus of seventeen thousand, with an orchestra of one thousand five hundred. Then came an "English day," and then a "German day," and then a "French day," with all kinds of selections from oratorios, operas, masses, national hymns, Strauss waltzes conducted by John Strauss himself, and military band music by some of the best bands of Europe. Our old Society could not but be lost in all this, and it were vain to look after it amid the vast confusion at this late day. Were we dealing with the history of the Jubilee itself, we should note many interesting observations, and give credit for many beautiful and rare effects; for instance, the marvellous purity and beauty of the sound of many hundred children's voices. Still it was on too enormous a scale of size and numbers, and when one thinks of the pecuniary loss which it involved, he is reminded of the frog that tried to swell to the dimensions of an ox. To the Handel and Haydn Society their participation in it may be considered as to a great extent a recreation; it probably refreshed them more than it fatigued them. And in the natural course of things it should have operated to give them a fresh zeal for their own proper work during the fall and winter. Having failed with *Israel in Egypt* in the wrong place, the Coliseum,

they might naturally wish to study it again for the best possible performance in the right place, in their more home-like Music Hall.

But when the rehearsal season came round, the months of October and November were devoted to new studies upon Costa's *Eli*, although it was not publicly performed. This was in view of an arrangement with Mme. Rudersdorff, whereby four oratorios were to be given, two in mid-winter and two in the spring. The first two (*Elijah* and *Judas*) were not successful, and the other two, *Eli* being one, were abandoned. Whether the great Boston fire in November, preceded by a great storm, with the horse disease and the suspension of the horse-cars, damped the musical ardor of our city, we are not competent to say. In December, *Messiah* rehearsals became the order of the day again, and the never-failing Christmas oratorio, judged by an ever-higher standard of performance, charmed and edified the crowded audience as much as ever. The rendering of the whole series of choruses was up to the highest mark remembered here. The solos had not the unwonted lustre of the Dolby troupe as in the last performance; yet there was an interesting quartet of soloists. Mr. Packard, the tenor, placed himself at once in a worthy light as an interpreter of a high theme in "Comfort ye," etc. He had a pure and honest style, free from offensive crudities and affectations; his voice was sweet and of good even calibre, not brilliant, but of fair power; his method excellent; he sustained a tone and swelled it admirably. Mr. Whitney's majestic organ seemed to have ripened and expanded and become vivified through its whole range. The contralto was Miss Anna Drasdil, a native of Bohemia, who had lived for several years in England, a pupil for some time of Mme. Rudersdorff, and had made a great mark there in oratorio. Her very first tones "Behold! a virgin," arrested attention by the individual *timbre* of the voice, rich, reedy, sweet, yet with a singularly penetrating quality. It reached every listener, and there was a rare charm about it. A true artistic singer was soon manifest; well trained, with something like a genius for it, as it seemed; dramatic too, and full of fire. And what of the soprano?

This time it was a rare voice indeed, a new sensation, the lovely voice of Mrs. Charles Moulton (formerly Miss Greenough, of our own New England Cambridge), who had passed many years abroad and was distinguished vocally and socially in Europe. But she had never sung in oratorio, nor had she ever even heard a full performance of the *Messiah*. With all her gifts she was not in her element this time. She brought to the effort all her treasury of nightingale and lark-like tones, with the spontaneous, bird-like springing forth thereof

(though sometimes there seemed to be a struggle in the throat before the nightingale escaped); all her finished, fluent vocalization; her versatility of talent and quick apprehension. Nor did she approach the task with levity, or without a sense of its importance, or without earnest preparation. Indeed the nervousness apparent at the first was quite sincere; and this, added to a cold, entitled her to large allowance. Under the circumstances, the degree of success which she achieved was certainly remarkable. The effort won respect throughout, while more than once it charmed and satisfied in a high sense. The recitative, "There were shepherds," was not so simply given as one could wish: there was a somewhat forced, unneeded pathos in its tones; just in that narrative, recited as it were from heaven, the voice should be impersonal, though human, by no means dramatic. "Rejoice greatly," was in her true vein, and seldom had we heard it sung more beautifully: the serious middle strain, too, was tenderly melodious. Best of all was "Come unto Him," which seemed to reach the heart of the audience. Her rendering of the great air, "I know that my Redeemer," was an earnest, very creditable effort, one that raised her in her character of artist, — but not yet a triumph. Here too there was a somewhat trammelled and uneasy leaning on traditions (not always of the best), and not that free, assured, and noble style, sure, simple, and sublime, by which that song has maintained its supremacy. But Mr. Moulton was full of song and full of talent. If a Parisian life could not imbue her with the oratorio style or spirit, it was, perhaps, not too late to learn.

The first rehearsal in 1873 came upon a very stormy night. Only forty-nine were present, who passed the time agreeably in practising four-part songs by Mendelssohn. Then for a month or more *Elijah* and *Judas Maccabæus* were the subjects of rehearsal. Jan. 30, the board of government met at the Parker House, and accepted an invitation from Theodore Thomas for the Society to visit New York in April and unite with his orchestra in a series of oratorios, without compensation, Mr. Thomas paying all expenses, and with the understanding that Mr. Zerrahn should be the conductor and Mr. Lang the organist, except in the Ninth Symphony, Mr. Thomas paying their salaries also.

Elijah and *Judas Maccabæus* were performed on the evenings of Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9. The former drew the fullest house, of course. If there was any oratorio in which the Society was always "well up," it was *Elijah*; that they commonly chose when they would make their best impression upon strangers. The chorus

numbered four hundred voices, and there was an orchestra of forty. The chorus was good, the orchestra below the average. The audience was not very large. Mme. Rudersdorff went far to place the soprano recitatives and arias in a strong light, albeit frequently a somewhat harsh one, owing to the struggles of a voice no longer in its prime and only now and then renewing its beautiful youth in such a way that all could hail it with delight; yet the presence of the great artist was always unmistakable.

Miss Alice Fairman, in her quiet, unimpassioned way, but with her very rich, pure, sweet, and even voice, and thoroughly sound and honest style of singing, won sincere applause by her delivery of the contralto melodies. And she took "O rest in the Lord" in a less slow and dragging time than we had been too much accustomed to. The tenor solos found adequate expression in the fine voice, the pure intonation, the earnest fire and true intelligence of Mr. Nelson Varley. The only drawbacks in his singing were a certain dry and slightly nasal quality in some of his tones, and in high climbing passages an apparent effort as of one *screwing* himself up to "the height of his great enterprise," — yet with all the exactness and the certainty of such a lever. It seemed as if he struggled with the remnant of a cold. Mr. M. W. Whitney presented the central figure of the Prophet with his usual majesty and massiveness of style.

Judas Maccabeus has always in performance labored under a peculiar drawback, that of meagre, incomplete accompaniment. It is well known that in the printed scores of Handel's oratorios, cantatas, etc., the orchestral accompaniment is for the most part a mere sketch. Handel himself was accustomed to preside at the organ in the performance, and could fill out the harmony, the intertwining polyphony, according to his own idea. But in the written and afterwards engraved scores, with only here and there an exception, we find the voice part, with perhaps a principal violin or oboè in unison with it, and nothing but a figured *basso continuo* besides, nothing to fill the wide, hollow chasm between the upper melody and the monotonous deep rumbling or roaring basses. In the fugued or contrapuntal choruses, of course, the harmonic texture has to be complete. But with the arias it is very different; these were left for Handel's personal accompaniment, or for after elaboration by some skilful, sympathetic hand; for such completion of the sketch as Mozart has made for the *Messiah* (and yet not *all* of it), and Robert Franz for the "*L'Allegro ed il Pensieroso*," as well as for much of Bach's Passion Music. Now, blindly following tradition, it has been the custom here, as in England, to perform the *Judas* with that mere empty,

colorless, monotonous, and tedious accompaniment, which is all that the published score furnishes for many of the most important arias. On this account too, doubtless, many of these arias and duets are left out oftener than they would be, were they enriched and illustrated by a complete setting. Of course most hearers are unconscious *why* they are so dull.

A striking instance of the difference in the two treatments was shown that evening in two of the finest of the soprano airs. The one in which Mme. Rudersdorff made her best success of the evening, and which she sang so exquisitely, "Wise men flattering," happened for once to have received the especial attention of the composer, who left it armed with full accompaniment, and everybody felt how rich, complete, and beautiful was the effect. On the contrary that other exquisite air near the beginning, "O Liberty," was sung to absolutely nothing but the violoncello obbligato; can any one for a moment imagine that Handel so intended it? So too, in part or wholly, with those heroic tenor and bass arias; splendid vocalization, a ringing, fervent, clear delivery, arouse the audience; but how much more magnificent would their effect be, were the harmony completed and the instrumentation filled out as it is only at the return of the first theme in "Sound an alarm!"

The choruses, so beautiful and grand, some filled with heroic, patriotic ardor, others breathing the most pure and deep religious feeling, were for the most part very effectively sung. In the solos, Mme. Rudersdorff and Miss Fairman answered expectation; and Miss Carrie Brackett, a pupil of Mrs. Harwood, making her first appearance in these oratorios, with a pure, sweet, flexible, but rather thin soprano voice, showed good style and execution in the florid air, "So shall the lute and harp awake." But the chief honors of the evening were borne away by the tenor hero, Judas. Mr. Varley seemed to do his best, fairly electrifying the audience by his splendid trumpet tones in "Sound an alarm," which had never made so strong a mark here before. A repetition was imperatively claimed and granted. The singer showed himself master of the Handelian roudades in other arias, and was most successful in the rendering of the very difficult "How vain is man." Mr. Whitney sang superbly "The Lord worketh wonders," and generally was more himself than on the preceding night.

The two concerts yielded \$2,457. The second did not meet expenses.

The rest of the month of February was given to a few rehearsals on the *Passion Music*, for no immediate object, but for improvement,

for "art's sake" perhaps. Time so spent is not lost. In March and April there were rehearsals on *Elijah*, on the Ninth Symphony, the *Hymn of Praise*, and *Judas Maccabæus*,—all by the way of brushing up their armor for New York. It appears that Mr. Thomas's agent objected to the *Hymn of Praise*; but the Society, by an unanimous vote, insisted upon singing that and parts of *Israel* in the New York concerts. This New York Festival was a much more respectable affair than the one into which the Society had been beguiled a few years before. There was no "non-conductor," but there was Theodore Thomas with his noble orchestra, and our own Carl Zerrahn to wield the baton in the oratorios. All was carefully, discreetly planned; good programmes and good management, and no "Jubilee" pretension. The excursion was a lively one; some 400 of our singers left for the great city on the 19th of April in the best of spirits, enlivening the route with fun and frolic, anecdotes and impromptu rhymes in a facetious vein. Arriving the next morning they took possession of a new hotel provided for their comfort, where everything was to their taste and their convenience, and for four or five days they received all the hospitality they could desire. They enjoyed the rehearsals, they enjoyed Mr. Thomas, they enjoyed the city and its sights, and they enjoyed the hearty applause of a great audience when they sang. There was only one drawback; according to a New York correspondent, "The audience is seated, the great hall (Steinway) is flooded with light, but, as the music begins, observe that the *air of heaven*, that free gift of God, has been *carefully excluded* from the hall." He is speaking of *Elijah*. "For a while the hearers are lost in admiration; the five hundred singers are like one voice! The crescendos and diminuendos are unequalled by anything we have ever known; the audience is enthusiastic; but presently the applause becomes less general, and, finally, it is confined to a few musicians scattered here and there. We observe a restlessness, a look of weariness and depression on the faces of the hearers. Has the music lost its charm? No; oxygen in the air is exhausted; in less than an hour, audience, orchestra, and chorus are gasping in different stages of asphyxia," etc. Yet the *Elijah* on the opening (Tuesday) evening "was rendered as never before in New York." On the second evening the four or five hundred singers deepened the favorable impression by singing the *Hymn of Praise* entire, and selections from *Israel in Egypt*, namely, the choruses "And the children," the "Hailstone" chorus, "The horse and his rider," beside the tenor aria, "The enemy said, I will pursue." On Thursday evening they sang *Elijah* in Brooklyn, with no organ! And on Saturday even-

ing they had their closing triumph in the choruses of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The *Tribune*, after this occasion, said:—

“ . . . But the chorus, the chorus! With this the glory of the night burst forth. There was no fault to be found with it. Imperfections there doubtless were, trips now and then over some of the many stumbling blocks which the relentless composer threw all about the score; but petty mistakes were swallowed up in the overwhelming torrent of song, which was not like the music of earth, but the awful shouting of the joyous hosts of heaven. . . .

“ The Handel and Haydn Society carry back to Boston the sincere gratitude and good wishes of the public whom they have done so much to instruct and entertain. They have fully sustained the great reputation which preceded them, and we hope they have aroused a becoming spirit of emulation among our own societies. . . . It is pleasant to learn that a feeling of warm cordiality has sprung up between Mr. Theodore Thomas and the chorus. If we can believe the letters and reports in the Boston newspapers, the Handel and Haydn Society are equally pleased with his arrangement for their personal comfort and the extraordinary accompaniment which he has furnished for their singing.”

This agreeable excursion and its laurels brought another Handel and Haydn season to its close. And now that they have satisfied their roving propensities; now that they have sung *Elijah* in New York; now that there is no more prospect of Peace Jubilees to tempt them to digression (or transgression), there seems to be reasonable hope that, when they come together for rehearsals in the autumn, they will find themselves in a right earnest mood for learning something good; the more so as the next objective point of their ambition will be a third Triennial Festival of one year later; and for that occasion it already looks as if they really mean to study the Matthew Passion Music of Bach until they can do it well and bring it out entire. This task, begun three years back, in spite of almost popular encouragement, still hung fire; there always seemed to be a Jubilee or a New York excursion, or a temptation to do *Elijah* with some famous set of solo singers, to nip the young rehearsals in the bud. How different at that time in London! Five performances of the *Passion* in one week!

FIFTY-NINTH SEASON.

JUNE 2, 1873, TO MAY 25, 1874.

The annual meeting was adjourned to June 2, 1873. The treasurer's report, counting the Dale bequest of \$1,000 on both sides of the account, showed: receipts, \$6,747.64; expenditures, \$6,736.76;

cash on hand to new account \$10.88. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :—

President. — LORING B. BARNES.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — C. H. JOHNSON.

Directors. — JOHN H. STICKNEY, H. B. FISHER, W. F. BRADBURY, W. D. WISWELL, D. L. LAWS, CURTIS BROWN, G. W. WARREN, W. O. PERKINS.

The summer meetings of the board of government were chiefly occupied with plans for the third Triennial Festival to be held in May, 1874, with speculative and tentative measures for the securing of the best possible solo artists for that occasion, and with comparison of prices in view of the compulsory economy. It was agreed, however, to engage the Thomas orchestra, and, among other things, to give the *Fassion Music*, Prof. J. K. Paine's oratorio, *St. Peter*, Mr. Dudley Buck's *Forty-sixth Psalm*, and Mendelssohn's cantata, "The Sons of Art." Also to engage Miss Annie Louise Cary at \$1,000 for the week. *St. Peter* was the first work taken up for study, and was rehearsed throughout October and November.

Meanwhile we look in vain for any concerts until we come to Christmas, when we find an oratorio, and that oratorio of course is the *Messiah*, given on Sunday evening, Dec. 21. There was not an unoccupied seat in the Music Hall. The chorus numbered 500, the orchestra 41. The preparation had been very careful. But a sudden change of weather attacked the throats of some of the solo singers. Mrs. H. M. Smith, from whom much had been expected, was not able to appear at all; and Mrs. West, always at home in the soprano arias, with her usual kindness, sang them all in good voice and with true expression; in the great song of faith she was thought admirable. Mr. Varley, laboring under a severe cold, struggled heroically; but his true art saved him, and his voice came out better and better as he kept on. Mr. Whitney, too, was not free from hoarseness; but his delivery of the great bass arias was very grand, and his execution of the long roulade passages was round and even. The contralto solos were intrusted, for the first time, to Mrs. H. E. Sawyer, whose modest and refined presence bespoke favor, steadily confirmed by her fresh, sweet, delicate, not heavy voice, and her artistic style and unaffected, pure expression. The choruses were uncommonly well sung. Some of the more difficult and "catchy" ones went very smoothly. The balance of parts seemed much improved; and never

before had the Society been able to rejoice in so sweet and powerful a body of tenors. The concert yielded a profit of \$1,000.

This left a clear field for work since the Festival; no more concerts until then, with the exception of *Elijah* at Easter, which needed little study. This, coming to the front after so long a period of retired and as it were underground work, was a sort of *l'envoi* to the great feast in preparation. It was an excellent performance, the new point of interest being the rendering of the prophet's part by Mr. J. F. Winch, whose rich, elastic quality of voice gave peculiar life to all the music. Mr. George L. Osgood sang the first tenor aria very beautifully, but he was evidently laboring under great depression, being obliged to face an audience, as singers and actors often are, when he should have been in his bed. Mrs. West showed signs of great fatigue, after protracted Easter services in church choirs, but sang with her usual fervor and success. Mrs. Sawyer, the contralto, and Mrs. Weston, as "the Youth," and in the trio and quartets made a very favorable impression.

THIRD TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL. 1874.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 5, TO SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 10.

All the auspices were favorable for a rich, choice feast of oratorio and symphony and song. It was a singularly quiet Festival (externally), which to a refined, artistic feeling is refreshing. This is said in view of the dignified and simple style of its announcements, of the absence of all "splurge" such as was wont to accompany all "big things" in this country, and of the general quiet of the city as if there was nothing remarkable going on. And yet in no previous Festival had there been so deep and true an interest, and none had yielded so much real satisfaction. It seemed a wholesome natural reaction to the monster "Jubilee" excitements, disposing every one to greater love of what is modest, moderate, sincere, and solid. Even the elements conspired to bless the undertaking; for the first time in a long wintry spring, the blustering winds for a week sang truce, and there was continual sunshine, cheering, though not very warming. In one respect a little less of quiet would have been more welcome; the visitors from other cities did not seem so numerous as usual.

Of the intrinsic elements of strength in such a Festival, — the chorus, orchestra, and solo artists, — the first two were stronger than ever before, while the average excellence in the list of principal sing-

ers compared well with the past. If the great chorus had before been greater, it was in slow and numbers only: this time the 600 voices were more select, more finely balanced in the four parts, more carefully trained and more effective than the 700 or 800 of some earlier occasions. The 600 were divided about as follows: 170 sopranos, 150 altos, 130 tenors, and 150 basses. A great advantage was secured in the engagement of the permanent and admirable orchestra of Theodore Thomas (one of the fruits, perhaps, of that memorable New York excursion). To the 60 musicians of Thomas were added 25 of the best of our own city. Other important elements of strength were, of course, the indefatigable and efficient conductorship of Carl Zerrahn, the veteran leader of such hosts; the noble organ, under the judicious hands of B. J. Lang; then the great privilege which Boston enjoyed in the possession of a Music Hall so nobly fitted for these great occasions. To which add the public spirit of so many of our citizens, who, as usual, made up the guaranty of nearly \$50,000, without which no society could risk so great an undertaking; and, above all, the zeal, the fertility of resources, the judgment and unwearied industry of the president (Barnes) and secretary (Browne), and indeed of the whole board of management of the brave old Society. The fine audiences added their important sympathetic element of strength, contributing much to the artistic side of the affair, to its *morale*, if not enough to the financial side.

We have not yet even hinted of the most essential feature in the whole design, inasmuch as matter is of more consequence than manner, — the *programmes*. Of these as they occur in the order of the feast.

The Festival anticipated its own opening, practically, by a public rehearsal on Sunday evening (May 3) of Bach's *Passion Music*. That was in some respects a mistake. Such confidence was rash; for it was bringing together for the first and *only* time, before the regular performance, of all the elements of this immense, unwonted, and most difficult combination; the first and only trial of a vast, most complex organization; orchestra with chorus, until then trained separately; orchestra with solo voices, not yet brought into full understanding with each other. The consequence was a great deal of friction and imperfect fitting. The choral effect was grand; but the solo singers, having parts most difficult and of an unfamiliar style, and furthermore unsettled in their sense of time and rhythm by the ceaseless flow and the peculiar phrasing of the instrumental parts, were exposed to the awkwardness and nervousness of frequent stopping and repeating. And this before an audience quite numer-

ous (perhaps critical, as people are apt to be of a new thing which they do not understand), an audience composed of over 400 season-ticket holders, and 200 who had bought the privilege, besides a still larger array of the freely admitted. Puzzled and fatigued, many of the audience left the hall before the rehearsal was half over, so that an impression may have gone abroad by no means favorable to the great work itself. But fortunately the fear was not confirmed by the attendance upon Friday evening, which proved to be the largest of the week till then. Many had listened, felt, and begun to love that music and desire more acquaintance with it.

FIRST DAY. *Tuesday Evening, May 5.* A large, appreciative audience listened to such a performance of Handel's *Judas Maccabæus* as had not been heard here before. They say it all went to a charm, what with the large and well-trained chorus, Thomas orchestra, and a very competent quartet of solo singers. A satisfactory production of the fine work, with two deductions: first, the want of some pious labor of completion to the accompaniments in many pieces, as we have intimated before, some work of a man like Robert Franz; secondly, a sin of omission, the cutting out of some of the finest numbers of the work, for instance, the chorus, "For Sion lamentation make," and the abridgment of the superb chorus, "Tune your harps." Among the solo singers, Miss Edith Wynne held the place of honor. She had recrossed the stormy ocean slightly hoarse, but with all the purity and sweetness of tone, the artistic fineness, the simple beauty of expression, and the chaste religious fervor, which won all hearts when she was here before, and also with more volume and intensity of voice. Miss Annie Cary's rendering of the little that she had to do, the serious air, "Father of Heaven," and in the duets with soprano, was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Nelson Varley was in good voice for the heroic tenor parts, and gave out all he had with a whole-souled resolve to do his best. Mr. Whitney's ponderous bass tones told majestically in "Arm, arm, ye brave," "Rejoice, O Judah," and particularly in "The Lord worketh wonders," giving its sustained roulades with remarkable evenness and symmetry of phrasing. It was a common remark that this was the "most perfect rendering of an oratorio yet heard in Boston." The hall was two thirds full.

SECOND DAY. *Wednesday, May 6.* The afternoon concert had the following programme:—

1. Overture to *Euryanthe* Weber.
2. Aria: "Ah! quel giorno," from *Semiramide* . . . Rossini.

MISS ANNIE LOUISE CARY.

- *3. Concerto for String Orchestra. Allegro — Adagio —
 Allegro *J. S. Bach.*
 Violin obbligato by MR. BERNHARD LISTEMANN.
4. Unfinished Symphony, in B minor *Schubert.*
5. Overture to *Midsummer Night's Dream* *Mendelssohn.*
6. Recit. ed Aria: "Ah! Parlate," from *Abramo* *Cimarosa.*
- MISS EDITH WYNNE.
- *7. Variations on a theme by Haydn *Brahms.*
- *8. Aria: "Qui s'degno," from *Il Flauto Magico* *Mozart.*
- MR. MYRON W. WHITNEY.
- *9. Vorspiel: *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* *Wagner.*

The numbers which are starred were conducted by Mr. Thomas; all the rest by Mr. Zerrahn.

In the evening the audience was very large, attracted chiefly by the chance of hearing Beethoven's *Choral Symphony* under such rare advantages, as well as the first part of Haydn's *Seasons*, — the fresh, melodious, cheerful music of the Spring, in which the old man seems to have renewed his youth. But the concert opened with the overture to Spohr's *Jessonda*, finely played, followed by the tenor air, "Be thou faithful unto death," from *St. Paul*, sung in good voice and with considerable fervor by Mr. W. J. Winch. The gem of the "Spring" music was the chorus, "Come, gentle Spring," which is simply perfect in itself, and in which all the voices blended to a charm. All the chorus work was nearly faultless, and so was all the graceful, flowery accompaniment. The songs, duets, and trios were most acceptably rendered by Mrs. H. M. Smith, soprano, Mr. George L. Osgood, tenor, and Mr. John F. Winch, bass. Part II. was filled by the great *Choral Symphony*. A writer, whom we perhaps too often quote, said of the performance: —

"It seemed as good, upon the whole, as any we have ever heard; and yet, though there was everything to be hoped from such an admirable orchestra, we cannot say that every part seemed quite so clear or so impressive in the first of the purely instrumental movements, or that the Scherzo made the blood tingle with quite so fine a life, as in some former renderings, although the reeds and horns sounded exquisitely in the playful pastoral trio. But the heavenly Adagio, alternating with Andante, was all that sense or soul could crave. The excited opening of the second part, the frantic outcry for the solution of the problem of true joy and peace, was made still more exciting by Richard Wagner's modification of the trumpet parts. The double basses spoke out grandly and distinctly in their recitative, and hummed the "Joy" tune through in light expressive unison. The entrance of the human bass voice with the exhortation, 'Brothers, no more,' etc., a most eloquent but trying piece of recitative, was well achieved by Mr. Rudolphsen. The great chorus, and the quartet of soli (Mrs. Smith, Miss Cary, Mr. Varley, and Mr. Rudolphsen)

rose to the height of the occasion, with what seemed a genuine crescendo of enthusiasm, so that even the long-sustained high notes at the sublime religious climax, where all the human 'millions,' in a general embrace, find joy in universal brotherhood and so rise to the conception of the Father, sounded musical and true. Always excepting the lamented Parepa-Rosa, who seemed made for such a part, no soprano has been found here more competent to the extremely trying soaring passages than Mrs. Smith; and indeed the whole quartet were remarkably successful, even in that fourfold, flowery, long cadenza near the end. It was a triumphant feat of chorus singing, — rather say choral service, — for the singers threw themselves into it with some devotion, in a whole-souled way; and so, with such an orchestra besides, the audience could not but be greatly stirred and lifted up."

THIRD DAY. *Thursday, May 7.* The afternoon concert was of great interest. It began with a fine performance under Mr. Thomas of Gluck's *Iphigenia* overture, with Wagner's ending. Then Haydn's tenor song, "In native worth," from the *Creation*, well sung by Mr. Varley, preceded the first of three short choral works, which formed the chief attraction of the programme. This was the beautiful motet by Mendelssohn, "Hear my prayer," for soprano solo and chorus, accompanied only by the organ as the composer wrote; the orchestral accompaniment, which some one else has put to it, is sometimes rather a disturbance than a help to the pure, delicate impression of the work. The motet was first introduced in Boston in some concerts of a private club by Mr. Otto Dresel; a few years later it was given by the Parker Club. The solo part was admirably suited to Miss Wynne; in nothing all the week, with the exception of some things in *Judas*, did she produce a more delightful impression. The agonized petition, "The enemy shouteth," and the cry of distress, "My heart is sorely pained," were given with a thrilling pathos; and the sweet, soaring melody, "Oh for the wings of a dove," was heavenly. The choral answers and accompaniment were nicely sung.

After the scena, "Che faró," from Gluck's *Orfeo*, finely sung by Miss Cary, came the second choral work, heard here for the first time in full, with orchestra and grand chorus, Mendelssohn's unfinished oratorio, *Christus*. These fragments indicate a grand design, — a work, perhaps, which would have surpassed *Elijah* or *St. Paul*. They were composed in Switzerland in the summer of 1847, only a few months before his death, when he had not recovered from the fatal shock of his beloved sister's death. The plan of the oratorio was laid out on a grand scale; it was to be in three parts, "The Career on Earth, the Descent into Hell, the Ascent to Heaven." In the thematic catalogue these fragments, all relating to the earthly career, are divided into first and second part. To Part I., which has the

glow of hope and prophecy, belong, first, the trio for tenor and two basses, of the wise men from the East, "Say, where is he born? We have seen his star," which is strikingly beautiful, and was finely sung by Messrs. W. J. and J. F. Winch and Mr. Whitney; then a noble chorus, "There shall a star from Jacob come forth," ending with the old German choral, "How sweetly shines the morning star!" in plain note-for-note harmony. These "star" fragments shone in sweet, pure radiance in the excellent performance. The pieces of Part II. are *Passion* music. They consist of a few sentences of narrative recitative for a tenor voice, and a number of accusing, angry choruses of Jews (*turbæ*), "He saith he is Jesus," "He stirreth up the Jews," "Away with him and give Barabbas to us!" — all very vivid and exciting, reaching their climax in "Crucify him," which is a chorus of appalling power. Very strong, too, is the short inexorable one, "We have a sacred law," etc. These harsh pictures are at length relieved by a sweet, tender lamentation, the chorus, "Daughters of Zion, weep," in which simple passages for the sopranos and altos in thirds alternate with full chorus, — a very lovely composition, sure of sympathetic audience when so well sung as it was then. The last of the fragments is a choral harmonized in four parts for the male voices, "He leaves his heavenly portals." The *Christus* made a deep impression.

A new work by one of our own composers, Mr. Dudley Buck, the *Forty-sixth Psalm*, closed the concert. The same psalm inspired the famous hymn and melody by Luther, "*Ein' feste Burg.*" But Mr. Buck has treated all the eleven verses of the psalm in the extended and broad form of composition with which we have become familiar mostly through the psalms by Mendelssohn, though earlier examples, under the titles of cantatas, anthems, etc., abound in the works of Bach and Handel. He employs full chorus, solo voices, and orchestra. In portioning out the different sentences, with their contrasts of sentiment, among the various vocal forms of air, quartet, chorus, etc., he has shown tact and judgment. Mr. Buck's work was somewhat light and popular in style, but nearly always pleasing, musical, felicitous, if not very original in thoughts or very skilful in the treatment. It made a good impression, and confirmed the good opinion of his talent which prevailed before. The fourth verse, "There is a river," consists of a soprano solo, which was sung with fervor and with good expression by Mrs. Julia Houston West, followed first by a quartet of sopranos and altos, then (to a new verse), "God is in the midst of her," by a quartet of tenors and basses, and then by both parties combined in a double quartet recalling the words, "There

is a river." The quartet seemed cleverly wrought, the solo melodious, not particularly imaginative or deep in feeling, a little operatic like the modern Italian sacred music. A strong declamatory recitative, "The heathen raged," was grandly delivered by Mr. J. F. Winch. Mr. Nelson Varley made the best of an elaborate tenor solo, "O come hither." And a quartet, "Be still then," made an agreeable impression as sung by Mrs. West, Miss Cary, Mr. Varley, and Mr. Whitney.

The evening of that day was devoted to a full rehearsal of Prof. Paine's *St. Peter*.

FOURTH DAY. *Friday, May 8.* The third of the afternoon concerts attracted a goodly audience, but not a paying one. This, unfortunately, was the case with all the afternoon concerts, with the exception of the one occasion on which choral works were given. The programme this time offered some of the best classical works for orchestra, offset in very sharp contrast by some of the characteristic and (to many) questionable things by Liszt and Wagner, the whole agreeably relieved by songs.

1. Overture to *Coriolanus* *Beethoven.*
2. Aria: "My heart, ever faithful" *J. S. Bach.*

MISS EDITH WYNNE.

3. Symphony, No. 1, in B flat *Schumann.*
- *4. A *Faust* overture *Wagner.*
5. Romanza, "I greet thee now," from Rückert, Op. 20,
No. 1 *Schubert.*

MR. GEORGE L. OSGOOD.

6. Adagio, from *The Men of Prometheus* *Beethoven.*
7. Welsh Songs. *a*, "The Missing Boat"; *b*, "A gentle
maid in secret sighed."

MISS EDITH WYNNE.

- *8. Symphonic Poem, *Tasso* *Liszt.*

Mr. Theodore Thomas conducted in the Wagner and Liszt pieces, which could not suffer in performance by this splendid orchestra. Mr. Zerrahn conducted the rest of the concert. Bach's gladsome aria, that rapturous bird song of a heart full of faith, was sung with real feeling and expression by Miss Wynne; and her native Welsh songs had the charm of quaint simplicity and freshness, especially a third one, which she sang for an encore, to Mr. Lockwood's harp accompaniment. Schubert's beautiful and serious romanza, "Sei mir gegrüsst," was so finely sung by Mr. Osgood that he was obliged to repeat it.

The evening brought the great experience of the week,—the first performance in this country of the larger portion—twice as much as we were allowed to have three years before—of BACH'S PASSION MUSIC according to the Gospel of St. Matthew. To give the whole work in a single performance would be neither practicable nor wise. If it is to be produced entire, it should be divided into two concerts on the same day, as it was originally sung in church, Part I. in the morning, and Part II. in the evening service. It called out by far the largest audience, until then, of the Festival, an audience the like of which, considering both character and numbers, and the profound attention paid, had not for many a day been seen in that great Music Hall.

To the effect produced by the elaborate, strange music. now vast and overwhelming, now tender, dreamy, mystical and subtle, now full of deep peace, soothing and refreshing, the newspaper reports of the day bore witness. Their testimony, as well as the deeply interested aspect of the whole audience, of whom not a dozen persons left their seats before they had drunk in the last note of the final chorus, and the expressions of delight and wonder heard on all sides as the crowd poured out, were conclusive as to the decided triumph of the difficult and doubtful undertaking. Of course there were exceptions; there were some who did not get beyond the state of reverent and patient curiosity, of conscientious listening, like a jury on a case which on the whole was but a bore to them; some felt the beauty and the grand repose of the chorals, were startled by the "Lightning" chorus, but found the solos tedious and untuneful, and would have liked them left out like the part of Hamlet. But the general experience was one of unexpected gratification, of a new sense of beauty and of power in music, and of a serene and holy influence, such as, perhaps, no music had ever exercised upon their souls to quite the same degree before. And this was the intrinsic potency of Bach's music. The miracle was wrought by its mere presence, in spite of manifold and serious imperfections in the actual performance. It was not Boston's first experience of the kind. It was through years and years of rude and crude attempts at true interpretation, during our days of small things in the way of instrumental means, that the love of the Beethoven symphonies at last became so rooted in this community. The weak and tentative beginning had first to be made, and even that raised up the nucleus of the larger audience. It was well, therefore, to have made a beginning with the *Passion Music*; the effort was rewarding both to those who sang and those who listened. In that imperfect undertaking a new love was planted, and

it will grow and be abiding. The imperfections, in spite of which the *Passion Music* took at once so strong a hold upon so many hearing it for the first time, were chiefly these:—

1. Those due to the want of full rehearsal. There had been frequent and careful rehearsals of the chorus by itself; doubtless, too, the several solo singers had spent earnest private study upon their unwonted tasks; there had been at the most one or two trials of the solos with the orchestra. But the bringing together of all the elements of so immense and difficult a work had been risked upon a single chance, and that in the presence of a large audience paying for admission, a nervous and unenviable predicament for the soloists, who, either on their own account or that of the orchestra, had frequently to be stopped and made to repeat passages or entire arias. The defect from this cause was most apparent in the orchestra, which, had it even been a perfect one, could not be at home in music of so unusual a character, requiring to be fitted with such nice and delicate discrimination, in all details of rhythm, phrasing, accent, light and shade and color, to the vocal melody, particularly to the melodic fragments of the accompanied recitative.

2. The inadequacy of solo singers; not to be wondered at, considering the difficulty and the unwonted character of all the melody. Even Miss Wynne, with her sweet voice, her exquisite delivery, and deep, pure feeling, was not always equal to this music. More than once, in the accompanied recitative, which requires to be given in strict time, she was out of time, partly through the fault of the orchestra (in regard to accent, phrasing, over-loudness, etc.). But the aria, "Never will my heart refuse thee," was beautifully sung. And in the latter part, that divinely lovely aria, "From love unbounded," with its delicate accompaniment of merely a flute obligato and two clarinets, was given with the truest feeling. It was in the preceding recitative, "He hath done only good to all," that voice and instruments failed to agree; and yet the singer put dramatic fire into it. Miss Phillipps was least of all herself in the contralto airs. She evidently approached the task with much misgiving; and though she doubtless felt the beauty, depth, and tenderness of the music, she would not of her own choice have sung it publicly before she could wear its forms as easily as she did those of music she had sung for years. In the great aria, "O pardon me" (*Erbarme dich*), she was out of tune, and the whole rendering was lifeless. Mr. Listemann's playing of the violin obligato, however, lent considerable interest to it. In her first aria, "Grief and pain," she was much more successful. In that aria we have an instance of

Bach's tendency to "picture music," which with most composers is mechanical and false. But here, when the violin staccato phrases imitate the dropping of tears; again in the tearful appoggiaturas in "O pardon me," and in the duet, "Alas! my Jesus now is taken," it is all unconscious on Bach's part, and only shows the vividness of his imagination all alive through his intensity of feeling. This duet before the thunder and lightning chorus was touching and beautifully rendered.

The largest measure of success among the solo singers was achieved by Mr. Wm. J. Winch, whose task was the most arduous of all, both in its amount and its peculiar difficulty. All the tenor recitatives, both of the narrative portion (*recitativo secco*) and the accompanied and more melodic, like "O Grief!" (with chorus), called for all the voice (mostly in the higher range) and all the understanding, feeling, carefully studied method, which the most experienced tenor could bring to their interpretation. He had the voice, and he had faithfully learned his part so as to give all at least correctly, oftentimes with much expression and dramatic power. As a vocalist he had been studying to some purpose. The beautiful, but very trying aria, "I'll watch with my dear Jesu alway," where the oboe exquisitely leads off with the melody, and where the soothing and refreshing chorus, "So slumber," keeps stealing back under continually new forms of polyphonic harmony, made really a deep impression. In the narrative recitative the crisp, dry chords were struck by Mr. Dresel on an upright piano, which was far more reassuring to the singer than to have them, as in the rehearsal, tardily reach him from the distant organ; moreover every such contrast in the character of tone relieves the ear in such a work. There were dignity and grandeur, as well as good and even execution, albeit too much inert weight, in Mr. Whitney's rendering of the bass arias, "Gladly will I, all resigning," and that with the violin solo, after Judas has cast down the silver pieces, "Give me back my dearest master." The latter he had made in some degree his own by singing it in concerts. His delivery also of the recitatives, the Master's words, was impressive, and yet needed much of tenderness and delicacy, as in the scene of the supper. Mr. Rndolphsen gave an intelligent, artistic rendering of the air, "Come, blessed cross!" in the last part, with the florid violoncello obbligato, as well as some fragments of the recitative in the part of Judas.

The wonder, on the whole, was that the solos went so well, and that so many strange long arias, in a style so remote from all the habits formed by singers of our day,—a style for which even Han-

del is no preparation, — he so classic, Bach so Gothic, — should after all have interested so many of the audience so deeply as they did. Enough was learned by that experience to show that this is music well worth all the study it may cost.

3. In the matter of selection and abridgment perhaps better judgment might have been used. The problem was a difficult one (how best to compress three hours into two hours), and the best solution was only to be found out by experience. Looking back after the performance, it became clear enough that the long series of solos in Part II. would have been much relieved by the interspersing of a few more chorals (always so refreshing), and by some of those short, quick, stirring, and exciting "*turbæ*," angry choruses of Jews, which would have enlivened the whole thing. The great figured choral at the end of Part I., too, was a serious loss, musically, although dramatically the first part ends well with the taking of Jesus and the imprecation of heaven's "lightnings and thunders" by the outraged disciples. The opening alto aria with chorus in Part II., "Ah! now is my Jesu gone," and "Whither has thy friend departed?" so romantic in its tone, as if from the Song of Solomon, would have supplied another element of fresh variety and contrast. Again, instead of Mr. Whitney's first bass aria, the last one in the work, preceded by the recitative, "At eventide, cool hour of rest," a great favorite in Germany, would have made more impression. So, too, it was a pity to lose the first of the soprano arias, "Only bleed," and the alto air with chorus, "Look where Jesus beck'ning stands." But in a year or two should we not hear it *all*, given in two performances, say on the morning and evening of Good Friday?

The great impression was made by the choruses. Their sublimity and beauty, their great variety, now of dramatic vividness and now of sweetest tenderness and tranquillizing rest, were felt by all. The rendering, even of the most difficult, was indeed a triumph of hard, patient study; bating now and then a fault of tempo or of shading, it was all reasonably good. The colossal opening double chorus, "Come, ye daughters, weep for anguish," was overwhelming, although the movement was a bit too fast. As the broad rhythm, begun by the double orchestra, streamed onward, choir answering choir, and finally the *soprano ripieno* (clearly given out in unison from the upper balcony by about sixty boys from the Rice School) came in with the intermittent lines of the choral, "O Lamb of God," which seemed to bind the whole vast fabric together, there was a sense of sublimity and awe experienced, such as the audience had hardly

dreamed of. What much contributed to this success was the advantage offered by our noble Music Hall, for the effective placing and displaying of all these forces, over nearly every hall, and surely every church in Europe. The two or three short colloquial choruses of disciples, which soon followed, quaint, complex in the interweaving of the parts, but graphic, full of life, were clearly and successfully achieved. Nothing more beautiful, more tenderly affecting, is there in the whole work than the repeated intervention of the chorus in the tenor solo, "O Grief," and the following aria, "I'll watch," etc.; there the voices blended exquisitely, and the consoling, heavenly, ever-varied harmony, swelling and dying into *pianissimo*, held every heart entranced. Then, of course, "Ye lightnings, ye thunders," was as startling and stupendous as before, and had to be repeated; unfortunately the effect is weakened by breaking the dramatic connection, by not repeating also the whole scene from the beginning of the preceding duet, with the little spasmodic bursts of chorus, "Leave Him," "Bind Him not," etc. Here, too, the Franz instrumentation, and the great organ, played by Mr. Lang, lent new intensity and overwhelming grandeur.

With the exception of the chorals, of which it only need be said that every one of the too few that were sung was a pure moment of the most solemn, sweet refreshment, and that the harmony with which Bach has clothed them has in it a certain hallowed, self-renewing charm, of which no other composer, not even Mendelssohn, seems to have fully caught the secret, — the chorus did not have to come in again until they were called upon to sing those wonderful two measures, "Truly this was the Son of God," after that thrilling piece of scenic recitative, "Behold! the veil of the temple was rent," for his grand declamation of which Mr. Winch won signal credit, for it is a passage of tremendous difficulty. Then came the tender and unspeakably beautiful responses, "My Jesu, good night," to the alternate sentences of solo by each of the four voices, beginning with the bass, "The Lord has lain him down to rest"; and then the incomparable, the holy final double chorus, the farewell of the disciples at the tomb of Jesus, full of sadness and yet fuller of deep peace and rest for weary souls. The time was taken slower, properly so, than in former renderings; but there was still room for improvement in the alternation of moderately loud and soft; to the "Rest thee softly" of the first chorus the second should have answered *pianissimo* with "Softly rest."

FIFTH DAY. *Saturday, May 9.* A day well filled up with music, — three performances. At noon an organ concert, by the organist of

the Society and of the Festival, Mr. B. J. Lang, who interpreted the following programme:—

1. Fantaisie in G *Bach.*
2. Organ Sonata, No. 4, in B flat, Op. 65 *Mendelssohn.*
3. Improvisation.
4. Transcription for organ of Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise* Symphony, three movements.

The audience was small, as all organ audiences are apt to be, at least in Boston; but for those present it was an hour of tranquil, soulful, rich enjoyment. Bach and Mendelssohn had been heard through the medium of that great organ much too seldom for some time before. The Fantaisie by Bach was always one of Mr. Lang's happiest selections, and he knew how to make its beauty, depth, and grandeur felt. His combinations and contrasts of registers in the Mendelssohn Sonata, and in the three symphonic movements of the *Hymn of Praise* were excellent, and the whole treatment gave a clear and just conception of both compositions,—although no organ and no organ playing can replace an orchestra.

The fourth afternoon concert was listened to by an immense crowd (largely composed of members of the chorus and their guests). We are only able to record the programme, of which the numbers bearing stars were conducted by Mr. Thomas:—

1. Overture to the *Magic Flute* *Mozart.*
 2. "Shadow Song," from *Dinorah* *Meyerbeer.*
- MRS. H. M. SMITH.
- *3. Symphony, *Lenore* *Raff.*
 4. Overture to *Genoveva* *Schumann.*
 - *5. Aria, "In questa tomba oscura" *Beethoven.*
- MR. MYRON W. WHITNEY.
- *6. Scherzø, *La Reine Mab, ou La Fée des Songes* *Berlioz.*
 7. Scena, "Softly sighs," from *Der Freyschütz* *Weber.*
- MISS EDITH WYNNE.
- *8. Kaiser Marsch *Wagner.*

In the evening the oratorio, *St. Peter*, by John Knowles Paine, was presented for the first time in Boston, after having been given only once before, namely, in the composer's native city, Portland, Maine. The old Society had taken up this serious and formidable effort of a young American composer in good earnest and with a strong desire to find the promise of its most partial eulogists fulfilled. Nearly as much time was given to the rehearsal of its choruses as to that of all

the other choral pieces of the Festival together; and it was serious up-hill work,—more work than recreation. Indeed it was a common complaint among the singers that, in many of the choruses, the music did not help them, did not inspire them, take them up and carry them along with it, by that sort of charm which made the difficulties of Bach, for instance, or of Mendelssohn, or Handel, or even the Ninth Symphony, melt away before them to their own surprise. But finally the task was mastered, and depression gave way to a glad and buoyant sense of power. It was a trying position for Mr. Paine's work to be placed thus immediately between the master works of Bach and Handel; held up in so strong a light, any new work might well have shrunk and shrivelled into nothingness; that it survived the exposure was evidence of power and merit in it. The same juxtaposition also might account for the audience not being so large as was hoped; three elaborate oratorios in three successive evenings could not but suggest fatigue to many, and few were willing to forego Bach or Handel. Mr. Paine's subject was not altogether an inspiring one; for Peter is the central figure only in that which constitutes the outward, formal, and exclusive phase of Christianity,—church Christianity ("Upon this rock," etc.),—whereas Bach and Handel go to the heart of the matter and bring out its human, universal import. Yet he had no lack of interesting themes for illustration. Four principal scenes out of the life of the apostle find a certain unity, although not dramatic, in their connection with the beginning of the Christian "movement" in history. The oratorio is in two parts, of which the first includes "The Divine Call," ending with the chorus, "The Church is built," and "The Denial and Repentance." Part Second treats of the "Ascension" (Christ's reappearance to the disciples), and the thrilling scene of the "Pentecost."

Without attempting to describe or criticise the work itself, the composition, which had many musician-like, impressive numbers in it, was wholly free from slavish imitation, thoroughly in earnest, sometimes quite dramatic, sometimes showing depth of feeling, and which as a whole won respect if not admiration, we must confine ourselves to its relations with the Society that sang it. The choruses, very various in form and character, had been well studied and were mostly well sung. There is a large share of solo music, both aria and recitative. Each of the four voices has at least two arias; the bass, in the character of St. Peter, more; these, being naturally the most important, were given with good effective style and just expression by Mr. Rudolphsen. First, a song of gladness, after the divine call; then an air of deep remorse and supplication, "My God, forsake me not,"

after the denial. Again, after the gift of tongues, the solemn exhortation, "Ye men of Judea," to which the emphatic iteration of three notes in the accompaniment seems to enforce attention before he proceeds to recite at length the wonders foretold by the prophet Joel, all in a highly dramatic and excited strain, with splendor of elaborate instrumentation. Some of Peter's recitative, as rendered by the singer, was highly characteristic, as where he reproduces the phrase of the first chorus, "Repent," and in the scene of the Denial, and in the answers to the Saviour's question, "Lovest thou me?"

The words of Jesus are given to the tenor, and one of the sweetest and purest of all the arias is, "Let not your heart be troubled." Mr. Varley, although suffering from fatigue, sang it with fine expression; and he was very happy in the dialogue, "Feed my lambs." The soprano and contralto arias suffered somewhat for the want of more rehearsals with the orchestra; but both Mrs. West and Miss Phillipps acquitted themselves conscientiously and sang with feeling. The first soprano air, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me," is melodious, and rises to brilliant energy at the words "Proclaim liberty to the captives." The other aria, sung by Mrs. West, "O man of God, be strong, . . . put on the whole armor of God," etc., is a swift, bold, declamatory strain, giving plenty of opportunity for sustained high tones, and made a quickening effect. Of the contralto airs, there was much unaffected, sweet and quiet pathos in the last one, "As for man his days are as grass," which was touchingly rendered by Miss Phillipps.

The chorus singers and the audience, when they came to sing in *St. Peter*, and to hear it *as a whole*, liked it much better than they were prepared to. At all events respect is due to the first earnest effort on so great a scale, and giving such proofs of ability, by an American composer who was then a young man.

SIXTH DAY. *Sunday Evening, May 10.* Like all the Festivals and all the years of the Society, this third Triennial had its proper close with the *Messiah* and a most crowded audience. The receipts were nearly \$4,000. There was the same excellent quartet of solo artists as on the opening night.

Artistically, musically, the Festival was a great success; but not pecuniarily. A loss of \$4,400 (about ten per cent) had to be assessed upon the guarantors. This result, however, was better than that of the preceding Festival. The loss was chiefly in the afternoon concerts. But probably the real reason was that the Festival was so long and the performances so frequent, that the strain upon attention, and the continuous excitement, were more than most people, were

they ever so musical, could well endure. Why should we, in this busy country, attempt to go beyond the musical festivals abroad, which seldom, if ever, last more than three days?

The common mistake of not letting well enough alone was unfortunately exemplified in an extra performance given on Monday evening, when the popular *Elijah* disappointed expectation in regard to audience. The soloists, Mr. John F. Winch, as Elijah, Miss Wynne, Miss Phillipps, and Mr. Varley, were equal to their parts. But this is not to be counted as part of the Festival.

CHAPTER XI.

SIXTIETH SEASON.

MAY 25, 1874, TO MAY 31, 1875.

A FEW days before the annual meeting of the Society, the board of directors met and voted to pay Carl Zerrahn \$1,000 for his services as conductor, and B. J. Lang, \$400 as organist, of the Festival. The loss was reported at \$4,238, and it was voted to levy ten per cent upon the guaranty of \$44,000; also to call on the trustees of the permanent fund for one year's income. Thanks were voted to Mr. Theodore Thomas, to the Harvard Musical Association for the gratuitous loan of music; to John Amory Lowell, Esq., for the gratuitous use of the Lowell Institute hall for the convenience of the chorus; to Mr. J. B. Sharland for gratuitous services in training the boy chorus for the *Passion Music*; and to the Apollo Club for the gratuitous use of a room for meetings of the board.

The annual meeting was held May 25, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President. — LORING B. BARNES.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — W. F. BRADBURY.

Directors. — J. H. STICKNEY, D. L. LAWS, W. O. PERKINS, G. W. WARREN, M. G. DANIELL, R. BEECHING, J. S. SAWYER, F. H. JENKS.

We find no treasurer's report. The president, L. B. Barnes, presented an extended report covering the whole progress and condition of the Society for the year then past, and dwelling with pardonable pride upon the great achievement of the third Triennial Festival. He said that weekly meetings for rehearsal had been held from the first Sunday of October until the Festival, with the exception of the two evenings on which the only public performances of the season were given. Later in the season there were many extra rehearsals, in some instances every evening in the week. The average attendance for the twenty-eight regular weekly rehearsals had been nearly

four hundred; the average for all the forty-six evenings had been one hundred less. The president here emphasized the importance of a more punctual and uniform attendance of rehearsals, and spoke of several points of discipline and of performance in which the habits of the chorus were still too lax. Sixty-seven members (gentlemen) had been suspended, only eleven of whom had been reinstated. The remaining fifty-six were liable to discharge at any time, and while they stood suspended were debarred from all participation in the business or rehearsals of the Society. Fifty-one had been discharged for non-attendance, and seven had voluntarily withdrawn from membership. Many ladies, too, had been suspended under a special rule of the board.

Mr. Barnes next enumerated a list of valuable members who had died since the last annual meeting: "George Hews, who joined the society in 1830, and who served it faithfully, whether in or out of office, having occupied many positions in its government, and whose name may be found in the list of vice-presidents from 1854 to 1858; James Sharp, who was enrolled as a member but a short time after the organization of the Society, the record showing Oct. 15, 1816, as the date of his admission, and who also filled most honorably many positions of responsibility in the board of government, who never allowed any meeting of the Society, called for business purposes, to pass without being present if it was possible for him, and whose words of wisdom on such occasions will long be remembered by his associates; Dexter Bowker, a member from 1846; Jarvis Lothrop, who joined in 1837; Charles W. Lovett, whose name first appears in 1825, and who was a prominent vocalist in the Society for many years thereafter, and was subsequently honored with the votes of the Society, which placed him at its head for the years 1834 and 1835; Jubal Howe, admitted to membership in 1822, and Lewis Pierce, in 1820. All good and true men, and who ever regarded the interests of the Society of paramount importance to that of any individual."

The report proceeds: "Candidates for admission to the chorus are requested to go before a committee on examination of voices, which committee is appointed by the president from among the members composing the board of government. Such candidates are expected to read ordinarily difficult music at sight, besides showing the possession of good voices and general familiarity with the requirements of choir or chorus singing.

"The number, of both sexes, who have passed such examination and who have been admitted during the past year is *seventy*. Of this number *twenty-five* were gentlemen and *forty-five* were ladies."

After further remarks in praise of the last Festival and its remarkable programme, with especial congratulation on the great step gained in bringing out at last so large a portion of Bach's *Passion Music*, and after warmly thanking the Thomas orchestra, the solo singers, the conductor, and the organist, for their invaluable services, the president spoke of several practical matters, such as the manifestly great improvement in the manner of seating the singers on the stage, the fixtures for which were stored away for future use; the financial result, from which he argued no discouragement; and the suggestion of a scheme of "associate membership," in view of the need of a larger and more expensive hall for rehearsals, where those who might desire to attend them as listeners might do so on payment of an annual sum.

This project was further discussed at meetings of the board in June and July, and it was finally recommended that the new Beethoven Hall in Washington Street should be engaged for the purpose if a sufficient number of paying associates could be secured. A circular of invitation was sent out, stating the need of 500 associates at \$10 each per annum, which sum should entitle them to two admissions each to all rehearsals besides one public oratorio. But as it appeared in the beginning of September that only 105 such subscribers had been obtained, the proprietor of Beethoven Hall offered to grant a discount on the rent, and it was voted to engage the hall for one year at \$2,500. On the 17th of September it was voted by the Society to change the title "Board of Directors" to "Board of Government."

The rehearsals were resumed Oct. 4, with *St. Paul*, which was continued nearly until December, when that and the *Messiah* were rehearsed until Christmas. Oct. 21, the board of government combined business and social pleasure at Taft's famous hotel at Point Shirley, when a poem was read by W. O. Perkins, celebrating the eminent virtues of individual members of the board. The rehearsals were transferred to the new Beethoven Hall on Sunday evening, Nov. 1, and there had their home throughout the following year. The hall was 95 feet long, 65 feet wide, and 41 feet high. The stage, which was partly in an arched recess, had a front of 40 feet, and was 20 feet deep. There were roomy balconies on the sides and rear, almost doubling the seating capacity. The associate members sat in the balconies. For some time the chorus singers could not feel at home there; they "had n't got the hang of the school-house." But they soon became accustomed to the place.

The Christmas oratorios were given Dec. 26 and 27. On Saturday evening the *Messiah*, with a chorus of 400 and an orchestra of 44.

Seldom were the choruses more satisfactorily delivered. The soprano recitatives and arias were intrusted to Mrs. H. M. Smith, whose pure and brilliant voice and fine execution only needed something more of sympathetic fervor. Miss Drasdil, whose very rich and powerful tones possessed a certain dramatic and magnetic quality, felt in her whole style of song and declamation, produced a deep impression in the contralto airs. Mr. W. J. Winch in the tenor, and Mr. J. F. Winch in the bass solos, did their best. In *St. Paul*, on Sunday evening, Mr. J. F. Winch (whose voice had grown husky during the *Messiah*) was wholly unable to appear, and his place was supplied at a few hours' notice by Dr. E. C. Bullard,* who, in the trying circumstances, did himself great credit, by the refinement of his style, his musical, expressive voice, and the quick intelligence with which he read and rendered so much music which was comparatively new to him. His chief lack of resources was in the deep bass tones. Miss Abbie Whinery sang the soprano air, "Jerusalem," with great beauty of voice and style, and with true, unaffected feeling. All her singing had that sympathetic and appreciative quality, though the middle portion of her voice was sometimes weak and tremulous, while in the highest tones it was clear and strong as well as sweet. Mrs. Sawyer, in the contralto pieces, was effective, and showed thoughtful study, but somewhat at the expense of that simplicity which had won her audience before. Mr. W. J. Winch again took the tenor solos, and with eminent success. The choruses had justice done them.

1875. The year began with rehearsal of choruses from Handel's *Joshua*, followed by Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise* and "Hear my Prayer," and Dudley Buck's *Forty-sixth Psalm*. All these were sung in a concert given Feb. 6 to the associate members. In the psalm, "God is our refuge," Miss Whinery sang with her usual refinement and truth of feeling; and Mr. George Simpson was the same sweet-toned, true, and even tenor singer as of old. Mr. J. F. Winch made the most of the strong and telling bass solo, "The heathen raged," etc., which, and the double quartet, were the chief triumphs in the performance. Next came the motet, "Hear my prayer," in which Mrs. Houston West surprised all by the rejuvenated freshness of her soprano tones. "O for the wings of a dove," both solo and subdued chorus, went beautifully. The one novelty of the programme was the fine florid soprano aria from *Joshua*, "Oh, had I Jubal's lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice," which Miss Whinery executed to a charm. She was obliged to repeat it, and no one felt disposed to quarrel with

* Died April 13, 1889.

the encore. Gounod's "Nazareth" was superbly sung by J. F. Winch with chorus; indeed he rivalled Santley in his broad, even, and sustained delivery of that simple but majestic Christmas ballad. With the swelling choral harmonies, together with orchestra and organ, the climax at the end was really almost sublime.

The *Hymn of Praise* formed the second part of the concert. The three symphonic movements were fairly rendered, and the choruses were given, almost without exception, with precision, light and shade, and grand effect. Mrs. West seldom appeared to more advantage; her delivery of the prophetic announcement, "The night is departing, departing!" revived the old thrill of the first time when she gave it with such startling splendor at that memorable concert in honor of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation (Jan. 1, 1863). She and Miss Whinery entered fully into the spirit of the duet, "I waited for the Lord." Mr. Simpson's voice, style, and intelligence did very nearly full justice to the dramatic tenor solos in the "Watchman" scene, etc.; Mr. Zerrahn conducted with his usual firm control; and Mr. Lang drew from the great reservoir of organ tones, where needed, with judicious hand. This concert resulted in a loss of about \$800.

At the regular rehearsal, Feb. 28, the president announced the death, in London, of a member of the Society, rapidly acquiring eminence as a basso singer, Mr. Julius E. Perkins, a younger brother of Mr. W. O. Perkins. The sad news came by cable despatch from Mr. Myron W. Whitney, then in London. Mr. Perkins had, for several years before leaving for his studies abroad, been a member of the Society, and his name was still retained on its rolls. He left this country at about the age of twenty-two, studied first at the Conservatoire in Paris, thence went to Milan, where he placed himself under the best masters for a term of years, and then to Florence, where he studied with the celebrated Vannuccini. When he returned to London the operatic impresario, Mr. Mapleson, was not slow in discovering his worth, and at the time of his death he was fulfilling an engagement of six years, only two of which had expired. His age was then but little short of thirty, and even with his short musical career he had few rivals. The members of the Society had pleasant recollections of him in the chorus.

For an Easter oratorio (March 28), Haydn's *Creation*, which had slept for four years, was once more revived with its unbroken flow of melody, its contrapuntally woven choruses, and its graphic instrumentation. Welcome Father Haydn! Welcome Music! many felt who were tired of seeking it in the Wagnerian extracts with which concert

rooms were at that time so rife. The choruses were well sung. The principal soprano was Mme. Jennie Van Zandt, whose pure, strong, evenly developed voice, and fluent, facile execution were well suited to the melodious strains. She sang them charmingly, although now and then she did not seem to be entirely at home in the oratorio; and in the great aria, "On mighty pens," she indulged in such operatic prima donna tricks of effect as pitching the note up an octave and holding it out, or protracting the tone on the word "coo-ing," through many measures longer than the music or the sense required. Fortunately these stereotyped *effects* fell dead upon the audience. Mr. W. J. Winch and Mr. J. F. Winch sang the tenor and bass solos very acceptably. That concert yielded a profit of about seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Haydn's other vocal masterpiece, the *Seasons*, was next placed in rehearsal, for seven evenings, until Wednesday evening, April 28, when it was given for the first time here entire. An eager audience nearly filled the Music Hall, yet it resulted in a loss of \$400. The chorus numbered four hundred and fifty, the orchestra thirty-seven. Though not so great a work, the *Seasons* had the charm of greater novelty compared with the *Creation*. The orchestral preludes and accompaniment are exquisite, but suffered somewhat in performance, sounding thin and coarse, and showing need of more rehearsal; yet portions enough were so fairly rendered that it did not spoil the general impression of the work. The choruses were for the most part finely sung, surprising many of the listeners by their great variety of power and beauty, their poetic suggestiveness, their vivid imaginative characterization. The familiar "Come, gentle Spring," with its fine contrast of female and male voices, was charmingly sung. Few things could be more impressive than the "deep, tremendous voice" of the thunder-storm chorus, prepared as it was by music most expressive of the heat and languor of the summer, especially the recitative immediately preceding, through which "a boding silence reigns," with the more bodeful rumble of the deep sub-bass of the organ, until the voices burst forth and "to its foundations the solid globe is shook." If this chorus fell short of the expectation raised in the beginning, it was partly owing to the cutting out of much of the middle portion; the storm was incomplete. In the "Autumn" we had the strong chorus in praise of industry; the ringing, echoing hunting chorus, full of vigor, likewise suggestively introduced by fragments of recitative and snatches of figurative instrumentation, which almost make one see the pack of hounds on scent. Then, best of all, the "Wine Chorus," with its episodic bagpipe and dance movement

(exquisite dance melody for an old man of seventy). But this, too, was weakened by the omission of some of the finest music in the middle, whereby the piece lost its symmetry, and the great climax at the end its justification. In the fourth part, "Winter," there was the fascinating minor chorus of the "Spinning Wheel," alternating with soprano solo, full of serious suggestion. The final chorus, "The everlasting gates of life," has grandeur, but it was made to jump to its conclusion by leaving out the middle portion, which is a fugue, not perhaps a great one, but a good one. Putting head and tail together does not make a body. Brevity, of course, was the motive for these cuts, for the work is very long.

The solos, duets, trios, so many and so beautiful, were admirably sung. Miss Henrietta Beebe, of New York, had just the voice, the execution, and the culture for the soprano melody, which is full of delicate embellishment, and sometimes brilliant. We may name, among other numbers, the long descriptive recitative, "O, welcome now, ye groves," and the air which follows it, "O, how pleasing to the senses." Mr. W. J. Winch sang the tenor solos in good voice and taste; particularly the recitative and cavatina describing the sultry midsummer heat; and afterwards, in opposite contrast, the "Winter" picture of the traveller lost in the snow-storm, where the *staccato* figures of the violins seem to fill the air with fluttering flakes. Equally welcome was the grand bass of Mr. M. W. Whitney, just arrived from London on a short visit home, who gave a most satisfactory rendering of the part of Simon.

Thus sweetly closed, with two melodious evenings of Haydn, another musical season. At a meeting of the board, May 12, the income of the permanent fund was once more required, and the treasurer was authorized to raise by notes \$1,500, or what might be needed to cover the indebtedness of the Society. Mr. Zerrahn's salary for the past year was fixed at \$500, and that of Mr. Lang at \$300.

SIXTY-FIRST SEASON.

MAY 31, 1875, TO MAY 29, 1876.

The annual meeting was held May 31. The treasurer's report showed the expenditures for the year to have been \$10,666.17, the income \$10,207; leaving a deficit of \$459.17. It was voted to assess each member \$5, and withdraw the note for \$1,500. President L. B. Barnes, who had declined the nomination for re-election, pre-

sented a report giving an interesting résumé of the Society's history, and speaking particularly of his own relations with it, which extended back twenty years; during which period he was secretary fifteen years, director three years, and president four years. During the season there had been thirty-five rehearsals, with an average attendance of 300 members. He thought the Society, as a musical body, was in a better condition than ever before. The deficit shown in the treasurer's report arose, he said, in no degree from losses by concerts, but from the occupation of Beethoven Hall for rehearsals, and the system of associate membership, which had not fulfilled expectation.

With but two or three exceptions the vote for members of the board of government was unanimous, the newly elected president, MR. CHARLES C. PERKINS, receiving the entire ballot for the office, which was eighty votes. The other gentlemen elected are the following:—

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Directors. — W. O. PERKINS, J. S. SAWYER, R. BEECHING, F. H. JENKS, M. G. DANIELL, W. F. BRADBURY, A. H. WILSON, GEORGE T. BROWN.

During the summer and the early autumn the principal themes of interest with the Society were, first, a correspondence (through the medium of Mr. Otto Dresel) with Robert Franz, of Halle, requesting him to prepare for the Society some additional orchestral accompaniments for certain numbers of the *Messiah* which had been left uncompleted by Mozart, and likewise for *Joshua*. The result will appear in the sequel. Second, the expectation of a great prima donna and oratorio singer in the person of Mlle. Teresa Tietjens, who gave her first concert in America in New York, Oct. 4. She was born at Hamburg, of Hungarian parents, some biographers say in 1834, others in 1831. The inscription on her tombstone states that she died in 1877, aged 46. Her voice in childhood gave such promise that she was educated for the lyric stage. She sang for the first time at the Hamburg Opera in 1849, as Lucrezia Borgia, and achieved an immediate success, which was confirmed in Frankfort, and in 1856 in Vienna, where her performance of Valentine in *Les Huguenots* raised her at once to the highest rank. Then Mr. Lumley engaged her for his last season at Her Majesty's Theatre in London, where her impersonation of the same part made "a success which increased with every repetition, and was the first link in that close

union between her and the public which was only to be severed by her death." From that time England became her home. Both Covent Garden and Drury Lane were the scenes of her frequent operatic triumphs, and finally, just before her death, she sang at the new house in the Haymarket. Sir George Grove says of her in his "Dictionary of Musicians":—

"Never was so mighty a soprano voice so sweet and luscious in its tone; like a serene, full light, without dazzle or glare, it filled the largest arena without appearing to penetrate. It had none of a soprano's shrillness or of that peculiar clearness called 'silvery'; when it declined, as it eventually did, in power, it never became wiry. It had a mezzo-soprano quality extending to the highest register, perfectly even throughout, and softer than velvet. Her acting in no way detracted from her singing; she was earnest, animated, forcible, in all she did conscientious and hearty, but not electric. Her style of singing was noble and pure. When she first came to England her rapid execution left much to be desired: it was heavy and imperfect. Fluency and flexibility were not hers by nature, but by dint of hard work she overcame all difficulties, so as to sing with success in the florid music of Rossini and Bellini. Indeed she attempted almost everything, and is perhaps the only singer, not even excepting Malibran, who has sung in such completely opposite rôles as those of Semiramide and Fides. But her performance of light or comic parts was a mere *tour de force*; her true field was grand opera. As Lucrezia, Semiramide, Countess Almaviva, she was great; as Donna Anna and Valentine she was greater; best of all as Fidelio, and as Medea in Cherubini's opera, revived for her and not likely to be forgotten by any who heard it.

"In the *Freischütz*, as in *Fidelio*, her appearance" (she was large and somewhat heavy in figure, but of noble, genial aspect) "was unsuited to her part, but she sang the music as no one else could sing it. . . . Her repertoire also included Leonora (*Trovatore*), the Favorita, Alice, Lucia, Amalia (*Un Ballo in Maschera*), Norma, Pamina, Margherita, Marta, Elvira (*Ernani*), Reiza (*Oberon*), and Iphigenia in Tauris."

A singer of that stamp, living in England, was of course soon drawn also into sacred music: and Tietjens applied herself to the study of oratorio, largely under the advice and teaching of Mme. Rudersdorff, who was warmly her friend during her short stay in Boston. Her services in that field were in continual request. "Perhaps the hardest worked singer who ever appeared, she was also the most faithful and conscientious of artists, never disappointing her public, who knew that her name on the bills was a guaranty against change of programme, or apology for absence through indisposition. No doubt her splendid physique enabled her often to sing with impunity when others could not have done so." But it broke up her constitution in the end.

So much in advance of the coming star of the next Handel and

Haydn concerts. The October rehearsals began with Handel's *Joshua*. Then *Elijah* came to the front again, and was performed with Tietjens, Nov. 8, before an immense audience. The receipts were \$4,600, leaving a profit of \$650. Those were days of proverbial "hard times" in Boston, and yet they were full of unusual musical attractions. Hans von Bülow was giving his first brilliant concerts here; Tietjens and Arabella Goddard also; and there were the symphony concerts of the Harvard Musical Association; and the splendid Theodore Thomas orchestra was close at hand. But the great crowd of satiated and economizing concert goers saved itself for *Elijah* on that Monday evening, given by the Handel and Haydn chorus, 600 strong, with a fine group of soloists besides the glorious soprano. How was expectation rewarded? We read:—

"Every chorus was effective, orchestra and organ helping to good purpose. The quartets, double quartet, and angel trio were exceptionally fine, with such singers to support the great soprano as Miss Anna Drasdil, contralto; Miss Sarah C. Fisher, soprano; Miss Ita Welsh, contralto; Mr. W. J. Winch, tenor; and Mr. J. F. Winch, basso, who joined in these things, besides grandly giving the great rôle of the Prophet. To be sure, Mlle. Tietjens's great organ seemed almost out of proportion to the others, but it did much to steady them; and Miss Drasdil's voice sounded somewhat dry and ineffective in the concerted pieces, her quality of tone not blending very happily with the rest; and in this way only was she heard during the first part; but when she came to the solos in the second part, she gave the vindictive recitative of the queen with great dramatic force and fire, and her singing of "O rest in the Lord" was so touching and so full of feeling, and the tones so rich in their strange individuality, that the whole audience were delighted beyond measure, and that number proved the great hit of the evening. Miss Welsh, who sang most of the angel solos, particularly the air 'Woe, woe unto him,' charmed everybody by her pure style, true, simple feeling, and distinct enunciation, winning a round of applause which seemed to take her by surprise. Her rather light organ is very sweet in quality. Once the voice broke, but she kept on bravely; and once or twice the nervousness betrayed itself by a slight drooping from the pitch; her contribution on the whole, however, was a beautiful success.

"There was no disappointment in Mlle. Tietjens. She was in admirable voice, so that her every tone, especially the highest, rang out as clear and pure as a bell, and with a very sweet, expressive quality. The part of the widow was given with great dramatic intensity; in the answers of the boy sent out to look for signs of rain, the crystal clearness of the tones was thrilling; and in 'Holy, holy,' there was an august and sacred majesty such as we have only heard in Exeter Hall from Mme. Goldschmidt, whose voice, however, at that time, was by no means so well preserved as that of Tietjens is to-day, and who used it not without much more effort. 'Hear ye, Israel,' was superbly rendered, and, but for the fact that it, like all the soprano solos in this oratorio, ends in a chorus, it would have received the great ovation of the evening. If some, hearing her that evening for the first time, were a

little disappointed in finding the voice not quite so sympathetic as some others, they must bear in mind that in *Elijah* the most sympathetic portions of the solo music do not fall to the soprano; nothing like 'O rest in the Lord,' for example. On the whole it was a magnificent performance of *Elijah*, and made that almost too familiar oratorio seem new again."

The great soprano returned to us for the Christmas oratorios. On Saturday, the evening of Christmas, the Music Hall was crammed with listeners to the old Society's *sixty-fifth* performance of the *Messiah*.

Teresa Tietjens sang the great soprano arias gloriously. Her large, rich, thoroughly musical and pure voice was here engaged in the noblest service. She sang with fervor, with right understanding, and with thoroughly artistic, chaste expression. The strong declamatory passages were all given in the noblest style and without overdoing. "Rejoice greatly" welled up from deep springs of unaffected gladness and unflinching opulence and buoyancy of tone; and the second part of it was touched with just the right shade of tender seriousness. In "I know that my Redeemer liveth," there was no forced, defiant declamation, no tedious conventional sentimentality; it was calm, deep, blissful, assured faith; and every phrase and note of the music, every accent and gradation of light and shade, was in accordance with that lofty, sincere mood. Who will live to hear a worthier interpretation of that heavenly music?

Mrs. H. E. Sawyer gave a careful, well-conceived, and graceful rendering of the contralto solos; her singing was more remarkable for tenderness and sweetness, and for a certain even excellence, than for power. Mr. Maas, with a light tenor voice of great sweetness, very pure and even, made a marked impression by his intelligent, artistic, and expressive style, particularly in the pathetic pieces, "Thy rebuke," etc. Into "Thou shalt dash them" he also threw a vigor that was hardly expected of him, achieving a complete success. Mr. Rudolphsen had not all the voice he once had, and some of his bass tones sounded dry; but his style and execution were masterly, making the well-known bass arias uncommonly acceptable.

The chorus was large, but the balance of the four parts not quite so perfect as usual. Strangely the basses were too feeble, while the contralto was the strongest part of all, — a solid, rich, and musical mass of tone. Nearly all of the choral work was done with spirit and with even excellence. A few shortcomings, in such "catchy" choruses as "His yoke is easy," "Let us break their bonds," scarcely disturbed the beautiful and grand impression of the whole.

With success even more signal the *Crentim*, was given the next

evening. Bating some carelessness in the orchestral accompaniment, the choruses (with better balance) went splendidly. The trios, too, were beautifully sung. And the great voice and art of Mlle. Tietjens triumphed in this more flowery and graceful melody as fully as they did in the *Messiah*. One only wondered at some changes of the verbal text, for which no reason was perceptible. Why "On mighty wings," instead of "pens"? Is it not a pleasure to have the original meaning of a word preserved for once in such connection with undying music? *Pen.* from Latin *penna*, which means wing. And what is the objection to the "cooing" of the dove? It is a word expressive of the natural sound, and surely it is a good vowel to sing. Not caring to go back so far as Jenny Lind, we never heard the two great airs more exquisitely sung; and the music of Eve, in the third part, was given with a genuine warmth and tenderness, which had no taint of the weak sentimentality which too often takes its charm away. Mr. Maas sang sweetly and artistically as before, though his voice betrayed exhaustion from previous efforts, or perhaps from a cold. Mr. John F. Winch sang the descriptive bass solos with admirable effect.

The weather was bad both nights. The *Messiah* brought in \$3,600, the expenses being \$2,800. The profit on the two performances was \$1,300.

So far that sixty-first season had spent itself on repetition of three of the most familiar and favorite standard oratorios for which the Society always held itself in readiness, the *Messiah*, the *Creation*, and *Elijah*. A little later the *Hymn of Praise* was brought out again for the farewell of Tietjens. These four might be called the four cornerstones, or the four main columns on which the Society chiefly rested. Perhaps in a few years more it will become safe to add a deeper subfoundation in the shape of the *Passion Music* and the *Christmas Oratorio* of Bach, the first of these already growing into popularity, although not yet completely given.

Rehearsals of *Joshua* and of the *Passion Music* occupied the first three months of 1876. At a meeting of the government, Jan. 12, the president read a letter from Mr. Dresel, presenting a set of additional accompaniments for the *Messiah*, prepared by Robert Franz for the exclusive use of the Society. President Perkins was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Herr Franz and send him a gratuity of \$100 for the service. It was voted to perform the *Passion Music* (not entire) on April 9, and *Joshua* on April 16. About the middle of February, Bach seemed really in the ascendant here in Boston; for at the same time three of his great vocal works were in prepara-

tion ; besides the *Passion*, a church cantata, “ Ich hatte viel Bekümmerniss,” to be sung by the Cecilia in a Harvard symphony concert, and the *Magnificat*, which the Sharland Choral Society were learning for a Thomas concert. In April (9-16) came a week of oratorios : *Passion Music*, *Hymn of Praise*, and *Joshua*.

Sunday evening, April 9, Palm Sunday, witnessed the third performance of Bach's *Passion Music*, — that is to say, of about three fourths of it, considerably more than in the Festival of 1874. The selections were more judicious, and in their connection more effective. The most important additions were a number of those short, vindictive and excited choruses of Jews, taunting and clamoring for crucifixion, which, as representing that many-headed and many-voiced monster, the populace or mob, were formerly called *turbæ*. These are wonderfully constructed double choruses, in eight real parts, with independent orchestral parts besides. They are sudden gusts, whirlwinds of harmony, gone in a moment, but their effect is marvellous, and they enliven the serious, sentimental progress of the work with most vivid dramatic representations of the excited crowd. They are so quickly gone that the hearer has no time to consider the consummate art implied in the intricate yet clearly expressive polyphonic texture of each little piece ; hours seem concentrated in an intense moment. Such are (all in the second part) “ He guilty is of death ” ; “ Tell us, thou Christ, who gave the blow ” ; “ What is that to us ? ” “ Let him be crucified ” ; “ He saved others, himself he cannot save,” etc. ; and the startling, appalling shout (diminished seventh chord) upon the word “ Barabbas,” in answer to the question, “ Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you ? ” This chord was struck with surprising accuracy and unanimity by the whole chorus of five hundred, considering that they had no leading notes. And all these little choruses, requiring the utmost vigilance and self-possession for the attack, were given with spirit and precision, although with not quite the snap of the preceding evening's rehearsal in the smaller hall. Nor should we omit to mention the curious little chorus, in the first part, where the twelve mingle their eager exclamations, “ Lord, is it I ? is it I ? ”

Several arias and recitatives, before omitted, enriched this performance, namely, for soprano (No. 12), “ Only bleed, thou dearest heart ” ; the recitatives relating to Peter's denial ; the tenor recitative, “ He will not speak ” (but *not* the beautiful aria which follows, “ Behold how still, how calm ! ”) ; the alto recitative, “ Great Lord of heaven, here stands the blessed Saviour bound ” (but not the aria to which it leads) ; the alto recitative, “ Ah, Golgotha ” (No. 69), and

aria (with ejaculations of chorus) "Look where Jesus beckoning stands"; finally, that most beautiful bass recitative, "At eventide, cool hour of rest" (not, however, completed by the equally beautiful aria, "Cleanse thee, O my soul").

On the other hand, to make room for these fresh numbers, several of the arias sung before were omitted, besides several of the chorals; indeed only four, out of the fifteen, were given. This was to be regretted for the grand repose they bring at proper moments; their broad, rich, chaste harmonies are so tranquilizing, strengthening, and uplifting to the soul. It is a kind of all-pervading harmony, which seems to flow in (as it were silently) on all sides, from around you and below, like a full tide, to buoy you up to higher life. But it was impossible to give all in a single evening; as it was, it lasted very nearly three hours—hours of intense enjoyment to most of the vast audience apparently, if irksome more or less to not a few; for people differ in their natures and mental conditions, and it is simply a question of experience and time as to Bach's music. Ask the singers who have studied it and in a measure learned it, whether *they* find it dry or tedious. Certain it is, that that whole crowd, with very few exceptions, listened attentively until the last chord was sung. To give the *Passion Music* entire requires two performances, either in the morning and evening of a single day, like Good Friday, or on two successive evenings; that experience we were soon to have.

This performance, on the whole, was a great advance upon the previous renderings. Mr. Zerrahn covered himself with credit by the zeal, the energy, the judgment, with which he had worked the whole matter up; the rehearsals had been urged through with great tact and efficiency, and he conducted as one who had come really to love and feel the music; there was genuine enthusiasm in it. The choruses, almost without exception, were remarkably well sung. We have already spoken of the turbulent choruses of Jews; the short choruses of the disciples, in the first part, also went well,—better than before; the chorals so well that one only wanted more of them. The *great* double choruses, at the beginning and the end, and the exciting "Ye lightnings, ye thunders," made a profound impression. The solos, of course, offered the greatest difficulties. They are all difficult to unaccustomed singers, though they be artists in more modern styles of music; and many of them are difficult to unaccustomed hearers. Our Bach culture is but half begun. The Bach melody is peculiar; one has to become gradually familiar with its forms and steeped in its spirit. It is too serious, too quiet, too sincere, too religiously musical.

and too musically religious, too devoid of modern effects, and it demands too entire a self-surrender of the singer, to make it readily appreciable to all, to any who have not something in their nature that draws them to it by innate affinity. Among our excellent vocalists hardly any had been nurtured upon Bach; those who have been will never find in music more unfailing bread of life. But this time the solo efforts were all creditable, some of them successful in a high degree.

Miss Beebe had many qualifications for the soprano portion, but not all. She had a clear, pure, evenly developed voice, a finished style of execution, and she had studied the music faithfully, approaching the task with reverence and no doubt with diffidence, and yet with courage and determination. It was a conscientious effort, and there can be no denying that she sang well. It is only that neither the character of voice nor her previous musical atmosphere and culture were much in sympathy with Bach; the Bach feeling was not there. And yet there is much to be said in praise of the chaste style and discretion with which she sang the air "Only bleed," and in the plaintive duet which precedes the outburst of the lightning chorus; and the exquisite aria with the flute solo, "From love unbounded."

To Mme. Rudersdorff were assigned the important alto solos in the second part; and here we had an artist of long experience in the Bach school, as well as in all the great schools of vocal art; one who thoroughly understood the music, and who came back to it with strong enthusiasm and with desire to signify her undiminished faith in it, with zeal to convert to it new listeners. Of course her rendering of the great aria, "O pardon me, my God" (*Erbarme dich*), in spite of some unpleasant tones, was a fine lesson for our singers. There was, perhaps, some occasional exaggeration of the pathetic accent in the recitatives, "Here stands the blessed Saviour bound" and "Ah, Golgotha!" but it was very grand, impressive declamation; and the aria, "Look where Jesus beck'ning stands," was most artistically given, with due tenderness and fervor. The alto solos in the first part were fairly sung by Mrs. Laura Hastings Goodwin, whose low tones were rich and large, but her delivery somewhat constrained and cold.

Mr. M. W. Whitney was unable, on account of hoarseness, to appear, which was a general disappointment. But all were surprised at the excellent manner in which Mr. J. F. Rudolphsen, who took his place at a few hours' notice, delivered the beautiful and holy recitative which falls to the part of Jesus. It was most creditable to his musi-

cianship, his quick intelligence and taste. The other bass solos (including the recitative of Peter and of the High Priest), the aria (with recitative), "Gladly will I, all resigning," the aria, "Give me back my dearest Master," and the beautiful recitative, "At eventide," were sung by Mr. J. F. Winch, all in his best voice, and in a tasteful, noble style; Bach evidently had begun to gain possession of him. But the difficult task of all, and on the whole most laudable achievement, was that of Mr. Wm. J. Winch, who took upon him not only all the frequent and most trying recitative in the connecting narrative of the *Evangelist*, but all the tenor solos that were sung besides, a most exacting and exhaustive task. And on the whole he did it admirably, making slight modifications in now and then a high and fatiguing phrase of the recitative, but giving it for the most part with sweet, clear voice, and with distinct enunciation. In the solo with chorus, "I'll watch with my dear Jesu," his voice was sometimes so subdued at the re-entrance of the theme, that we could not hear it until he had been singing several measures: that was the only drawback to an otherwise artistic, pleasing, beautiful performance. Mr. Lang presided ably at the organ.

The farewell of Teresa Tietjens occurred on Wednesday, April 12, between Palm and Easter Sundays. The great prima donna having expressed her wish to sing her farewell in this city, and with our oratorio society, Boston was ready to avail herself of the honor, and it was arranged (at very short notice, with small chance for rehearsal) to give the *Hymn of Praise* and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*. The Music Hall was crammed, and the reception of the noble singer was most cordial. In the necessary absence of Mr. Zerrahn, Mr. Lang conducted. It was difficult on a theatre night to collect all the desirable musicians for an orchestra; yet the opening symphony movements and most of the accompaniments to Mendelssohn's beautiful *Loby-sang* were quite well rendered, and the chorus singing was, with slight exceptions, excellent. Mlle. Tietjens delivered the first solo, "Praise thou the Lord, O my soul," with great energy and fervor, and in her noble and commanding style, with full, sweet, penetrating tones. In the duet, "I waited for the Lord," which she sang with Miss Clara Smart, a light but pleasing soprano, her tones seemed not so sympathetic as they were sometimes; but the sentence announcing, "The night is departing, departing!" rang out with thrilling and inspiring splendor: it seemed to inspire the whole mass of singers, for never had we heard them sing the extremely difficult chorus which immediately follows with such spirit and precision. Mr. Tom Karl's voice was sweet, but hardly equal to the dramatic

intensity of the tenor solo, "Watchman, will the night soon pass?"

The *Stabat Mater* showed more signs of hasty and imperfect preparation, not having been sung by the Society for some time. Mr. Tom Karl sang *Cujus animam* very acceptably, and all the other tenor solo parts. Miss Drasdil, with her powerful and telling but ambiguous voice (at times you would take it for a tenor), achieved one of the great successes of the evening in the alto air, *Fac ut portem*; but in the duet, *Quis est homo*, her voice and that of Tietjens did not seem very well matched in quality. Indeed all the concerted pieces, including the beautiful quartet, *Quando corpus*, suffered from the imperfect blending of the voices. Mr. T. F. Sullivan sang the bass solos with a good solid voice, but in rather a dry style, and not always in perfect tune. Mlle. Tietjens was admirable throughout, but seemed to reserve her full power for her incomparably magnificent rendering of the *Inflamatus*, which brought the concert to a splendid climax, the weak fugue, with which Rossini terminates his *Stabat*, being wisely left off. The enthusiasm of the audience knew no bounds; and it was long before they ceased to recall the noble singer, overwhelming her with plaudits. All took leave with regret of one whom all felt to be the noblest living representative of the grand school of vocal art.

This farewell was prophetic; in but a year and a few months later Teresa Tietjens, having returned to England, bade her final farewell to this mortal world.

That week of oratorios, and that musical year of the Society closed with a work of Handel never before attempted here. *Joshua*, an oratorio in the same high heroic strain with *Judas Maccabæus*, was first presented to a Boston audience, and indeed to any audience in this country, on the evening of Easter Sunday, April 16. The Music Hall was full.

Like most of Handel's oratorios, the score as it was left by him was very incomplete and sketchy; many instrumental parts were wanting to fill out the harmony. He could provide for that himself when he presided over the performance at the organ; but that to musicians of our day is a lost art. Accordingly there had to be done for it — what *Judas Maccabæus* still so sadly needs — what Mozart did for the *Messiah*, what Franz did for Bach's *Passion Music* — the work of completing the instrumentation by another hand; and that could only be intrusted to a musician of the highest order, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of those old masters and at home in the whole style and feeling of the works in question. Happily in the present

case this service had been rendered by the Dresden Kapellmeister, Julius Rietz (Mendelssohn's successor at Leipzig), who had furnished additional orchestral parts for wind instruments for a performance of *Joshua* at the Düsseldorf festival in 1841. The *Advertiser* of the day before the performance, in a brief communication, evidently from the president of the Society, shows how a copy was obtained:—

“ Dr. Robert Franz, the well-known composer, who is, perhaps, of all musicians, best qualified to judge in such a matter, has a high opinion of Rietz's work, and it was from him that Mr. Otto Dresel borrowed the parts that he might have them copied expressly for the Handel and Haydn Society. The Society also owes to Mr. Dresel's intercession the additional parts to Handel's *Messiah* composed by Robert Franz to complete those written by Mozart. Dr. Franz had undertaken this work some years ago, but had laid it aside to be finished at a future day. When requested to do so for the Handel and Haydn Society by the board of management, through Mr. Dresel, he resumed his labors, and the result has become the exclusive property of the Society. At Christmas, or perhaps even at an earlier date, the Boston public will thus have an opportunity of hearing the *Messiah* as it has never been heard elsewhere, enriched not only by the additional accompaniments of Mozart, but also by those of Dr. Franz, whose intimate knowledge of Handel's music and profound respect for his genius assure us that he has worked in the spirit of Handel, and has added only that which will enhance the beauties of his most sublime creation.”

To return to *Joshua*. Although not to be ranked with Handel's greatest oratorios, it contains several of his grandest and most graphic choruses, some arias of great beauty, as well as some of a heroic and inspiring strain; and it abounds in recitative (perhaps a weariness to some) which is always fine, discriminating, eloquent, and true to character and situation. Its martial and heroic strain is well relieved by tender passages of love. Some parts of the earlier choruses, like “In wat'ry heaps affrighted Jordan rolled,” remind one of the more massive, but in idea not grander, double choruses in *Israel*. There are no double choruses in *Joshua*.

The work itself, and the performance on the whole, proved more acceptable than had been commonly anticipated. Indeed it was listened to throughout with every sign of pleasure. Of the work more in detail, and of the way in which it was performed, we must borrow some remarks from one of the daily journals of the time:—

“ In the first part, which illustrates the preparation of the tribes of Israel for battle, the episode of the meeting of Achsah and Othniel is given such prominence as to make it the feature of this portion of the work. Achsah is introduced in the plaintive air, ‘Oh! who can tell, oh! who can hear of Egypt and not shed a tear? Hearing Othniel's praises, she fancies the sweet compliments come from the birds of the forest, and sings, to the

accompaniment of the flute, an exquisite song, 'Hark, 't is the linnet.' Then, meeting with Othniel, they together sing a love duo in the pastoral style, 'Our limpid streams with freedom flow.' Their wooing is interrupted by the trumpet call, and the first part closes with a grand chorus: 'May all the hosts of heaven attend him.'

"At the opening of the second part occurs the *pièce de resistance* of the work, the solo (tenor) and chorus, 'Glory to God.' Some passages in this number, notably the phrase, 'The nations tremble,' have scarcely been excelled even by Handel in his most inspired moments. A magnificent air for the bass, 'See the raging flames arise,' follows, which is succeeded by a chorus, 'Almighty ruler of the skies,' which describes the miraculous passage over Jordan. A superb recitative accompanies Joshua's invocation to the sun and moon; and the chorus, 'Behold! the listening sun the voice obeys,' forms a grand climax to the second part. The third and closing part fairly bristles with gems. Besides the well-known bass air, 'Shall I in Mamre's fertile plains,' and then the not unfamiliar soprano air, 'Oh, had I Jubal's lyre,' occurs a fine aria, 'Place danger around me,' for the contralto, a sublime chorus, 'Father of Mercy,' and the great chorus, also introduced in *Judas*, 'See, the conquering hero comes,' which celebrates the triumph of young Othniel.

"The leading soprano part was sung by Mme. Van Zandt. This artist's style is not entirely suited to oratorio, and in some of her solos she was not especially successful; albeit she sang her music carefully and conscientiously. Her rendering of 'Oh, who can tell' was wanting in the depth of feeling which the piece demands, and in 'Hark! 't is the linnet.' there was a lack of that delicacy and naïveté for which the music called. In 'Oh! had I Jubal's lyre,' nothing was wanting; for the piece was exactly fitted to her brilliant style, and she won a hearty encore. Miss Phillipps as Othniel justified the title that has aptly been bestowed upon her by an eminent critic, of the most emotional singer America has produced. All her music was impressively rendered, especially the difficult aria in the third part, 'Place danger around me' Mr. Maas has never appeared to better advantage than in Joshua. In his recitative, 'O thou bright orb,' he rose to a very high point of lyric power. Mr. John F. Winch is entitled to warm commendation for his singing of the bass part, Caleb, which he assumed at very short notice, owing to the continued illness of Mr. M. W. Whitney. The audience was in full sympathy with Mr. Winch in his trying position, but his efforts called for no indulgence. His principal air, 'See the raging flames,' was magnificently given. Miss Sarah C. Fisher merits favorable mention for her good work in recitative.

"To the chorus belongs much of the splendid success attained. Considering that the work was entirely unfamiliar, the choral performance was marvellous in its uniform smoothness and power. . . Mr. Zerrahn held the baton, and kept the chorus up with his usual success. He was honored with a delicate but significant testimonial from the lady members of the chorus, in the form of a beautiful floral lyre. His discovery of this tribute, which occurred at the end of the first part, created a most agreeable sensation in the chorus, which broke forth into quite a spontaneous demonstration of applause."

SIXTY-SECOND SEASON.

MAY 29, 1876, TO MAY 28, 1877.

The annual meeting was held May 29. The president, Charles C. Perkins, occupied the chair, and in the absence of A. Parker Browne, Mr. M. G. Daniell was chosen secretary *pro tem*. The librarian, J. H. Stickney, reported that there had been added to the library during the year one hundred pianoforte chorus scores of the *Messiah* and some orchestral music. He also presented a tabulated list of the works performed by the Society from Dec. 25, 1815, to April 16, 1876 (not including fragments of an oratorio), as follows:—

NAME.	COMPOSER.	FIRST TIME.	NO.	LAST TIME.
Miscellaneous		Dec. 25, 1815.	180	May 9, 1874
Messiah	Handel	Dec. 25, 1818..	65	Dec. 25, 1875
Creation	Haydn	Feb. 16, 1819..	59	Dec. 26, 1875
Dettingen Te Deum.....	Handel	April 1, 1819..	3	March 1, 1862
The Intercession	M. P. King....	Jan. 25, 1825..	1	
Mass in B flat.....	Haydn	Jan. 25, 1829..	5	Feb. 2, 1834
Mass in C.....	Mozart.....	April 12, 1829..	1	
Mass.....	Buhler	Dec. 13, 1829..	2	March 27, 1831
Mount of Olives (Eugedi).	Beethoven....	Dec. 22, 1833..	6	Feb. 27, 1853
David.....	S. Neukomm..	Feb. 28, 1836..	57	April 10, 1859
Remission of Sin.....	C. E. Horn....	Oct. 2, 1836..	1	
Hymn of the Night.....	S. Neukomm..	Oct. 1, 1837..	2	April 23, 1843
Mount Sinai.....	S. Neukomm..	Oct. 4, 1840..	7	Aug. 21, 1841
The Last Judgment.....	L. Spohr.....	March 20, 1842..	8	March 17, 1844
Saint Paul.....	Mendelssohn..	Jan. 22, 1843..	9	Dec. 27, 1874
Transient and Eternal....	Rossberg	Nov. 18, 1841..	5	Dec. 15, 1844
Stabat Mater.....	Rossini.....	Feb. 26, 1843..	20	April 12, 1876
Samson.....	Handel	Jan. 26, 1845..	32	May 5, 1868
Moses in Egypt.....	Rossini.....	Dec. 21, 1845..	45	Feb. 29, 1868
Judas Maccabæus.....	Handel	Dec. 15, 1847..	15	May 5, 1874
Elijah	Mendelssohn..	Feb. 13, 1848..	40	Nov. 8, 1875
The Martyrs	Donizetti	Dec. 16, 1849..	7	Jan. 27, 1850
The Ninth Symphony.....	Beethoven....	April 2, 1853..	5	May 6, 1874
Solomon.....	Handel	Nov. 18, 1855..	3	Dec. 9, 1855
Requiem Mass	Mozart.....	Jan. 18, 1857..	2	March 29, 1857
Eli.....	M Costa	Feb. 15, 1857..	4	Nov. 27, 1864
Hymn of Praise	Mendelssohn..	April 10, 1858..	12	April 12, 1876
Israel in Egypt.....	Handel.....	Feb. 13, 1859..	4	June 24, 1872
Ode on St. Cecilia's Day..	Handel.....	Nov. 28, 1863..	2	Dec. 6, 1863
Festival Overture.....	O. Nicolai	May 23, 1865..	5	May 9, 1871
Psalm XLII.....	Mendelssohn..	May 13, 1866..	1	
Jephtha.....	Handel	Feb. 17, 1867..	1	
Psalm XCV	Mendelssohn..	May 5, 1868..	1	

NAME.	COMPOSER.	FIRST TIME.	NO.	LAST TIME.
Naaman	M. Costa.....	March 27, 1869..	2	Dec. 26, 1869
The Woman of Samaria..	W. S. Bennett	May 13, 1871..	1	
Hear my Prayer.....	Mendelssohn..	May 7, 1874..	2	Feb. 6, 1875
Christus	Mendelssohn..	May 7, 1874..	1	
Psalm XLVI.....	D. Buck.....	May 7, 1874..	2	Feb. 6, 1875
The Passion Music (Saint Matthew).....	Bach.....	May 8, 1874..	2	April 9, 1876
Saint Peter.....	J. K. Paine....	May 9, 1874..	1	
The Seasons.....	Haydn.....	April 28, 1875..	1	
Joshua	Handel.....	April 16, 1876..	1	

The treasurer, George W. Palmer, reported that the receipts for the year had been \$19,261. Included among the items were the following: from the *Messiah*, \$3,629.56; from the *Creation*, \$3,030.25; from Bach's *Passion Music*, \$1,244.50; portion of the Tietjens concert, \$1,124.57; from *Joshua*, \$1,674.50. The general expenses, including the rent of the hall, etc., were \$3,073.04, and the expenses of the concerts had used up the remainder of the receipts, leaving a balance of \$54.22 in the treasury. The indebtedness had been reduced from \$2,750 to \$2,000. There was a long discussion on the advisability of assessing the members to pay off the debt, and finally it was voted to levy an assessment of \$5 on each member. A motion to reconsider was lost.

Mr. Palmer, who was also chairman of the examining committee, reported that 172 candidates for membership had been examined, of which number 80 had been received and 92 rejected. Of those received 25 were sopranos, 26 altos, 10 tenors, and 19 bassos.

The president made a brief address in the nature of a report. He suggested that it would be a good plan to have a library room, where the music could be kept, and of sufficient size to be a pleasant place of resort for the members; and that a double quartet of the best singers in the Society should be selected to examine music and report upon its merits to the Society. He reported that thirty rehearsals had been held, at which the average attendance was 340 persons, and that six concerts had been given, at which the average attendance was 475. He also suggested that a musical festival be held in May, 1877, and this suggestion was received with applause. He took the opportunity to present to the Society two large folio volumes of the Handel edition of the *Messiah*, and he urged upon the members the importance of more frequent donations of such a character. The thanks of the Society were extended to him for his gift.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

President. — CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — A. P. BROWNE.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — J. H. STICKNEY.

Directors. — J. S. SAWYER, R. BEECHING, F. H. JENKS, W. F. BRADBURY, M. G. DANIELL, A. H. WILSON, G. T. BROWN, and J. D. ANDREWS.

Mr. John A. Nowell called the attention of the Society to the presence in the meeting of Mr. B. B. Davis, of Brookline, who had attended regularly sixty annual meetings. Mr. Davis responded briefly, testifying to the great good he had received from his connection with the Society and his participation in the noble thoughts and words of the oratorios.

As this was to be a festival year (the fourth Triennial), the customary oratorio work of the Society shrank to small dimensions. Only the Christmas and Easter oratorios were provided for, — the *Messiah*, and for the second time, *Joshua*. The Festival was the "objective point" of the year, absorbing all the energy beyond the necessary rehearsal for the reproduction of those two works, one for the sixty-sixth, the other for the second time.

During the summer little or nothing of importance is recorded. Some things were discussed without definite or satisfactory result. Perhaps the most significant was Boston's need of a good permanent local orchestra. Music, especially orchestral music, in the United States, was felt to be growing too peripatetic to be relied upon for local uses. Through the frequent invasion of trained travelling orchestras, all our humble attempts to build up a local orchestra were crippled by the falling off of steady, public patronage; and from this cause the oratorios, as well as the purely instrumental concerts, suffered. It became more and more difficult to gather from among our resident musicians a really sufficient orchestra for the accompaniment even of *Elijah* and the *Hymn of Praise*. To call in a travelling virtuoso orchestra each time was altogether too expensive. (It is better at this present time of writing, 1889.)

It may be worth mentioning, as showing the influence of good example, that Handel's *Joshua*, a few months after the first production by the old Society, was successfully brought out (early in October), in the Nineteenth Annual Festival of the Worcester County Musical Association at Worcester, Carl Zerrahn conducting. The soloists were Miss Clara Doria (now Mrs. H. M. Rogers), Miss Mathilde Phillipps, Mr. J. R. Nilsen, tenor, of New York, and Mr. J. F. Winch.

Rehearsals of the *Messiah* and of *Joshua* occupied the Sunday evenings from Oct. 1 to Christmas. At a meeting of the board, Dec. 8, the committee on soloists presented the first draft of a programme for the Festival; and Dr. Robert Franz, of Halle, Saxony, was made an honorary member of the Society.

Christmas Eve came on Sunday evening, Dec. 24, when the Society gave its sixty-sixth performance of the *Messiah*, that being its five hundred and ninety-fourth concert in the sixty-two years of its existence. As usual at that joyful festival, the Music Hall was crowded, and the performance on the whole was one of the best, the choruses having been rehearsed with zealous care and even with enthusiasm. This performance derived a special interest from the use, for the first time, of the additional accompaniments furnished by Robert Franz to several numbers of the work which Mozart had omitted to complete in the admirable manner in which he had fitted the rest of the oratorio for public performance in Vienna. It can hardly be supposed that the mass of a Boston audience, not technically musical, noticed particularly wherein the passages in question sounded better than before, and yet unconsciously they must have experienced a fresh pleasure in them. To musical students and observers the improvement must have been palpable. A much richer and warmer coloring was imparted to the air, "He shall feed his flock," by the addition of two clarinets, two bassoons, and particularly two horns, though this had been suggested heretofore at least upon the organ. In like manner the pair of clarinets and of bassoons filled out the middle harmony, so long left to the organ, with excellent effect in a considerable number of the choruses, arias, and the more graphic recitatives, as "Thus saith the Lord, And I will shake," etc. And several times the fine contrapuntal art of Franz was beautifully manifested in the answering phrases, imitations, which he has given to those middle instruments, or instrumental voices, keeping up the polyphonic continuity. Who can doubt that Handel himself did that when he presided at his organ? A number of the shorter recitatives, left with only a figured bass, had been written out by Franz for the quartet of strings, and certainly they sounded better. There was, moreover, another important improvement in the treatment of the orchestral accompaniment. The phrasing and bowing of the violins, and all the strings, which had followed an absurd tradition, — in short a coarse and careless habit of playing nearly every figure with a hacking *staccato*, — had been carefully conformed by the conductor to the evident intentions of Handel's score, so that we no longer heard the incongruous and stilted separate accent on each note accompanying the *legato* of the voices.

The solos averaged well, if there was no singer of superlative excellence, no famous prima donna. The soprano pieces were divided between Mrs. J. W. Weston and a new aspirant, Miss Lilian B. Norton. The latter had a pure, large, powerful voice, which she had a tendency to use (probably in the over-anxiety of a debutante in that large hall) somewhat too powerfully. Her vocal culture, too, seemed hardly equal to her sympathetic musical feeling, her dramatic intensity and good conception. She gave "There were shepherds" and "Rejoice greatly," with fine effect, and promised to take high rank among our singers in these nobler tasks. Mrs. Weston sang "But thou didst not leave" and "I know that my Redeemer" very sweetly, but with rather indistinct enunciation. Miss Mathilde Phillips won great favor in the contralto solos. Her rich and sympathetic voice, and her large, evenly sustained, expressive delivery, appeared to excellent advantage in "O thou that tellest," and in "He was despised," the latter being given in a chaste and unaffected manner, without any of that sentimental overdoing of expression which has been too common in that song, and without that mannish quality in the deep tones so offensive in many of the powerful contraltos. Mr. Wm. J. Winch sang the more pathetic tenor solos with great refinement and true feeling, and with a sweet quality of tone. And in the energetic and trying "Thou shalt dash them," he was remarkably successful, except that the high A on "dash," in his strenuous effort to give it all possible emphasis, was rather robbed of tone. Mr. M. W. Whitney was in grand voice, and rendered the bass solos very impressively.

The chorus numbered four hundred voices, and there was an orchestra of forty. The financial result of the concert was a profit of one thousand dollars.

1877. Among the announcements of forthcoming musical events that season appeared this, on the 3d of March:—

First in consequence is the Triennial Festival of the Handel and Haydn Society, next May, for which the programme is full of interest and novelty, and the rehearsals are going on in real earnest. There will be six performances, as follows:—

Wednesday evening, May 16. A new festival overture and chorus by Prof. J. K. Paine; "Spring," from Haydn's *Seasons*; Ninety-fifth Psalm by Mendelssohn.

Thursday afternoon, 17th. Solos: orchestral selections; Redemption Hymn, for contralto solo and chorus, composed expressly by J. C. D. Parker; Marcello's Eighteenth Psalm, "The Heavens are telling" (*I cieli narrano*, — the one described in Mme George Sand's *Consuelo*).

Thursday evening. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (two or three parts); Hiller's *Song of Victory*, for soprano solo and chorus.

Friday evening Handel's *Samson*.

Saturday afternoon. Solos etc. "Noël," a Christmas cantata by Saint-Saëns.

Sunday evening, May 20. Handel's grandest choral work, the oratorio *Israel in Egypt*.

Among the solo singers secured are: Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Miss Emma C. Thursby, Miss Annie Louise Cary, Mr. Charles R Adams, tenor, from the Imperial Opera in Vienna, Mr. Wm. J. Winch, Mr. John F. Winch, and Mr. M. W. Whitney.

Meanwhile, at Easter, the Society will perform Handel's *Joshua*, with Miss Thursby, Miss A. Phillips, Mr. Maas, and Mr. M. W. Whitney for the solos.

Some action of the board of government, Feb. 16, shows the generous patriotic spirit with which the Society approached this Festival. It was then voted that one half the profits be devoted to the "Old South (Church) Preservation Fund." That surely should have inspired enough additional attendance on the part of friends of Boston's sacred, proud, historical memorials, to make it certain that there would be profits to divide. The result will show.

While busily working on the Festival rehearsals, the chorus still found time to brush up their rather short acquaintance with Handel's *Joshua* for the Easter oratorio, which came on the 1st of April. They were greeted by a full house, the receipts amounting to \$2,200. If not so great as its great brethren, the *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt*, it was not the less keenly enjoyable as being of the same royal lineage and comparatively new to a Boston public, having been given only once before. It is not always the highest mountain that we care to climb; a change of view is sometimes more to us than height.

The performance was not on the whole so good as that of the year before. The chorus sometimes faltered in attack. Then too, — probably the result of a long Wagnerian dissipation, — the orchestra was often coarse and careless, yet some of the choruses were made remarkably expressive and effective. There was much to praise in the solo singing, while some of it was inadequate. Pretty Miss Emma Thursby, fresh and natural, with her fresh, sweet voice, — her first attempt in oratorio, — sang the music of *Achsa* (with many omissions) very beautifully, with artistic, true expression, although she seemed not quite in health, and put less life into her song than on some happier occasions. But "Oh, had I Jubal's lyre" was splendidly delivered. "Hark! 't is the linnet," too, was charmingly sung, being just suited to her liquid, bird-like voice. Miss Adelaide Phillips was thoroughly the artist, ripe and true, in the melodies of Othniel. Mr. Maas, the tenor, sang with sweet voice and refined taste, but seemed to have a cold and lacked weight and resonance for

the heroic temper of the songs of Joshua. Mr. Whitney, too, our grand basso, did not a few things grandly, yet was not at his best. "Shall I in Mamre's fertile plain" was given with a sustained and noble gravity on his part; but the flowing chords of the accompaniment, quite as cantabile as the voice part, were played in so staccato, or detached a manner, as to mar the effect of the music as a whole.

And now, having sent forth these two noble frigates, the Christmas and the Easter oratorios, rejoicing on their way, we have the harbor full of sails and full of stir and preparation with the great fleet of the Fourth Triennial Festival.

"Play with your fancies . . .

Hear the shrill whistle, which doth order give
To sounds confus'd: behold the threaden sails,
Borne with th' invisible and creeping wind,
Draw the huge bottoms through the furrow'd sea,
Breasting the lofty surge. O, do but think,
You stand upon the rivage, and behold
A city on the inconstant billows dancing;
For so appears this fleet majestic,
Holding due course," etc.

Henry V.

FOURTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

MAY 16 TO MAY 20, 1877.

This Festival, unlike its predecessors, presented a list of principal singers who were all American, and verily a fine one. For sopranos, Miss Clara Louise Kellogg and Miss Emma Thursby; contraltos, Miss Annie Louise Cary and Miss Mathilde Phillipps; tenors, Mr. Charles R. Adams (who for nine years had held a high position in the Imperial Opera at Vienna, and who was sure to be welcomed back with enthusiasm to the scene of his old triumphs) and Mr. William J. Winch; bassos, our two stalwart Handelian "men of war," Messrs. John F. Winch and M. W. Whitney. The chorus had six hundred voices, the orchestra seventy musicians, including the Beethoven and Mendelssohn Quintet Clubs. Mr. B. J. Lang was organist and solo pianist; Carl Zerrahn, conductor of the whole, as he had been of all the preceding festivals, five in number. The evening oratorios began at 7.45; the afternoon concerts at 2.30. The Chickering pianos were used at all the concerts. The order of the programmes, it will be seen, was somewhat changed since the first announcement, and *Elijah* was added, while Haydn's "Spring" was omitted.

FIRST DAY. *Wednesday Evening, May 16.* The Festival opened with a superb performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, the most popular of all oratorios, and one which the chorus knew by heart, and was almost sure to sing it well; and it was all-important that the first start in such a Festival should be an inspiring, unmistakable success. The choral work was magnificent, chorus after chorus giving more palpable and more inspiring proof of the great progress the Society had made within three years. The enthusiasm, alike of singers and of audience, culminated in the stupendous "Rain" chorus, "Thanks be to God," which, it is safe to say, was never before given here with such precision, such verve, such grand sonorous volume, carrying all before it.

The quartet of principal soloists was excellent. Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, to be sure, was somewhat out of her most congenial and accustomed sphere in music of so large and serious a character; her voice seemed thin and hard and worn in several passages, and once or twice, as in the Angel trio, slightly out of tune. But she was an accomplished and artistic singer, and she gave herself to the task with right good will.

Miss Annie Louise Cary, then one of the noblest contralto singers in the world, came back to us in the full ripeness of her golden voice and art. All that she did that night was admirable and absolutely satisfying. The pathos of "Woe unto them" could hardly find expression more sincere and truthful; and "O rest in the Lord" was given in tones of such rich and even volume, such a pure and perfect cantabile, and such chaste and simple fervor, that it required all her judicious amiable firmness to resist the call for a repetition. As the arrival of Mr. Charles R. Adams was delayed by a rough passage from Hamburg, the tenor solos fell to our excellent Wm. J. Winch, whose voice never was sweeter, nor his style more pure, finished, and expressive. Mr. M. W. Whitney always makes a grand and stately representative of the Prophet. This time his ponderous bass voice, particularly the upper range of it, was hardly in its best condition; but most of his sentences were grandly delivered, the pathetic arias were sung with feeling and refinement, and the swift, strong, uncontainable "Is not his word like a fire?" was given with great energy and certainty, making the "divine rage" of the music felt. In the double quartet these four artists were assisted by Miss Sarah C. Fisher, Mrs. Jennie M. Noyes, Mr. Fessenden, and Mr. J. F. Winch, and Miss Fisher joined Miss Kellogg and Miss Cary in the Angel trio. With the exception of the trio, all the concerted pieces were uncommonly successful in the rendering.

The Music Hall was crowded in all parts, and the first night of the Festival was a decided and a fruitful triumph.

SECOND DAY. *Thursday Afternoon, May 17.* Another crowded house; receipts \$2 600. All the principal vocalists appeared in the following programme:—

1. Overture to *Athalie*, Op. 74 *Mendelssohn.*
2. Air from the *Creation*, "Rolling in foaming billows" *Haydn.*
MR. M. W. WHITNEY.
3. Aria from *Semiramide*, "Ah, quel giorno!" *Rossini.*
MISS PHILLIPPS.
4. Scena from *Don Giovanni*, "Non mi dir" *Mozart.*
MISS KELLOGG.
5. Aria from Requiem Mass. "Ingemisco" *Verdi.*
MR. CHARLES R. ADAMS.
6. Psalm XVIII. "The Spacious Firmament" *Marcello.*
Solos by MRS. JENNIE M. NOYES.
Assisted in the quartet by MR. W. J. WINCH, MR. B. F. GILBERT,
and MR. C. E. HAY.
7. Adagio from *Prometheus*, Op. 43 *Beethoven.*
8. Song from *Naaman*, "I dreamt I was in heaven" *Costa*
MISS CARY.
9. Concert aria, "Ma che vi fece" *Mozart.*
MISS THURSBY.
10. Cantata, "Noël" [Christmas] *Saint-Saëns.*
Solos by MISS KELLOGG, MISS CARY, MISS PHILLIPPS,
MR. W. J. WINCH, and MR. J. F. WINCH.

The points of most marked interest in this concert were the first hearing of "Noël," the first appearance of Mr. Adams, and the Mozart aria as sung by Miss Thursby. To begin with the last named, it was a triumph for the fresh, pure, bird-like young soprano. The aria itself teems with happy thoughts in the modest, genial orchestral accompaniment. It soars high in the final allegro and revels in bright florid figures, and the young lady sang in the most crystal clear, sweet tones, with utmost fluency and brilliancy; her intonation perfect, and her style sympathetic where the passage called for that. Miss Kellogg vocalized fluently and gracefully in the "Letter" aria, but hers was not the Donna Anna sphere of song. Miss Cary sang a flat, sentimental piece as well as she sings everything; there was immense applause for *her*. Miss Mathilde Phillipps seemed better fitted for the stage than for the concert room.

Mr. Adams was most warmly greeted as he presented himself with a quiet, manly bearing, and an air of experience and distinction, such as one might look for in the American singer who had held the place of leading tenor for nine years in the Imperial Opera at Vienna.

There was the stamp of the artist manifest ere he had sung three measures. His was the robust kind of tenor, of large compass, evenly developed, under complete control, and intrinsically very sweet in quality, though, probably owing to the "sea change" from which he had scarcely yet escaped, a certain huskiness obscured his middle tones. He sang superbly, in a frank, large, masterly dramatic style, each tone fraught with meaning and intention. The high B flat was splendid, and his baritone notes were musical and solid. Nothing could be finer than his musical declamation, or his enunciation, for which this impassioned "Ingemisco" from Verdi's Requiem, affected as the composition is and overstrained, afforded him considerable scope. Recalled with hearty plaudits, he sang it even better than before.

Of Marcello's Eighteenth Psalm, or the fragments culled from it and here put together, with full orchestral accompaniment, by Lindpaintner, for the use of the Parisian and other Conservatories, we have briefly remarked elsewhere:—

"It is a portion only, and the smaller portion, the first movement out of several, of that Psalm which George Sand in her famous novel makes Consuelo sing before the great composer, under the direction of the old maestro Porpora, beginning, '*I cieli immensi narrano*' ('The heavens are telling'). Marcello's music covers all the many verses of each Psalm: the selection here made has greater unity as well as brevity. The words of Addison's noble hymn, 'The spacious firmament on high,' etc., are found to suit the music admirably. It is in a cheerful, flowing, even, narrative vein of melody, so simple that it almost sings itself; and being written for alto, first and second tenors, and bass voices, without sopranos, and harmonized with admirable art, it has a singularly rich, full, hearty sound, as refreshing as it is unusual. The alto solo, however, is so little that we wonder how Mme. Sand came to make so much account of it."

And did it occur to George Sand that she was making a contralto of her budding prima donna? The piece, though well sung, made no very marked impression; the heavy orchestration seemed to overload a work so purely vocal and so modest; and, pleasing as the extract was, it is by no means the best part of the Psalm, nor is this Psalm so good a specimen as could be found among the fifty. The solos were fairly sung by Mrs. Noyes, as was a quartet of soli in one place, reminding one of Haydn's "The heavens are telling."

Much more interesting was the short Christmas Oratorio (or cantata) by Saint-Saëns. As an early composition (Op. 12), it shows rare talent, if not genius. The study of Bach betrays itself at various points in it. Had Bach's Christmas music been heard first, every one would have recognized in the instrumental prelude a pal-

pable imitation of Bach's Pastoral Symphony,—the same 12-8 measure, the same sort of phrasing, the same contrasting of pastoral reeds with strings. Only here the orchestra has only strings, the reeds being represented on the organ, and very expressively, by Mr. Lang. Bach's prelude is far more poetic and ideal, this of Saint-Saëns more realistic, as if you actually heard the Abruzzi peasants in the streets of Rome; and here too the narrative and the annunciation, distributed among the four solo voices, may be called conventional; much of it is kept upon a monotone, like church chanting. The chorus, "Glory, now, unto God," etc., is concise and effective. The simple air, "Firm in faith," in detached phrases, with graceful instrumental figures between them, was beautifully sung by Miss Cary. Miss Kellogg and Mr. J. F. Winch did justice to the duet, "Blessed, ever blessed," which, but for the tedious continuity of staccato chord accompaniment by the organ, has much beauty. There was nothing more impressive in the whole work than the stirring chorus, "Wherefore are the nations raging?"; and nothing more lovely in contrast, though the connection seems forced, than the gentle, flowing ascription to which its turbulent *agitato* suddenly gives way. Solo singers, chorus, orchestra, and organ were satisfactory throughout, and the work as a whole probably made all the impression that it ever will make. It certainly gave pleasure here for once.

Thursday Evening. Third concert, with this programme:—

1. Christmas Oratorio. Parts I. and II. *J. S. Bach.*
 Solos by MISS THURSBY, MISS CARY, MR. W. J. WINCH,
 and MR. J. F. WINCH.
2. Recitative, "Deeper and deeper still" } From *Jephtha*. *G. F. Handel.*
 Air, "Waft her, angels" }
 MR. W. J. WINCH.
3. Air from *Eli*, "I will extol thee, O Lord" *M. Costa.*
 MISS EMMA C. THURSBY.
4. Hymn, *Redemption* *J. C. D. Parker.*
 Solo by MISS CARY.
5. Air from *The Prodigal Son* *A. S. Sullivan.*
 MR. J. F. WINCH.
6. Cantata, *A Song of Victory* *F. Hiller.*
 Solo by MISS THURSBY.

The two parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio were far more successful, both in their presentation and reception, than we had dared to hope. So far as we could read the signs, the great majority of the audience, that very nearly filled the hall, were charmed and deeply moved by nearly every number of the music, so poetic, so ideal, so sincerely Christian in its spirit. It is more easily understood than

the *Passion Music*; but there was much to imperil its success. It had had too few chances of rehearsal, while it is a kind of music in which our singers are not much at home. Then it needed the additional accompaniments by Franz to fill out Bach's intention; these unfortunately arrived only the day after the feast. Then the arias, on the old model, with their two long parts and a *da capo* to the first again (which Franz, in his arrangements of many of them with piano-forte, has happily abridged), could hardly fail, with all their beauty, to prove wearisome to unaccustomed ears. But we were agreeably surprised in hearing the entire performance go so reasonably well. The chorals (five of them) and the two great choruses were sung with spirit and a fair degree of precision; the soloists, instead of struggling painfully with their exacting tasks, made the beauty of the music readily appreciable: and the orchestration was passably eked out with parts from England, and, in one or two numbers, from Theodore Thomas, while the organ throughout, handled with discriminating tact by Mr. Lang, went far to make the harmony, if not the counterpoint, complete.

The opening chorus, than which nothing could sound more glad and jubilant, had a most inspiring influence. All felt its power; all were delighted at the free and hearty childlike way in which this learned old musician could rejoice and shout, and all so musically, and as if unconscious of his own consummate art. The only drawback was in the awkward English version of the text; the first words, "Christians, be joyful," was not easy for the voices, compared with the original, "*Jauchzet, frohlocket!*" Miss Cary's delivery of the recitative, "See now the bridegroom," and the air, "Prepare thyself, Zion," was in the rich, heartfelt tones, and the chaste, even, pure *cantabile* style required, with just enough of quiet rapture in the florid passage preceding the *da capo*. The serious choral, "How shall I fitly meet thee?" was well sung, as were all the chorals, — all inimitable specimens of Bach's inexhaustible genius for polyphonic harmony, — and had a refreshing and uplifting influence. Mr. W. J. Winch gave the narrative sentences of the Evangelist in a pure and sweet style of recitative, reverentially and simply. The nuptial choral for sopranos, "For us to earth He cometh poor," alternating line by line with a beautiful orchestral strain, as well as with reflective sentences of bass recitative, was perhaps not quite so clearly brought out as some other numbers of the work, yet enough so to interest by its originality of form as well as by its intrinsic beauty. The long and florid bass air, "Lord Almighty," in 2-4 measure, found adequate expression in the at once solid and elastic voice of Mr. J. F. Winch.

And the choral, "Ah! dearest Jesus," with the trumpet interludes, brought the first part to a delightful close.

As to the heavenly Pastoral Symphony, with which the second part begins, although the reed parts were somewhat blurred, yet its exquisite beauty seemed to be felt by all. It is too ideal, too artistically perfect, to be compared at all with the one we had heard in the afternoon. It is woven out of the most vital fibre, instinct with life in every phrase; every instrument is a melody; each sings the same thought, the same motive out of its own heart, in its own way, as if each originated it, and they divinely blended. There is the same ideality and poetic freshness, the same imaginative realization of the scene and the events described, in the recitatives, "There were shepherds," etc., etc. Nothing conventional here, nothing for a moment commonplace. It is all charm and wonder and presentiment.

Here occurred Miss Thursby's only participation in this work, the single page of the announcement by the angel, "Be not afraid," of which her delivery was most pure and brilliant. The wonderful tenor aria, "Haste, ye shepherds," so tender, yet so extremely difficult and florid in the latter portion, received a tasteful, highly finished, fervent rendering from Mr. W. J. Winch; this was the most arduous task for any solo singer. Beautifully soft and harp-like sounded the accompaniment to the bass recitative (well declaimed by Mr. J. F. Winch), exhorting all to sing "with one accord, beside that cradle holy." And then the cradle song of the mother, "Sleep, my beloved," the loveliest melody of that kind ever invented, and wrought out with most perfect art. Miss Cary's voice and singing were entirely worthy of it; chaste and deep in feeling, and faultless save in a single slip at the end of the second part through momentary inattention to the score. The sublime chorus, "Glory to God," wonderfully elaborate as it is, and so involved, in the independent movement of each voice part and instrument, was quite effectively given by the great choir, and produced a marked impression. It must be heard again and again to appreciate a tithe of all its beauty and its grandeur; they are inexhaustible. This chorus formed the exciting climax of the work. Then for a calm and peaceful close, the return of the choral, which has been heard twice before, but now in a new rhythm, the 12-8 of the *Pastorale*, whose lovely second theme is brought in after every line, was just the most exquisite and perfect thing that ear and soul could crave.

Singers and audience were wrought up to the highest pitch of enthusiasm by Mr. Parker's "Redemption Hymn." It was the sensation of the Festival. It was sung perfectly, chorus and orchestra

doing their best out of a hearty sympathy and respect for the composer. The alto solo was admirably sung by Miss Cary, and then — we will let the *Courier* describe the scene that followed : —

“After Miss Cary had curtsied her acknowledgments of the tumultuous applause, cries of ‘Parker! Parker!’ began to be heard from various parts of the hall in ever-growing crescendo. The modest composer, apparently rather overwhelmed by these demonstrations, was at last prevailed upon to rise from his seat in one of the back rows on the floor and make a half-timid bow. But this was not enough; hardly a hundred people had seen him, or even knew where to look for him; the applause and cries continuing unabated, Mr. Zerrahn’s tall figure was seen striding down the side aisle, like inexorable fate, bearing down upon Mr. Parker’s seat. Escape was impossible, and the successful composer was mercilessly captured, and led up to the conductor’s desk on the stage, from whence he bowed his thanks amid cheers and hand-clapping, the ladies of the chorus fluttering their handkerchiefs as if the signal had been given by an electric battery. Mr. Parker may be proud of having written one of the best choral fugued movements (‘Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?’) that contemporary compositions can boast of. The fugued chorus is almost a lost art, and to have written so strongly effective an one is no mean triumph. The composition, as a whole, is admirably written, and shows at times no little melodic invention. Mr. Parker is much to be congratulated.”

Hiller’s “Song of Victory,” imposing, grandiose in plan, in its elaborate structure and employment of all modern means, was very variously received. Some were carried away by it, and some shook their heads; to the most its very brilliancy and (so to say) grandiloquence proved wearisome. Its impressiveness, as a whole, was hardly in proportion to the grandeur of design, the wealth and boldness of the harmony, the ingenuity of form, and the considerable melody displayed in it. That it is the work of a most accomplished musician, one of the masters of our time, armed and ready at all points, there can be no question. But Hiller here, as elsewhere, seems to fall just short of what we call creative genius; the vitalizing spark is wanting. Had we room to go into detail, however, it would be easy to point out many a passage strikingly effective, beautiful, and even original. Some of the choruses are worthy of their subject, jubilant and full of exultation, while some are *bizarre* and bordering on the barbaric. The final chorus, “Praise the Lord with lute and harp, with tabors, cymbals, and dances,” seemed the literal reproduction, or “materialization” of that text, so full was it of gay and happy sounds, so buoyant, childlike, and like Father Haydn. The choruses were commonly well sung; but the orchestration, always heavy, was still more over-weighted, as was sometimes the vocal melody itself, with the bloated *rimbombo* of a big bass tuba.

Miss Thursby made the most of her several soprano solos; in the final chorus her silvery, pure voice soared and revelled, holding out the highest tones with exquisite beauty and quite rapturous expression.

This really brilliant programme, with so many interesting novelties, drew but a moderately large audience, the receipts being only \$1,450.

THIRD DAY. *Fourth Concert, Friday Evening, May 18.* A very large audience assembled to hear Handel's *Samson*, — not the whole of it by any means, which would have taken about five hours, seeing that this performance, in which the cuts and omissions amounted to a full half of the oratorio, lasted two hours and a half. The fact is, *Samson* is an endless series of recitatives and arias, many of them most beautiful and characteristic, but relieved by comparatively few choruses; and in his semi-dramatic plan of treating all the words of somebody's adaptation of Milton's "Samson Agonistes," so many solos, for a concert room, become intolerably prolix. The retrenchment, to be sure, was made chiefly from the solos, and this left a fairer proportion of choral numbers. Still, even these had to be reduced, because the text of several of them is really quite unrepresentable. What would happen, in these days of woman's rights, for instance, should the whole Handel and Haydn sisterhood and brotherhood unite in singing: —

"To man God's universal law
Gave pow'r to keep the wife in awe,"

and then continue, in full fugue: —

"Thus shall his life be ne'er dismay'd,
By female usurpation swayed!"

But, on the other hand, the very excision of so much, so frequently, here a bit and there a bit from the same long stretch of recitative, also aggravated the sense of lengthiness by the slight confusion and uncertainty about the place which it occasioned both with listeners and singers. A more serious drawback was the imperfect state in which this, like all the Handel scores, is found with regard to orchestral accompaniment, middle parts of the harmony being too frequently wanting, or but imperfectly supplied upon the organ.

Nevertheless, in spite of all these drawbacks, there was much that was grandly impressive, much that was fresh, characteristic, beautiful in melody, while nearly all was enjoyable. The solos were mostly excellent. Miss Kellogg was eminently in place in the soft, inveigling, fondling, pleading melodies of Delilah; she cooed and warbled "With plaintive notes" most gracefully and tenderly; and,

in another and a nobler vein, her "Let the bright seraphim" was spirited and brilliantly effective. Miss Mathilde Phillipps sang "Return, O Lord of Hosts," and indeed most of the music of Micah in an earnest, thoughtful manner, and with good expression; and it was well suited to her rich voice. Mr. Adams had a fine opportunity to illustrate his admirable art of recitative in the part of Samson. He is a model in enunciation and in musical declamation; all his phrasing perfect, never missing the dramatic point. You feel that you have an artist before you always, one who has been thoroughly trained, one who knows himself, his business and his vocal means. Some of his middle tones were still a little husky; and yet they were large tones, full of essential sweetness. Never, unless it were in Braham's time, had we heard so beautiful, so refined, so touchingly eloquent a rendering of "Total eclipse"; had he been blind, as Milton and Handel were, he could hardly have conveyed the spirit of the poetry and music more imaginatively. In his dialogue with Delilah all his replies were telling. Mr. M. W. Whitney sang "Honor and arms" superbly, and was in capital voice and trim for all the music of the boastful Harapha; pity only that it was so bare in accompaniment! Mr. J. F. Winch gave an agreeable and faithful rendering of the part of "aged Manoah." Several of the more stirring choruses were well sung, others not so well; the singers showed signs of fatigue; so much work in a crowded hall, and in the first intense heat of summer, readily accounts for it. Yet the performance was, upon the whole, a fair one, and given to a fair house; receipts, \$2,100.

FOURTH DAY. *Saturday Afternoon, May 19.* The fifth concert of the Festival offered another very miscellaneous programme, mainly made up of solos, mostly vocal, with but slight intervention of the chorus, and no important orchestral number to give it dignity, beyond a single rather indifferent overture. The crowd of listeners on this occasion was surpassing; hundreds of people stood throughout. The receipts rose to \$3,500. The section was as follows:—

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| 1. Overture, "Hero and Leander," Op. 11 | . . . | <i>Rietz</i> |
| FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA. | | |
| 2. Scena from <i>Lohengrin</i> . The Legend of the Grail | | <i>Wagner.</i> |
| MR. CHARLES R. ADAMS. | | |
| 3. Aria from <i>Don Carlos</i> , "O Don Fatale" | . . . | <i>Verdi.</i> |
| MISS ANNIE LOUISE CARY. | | |
| 4. Aria from <i>Semiramide</i> , "Bel Raggio" | . . . | <i>Rossini.</i> |
| MISS CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG. | | |
| 5. Aria from <i>La Juive</i> , "Se oppressi ognor" | . . . | <i>Halevy.</i> |
| MR. MYRON W. WHITNEY. | | |

6. Airs from *Orpheus* : { a. " Chiamo il mio ben " } . *Gluck.*
 { b. " Addio o miei sospiri " }
- MISS MATHILDE PHILLIPPS.
7. Fantasie for pianoforte, Op. 15. (Instrumented by
 Liszt) *Schubert.*
 MR. B. J. LANG.
8. Four-part song (unaccompanied), " Farewell to the
 Forest " *Mendelssohn.*
 FESTIVAL CHORUS.
9. Song, " Die Allmacht " *Schubert.*
 MR. ADAMS.
10. Aria from *Le Prè aux Clercs*, " Dell' Eta mia primiera," *Herold.*
 MISS EMMA C. THURSBY.
11. Aria from *Il Profeta*, " Pietà " *Meyerbeer.*
 MISS PHILLIPPS.
12. Quartet from *Fidelio*, Canon *Beethoven.*
 MISS THURSBY. MISS CARY, MR. ADAMS, MR. WHITNEY.
13. Solo and Chorus from *Stabat Mater*, " Inflammatus " . *Rossini.*
 MISS KELLOGG and FESTIVAL CHORUS.

Miss Kellogg was at her best, naturally, in " Bel raggio," and reaped a rich harvest of applause and flowers, huge baskets full. For Rossini's " Inflammatus " she had not the thrilling majesty of voice or style, though technically it was finely executed. Miss Thursby sang the florid aria from *Le Prè aux Clercs* with the utmost brilliancy and fluency and clear bird-like sparkle (may we say) in the bright highest tones. It was an exquisite piece of vocalization, and received with great enthusiasm and with floral tokens. Miss Cary's selection from Verdi's *Don Carlos* was a highly dramatic one, and exhibited her glorious, rich voice, her telling declamation, and her singularly even, ripe, sustained cantabile, to full advantage. Cheers and flowers for her, too, without stint. Miss Phillipps chose her most effective concert pieces in the two airs from *Orpheus*, displaying great fire and facility in the bravura of the second one. Among the men the palm belonged to Mr. Adams, whose delivery of the scena from *Lohengrin* had all the intensity and the romantic tone coloring, with all the nobility of expression which Wagner could have asked for. Not less noble was his rendering of the majestic, awe-inspiring song of the divine Omnipotence by Schubert, though it was only half appreciated, the audience being unprepared for it, not having the words before them. Mr. Whitney sang the aria from " The Jewess," with sustained dignity and feeling. Seldom was the quartet from *Fidelio* so finely sung here (in spite of the weak Italian translation), and yet it was about the first time that we ever knew it to pass without a call for repetition. The rare conjunction of four such voices

and such singers in a gem like that, should, by good rights, have been made the most of. We could not feel that the Liszt-Schubert fantasia, brilliant as it is, but so long and beginning to be a trifle hackneyed, was just in the right place in that programme, though on the part of Mr. Lang it was finely played, and fairly on the part of the orchestra. The rich, cool, broad effect of the whole choral mass of voices was refreshing and inspiring in the part-song by Mendelssohn, but it was never written to be sung by more than a club, or a handful of singers, and the effort must be rated as sensational, rich as the sensation was; voices never blended more euphoniously, it must be said.

Among the other floral tributes of this concert — for it seemed to be the time of general rewards of merit — was an enormous, beautiful harp of flowers presented to Carl Zerrahn (by the tenors and basses of the chorus), and a rich basket to Mr. Lang, who had done such faithful and efficient work at the great organ, as well as at the piano in the rehearsals of the chorus.

FIFTH AND LAST DAY. *Sunday Evening, May 20.* Handel's colossal oratorio, *Israel in Egypt*, brought the Festival to a most noble and impressive close. It was a grand experience. For the first time in this country was this sublime work brought out complete and in a manner worthy of its surpassing grandeur and its beauty; and for the first time was it heartily accepted, as a whole, by a great audience. This time it was appreciated, for this time it was adequately presented. It was a triumph for the brave conductor, Carl Zerrahn, and for all his coöperating forces.

After the opening tenor recitative, "Now there arose a new king over Egypt" (enunciated as only Mr. Charles R. Adams, with his rich voice and perfect art, could do it), the double chorus, "And the children of Israel sigh'd" (in bondage), and the whole series of miracle choruses, each itself a miracle of art, were so sung as to bring each a vivid scene before the mind; for the startling succession of these choruses is a kind of musical scene-shifting, a vast unfolding diorama; sometimes the imagery is so strong, so bold, so graphic, so intensely irradiated or so deeply shaded, so exciting, as to take the listener's breath away. The violins, too, did their part well, suggesting the swarming of "all manner of flies" after the strong unison, "He spake the word." Of course the "Hailstone" chorus was received with uncontainable enthusiasm, and had to be repeated; and it was perhaps the flutter of this excitement that threw the singers a little off their balance in the wonderful, mysterious modulations of "He sent a thick darkness." Even that most intricate of double choruses,

“He led them through the deep as through a wilderness,” was sung with a clearness in all the parts such as we had not heard before; through the mazy wilderness of much rehearsal, the conductor’s baton surely led them; but we may not go through them all. Next in grandeur to these miracle choruses, which form the principal matter of the First Part, is the sublime song of Moses and the Children of Israel, “The horse and his rider,” which begins and ends Part Second with a blaze of glory. This, too, was given with great spirit and precision, making Handel’s power seem inexhaustible. There is yet a third class of choruses, — short, one-page sentences of double chorus, which ever and anon stand before us like solid mighty monuments to mark the progress of the work. Nothing can be grander than these are; such a wealth and electric power of harmony is condensed into each one of them. “He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up”; “And Israel saw that great work”; and especially, “And in the greatness of thine excellency,” where the most daring and startling of discords is employed with the most wonderful, nay, the most strictly musical effect, — these and more are among the most characteristic features of the work. And then there is a fourth class, of a more ecclesiastical character, single choruses, mostly *alla breve*, or in *tempo giusto*, which, if less exciting, add a new and graver element of variety, and offer welcome moments of repose. Such are, “And believed the Lord,” “And I will exalt Him,” etc.

We said the work was given complete; it was even more than complete. The several additional solos, introduced in the Appendix by Sir George Smart, were all sung after the traditional English custom. This was very well from one point of view, as giving to the solo singers opportunities but sparingly allowed them in the plan of Handel’s work; and that great child, the public, brought up and spoiled on solos, always asks like Oliver “for more.” But, on the other hand, the work itself is weakened by these interpolations. They come in, after a great chorus has told the story sublimely, leaving nothing to be said, and say it over again in what must seem a feeble and prolix manner.

The soloists, however, for the most part, did themselves credit. The great success in this kind was the duet (part of the real work), “The Lord is a man of war,” in which the two basses, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Winch, were superbly matched, and won immense applause. It was a mistake, however, to repeat it; such a thing could hardly sound so well a second time; all needed repetition is provided in the structure of the piece itself; and it could only lengthen the performance, weakening what came after. Mr. Adams sang “The enemy

said, I will pursue" very finely; and his recitatives, of course, were all that could be desired. But in the somewhat bewildering duet (with Miss Thursby), "Thou in thy mercy," he seemed not quite familiar with his music. The lady's soprano was most brilliant in the part of Miriam with the last choros, and she sang finely. Miss Cary was capital in the quaint air, "Their land brought forth frogs"; and the tranquil melody of "Thou shalt bring them in" was admirably suited to her voice and style.

So closed the Fourth Triennial Festival with Handel in his sublimest phase. The receipts that evening were \$2,900. This Festival was shorter than any one of the five preceding, and in that respect it was more wisely planned, for all the others proved that there can be "too much of a good thing." Six concerts in four days, all on so large a scale, and offering so much serious matter, is quite as much as the most eager musical appetite can well digest; nor can the strength and spirit of the singers and the players well endure the strain much longer. The selections certainly were excellent: four great oratorios, *Elijah*, *Samson*, *Israel in Egypt*, and for the first time, Parts I. and II. of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*; with such interesting novelties as the Marcella Psalm, the Christmas Cantata by Saint-Saëns, the *Redemption Hymn* by our own J. C. D. Parker, and the *Song of Victory* by Ferdinand Hiller; besides the wealth of orchestra and vocal solo music in the miscellaneous concerts.

The Festival was a gratifying success in almost all respects artistically; but the expense was heavy, slightly exceeding the receipts, and thus disappointing the hope which the Society had entertained of contributing an equal share of possible "profits" to the "Old South Church Preservation Fund." There was ground for pride, however, in the fact that the hazardous enterprise had been carried through without any financial guaranty whatever, and that the music was rendered solely by American singers. The receipts for season tickets were \$3,250. The sale of single admissions was, for the first performance, \$2,726.50; for the second, \$2,123; for the third, \$898; for the fourth, \$1,505; for the fifth, \$2,999.50; for the last, \$2,310.50. There was also derived from various sources, \$448.15. Total receipts, \$16,251.65.

CHAPTER XII.

SIXTY-THIRD SEASON.

MAY 28, 1877, TO MAY 27, 1878.

THE enthusiasm of the fourth Triennial Festival (May, 1877) having reached its climax in that grand performance of Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, and having now somewhat subsided, the day of reckoning and of thoughtful forecast came in the shape of the Annual Business Meeting, which was held in Bumstead Hall on the evening of May 28, the president, Charles C. Perkins, in the chair. The treasurer's report showed the receipts of the year to be \$6,796.20, making, with a balance on hand the year before of \$54.22, a total of \$6,850.42. Paid floating debt of \$2,000. Expenses of the year, \$4,627. Amount on hand, \$223.42. It was voted to hear the report of the cost of the festival (receipts already stated) at an adjourned meeting. The trustees of the Permanent Fund reported the interest of the year at \$899.20, which sum was paid to the treasurer and included in the statement of receipts.

The president's report was congratulatory and encouraging. The spirit of devotion in the Society had been attested by the average attendance of three hundred and eighty singers at forty-four rehearsals during the year. He spoke of a "new departure" to be taken by the Society in performing *Elijah* and perhaps other oratorios in the "Tabernacle" (of Moody and Sankey), where for the first time five thousand people could hear the best music at prices within the reach of many now excluded. Of the Festival he said that, although its expenses slightly exceeded the receipts, yet it was carried through without any financial guaranty, and wholly by American singers, and was a success of which the Society might well be proud. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President. — CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Treasurer. — GEORGE W. PALMER.

Librarian. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Directors. — G. T. BROWN, J. D. ANDREWS, W. F. BRADBURY, A. H. WILSON, A. K. HEBARD, H. G. CAREY, J. A. PRAY, and R. S. RUNDLETT.

The first call to action, in the summer, was "To your tents, O Israel." The Triennial Festival was supplemented on Tuesday evening, June 5, by a repetition of *Elijah* under the ample but temporary roof of the "Tabernacle." The music sounded better than was commonly expected; yet it could not be said that either chorus, orchestra, or organ had the telling sonority that they had in the Music Hall; much depended, however, upon how the hearer was placed. The great enclosure was so cut up overhead by crossing beams and rafters as to reduce its sound-reflecting power almost to nothing. Every note was *heard*; but it all sounded dull, far-off. One journal said: "*Elijah* in the Tabernacle is as effective as a string quartet in the Music Hall; both can be distinctly heard, and intellectually comprehended; but neither can be physically felt."

The array of solo artists was one of great strength. First, Mme. Pappenheim, of the German Opera, renowned in Wagnerian music-dramas and in *Fidelio*, now sang in oratorio for the first time. In voice sure, true, ample, sympathetic, and far-reaching; in style artistic; in execution facile, finished, even; in feeling and expression, she had hardly been surpassed in that music. Her "Hear ye, Israel" (which Mendelssohn wrote for Jenny Lind) was superb. Her "Holy, holy," too, was, next to the Lind's, the nearest to the sublime that we remember. Mr. Charles R. Adams, in the tenor solos, more than made good any disappointment in the Festival. Miss Adelaide Phillipps was all herself in the contralto parts; and Mr. J. F. Winch was careful and successful in the music of the Prophet. Miss Sarah C. Fisher's sweet and clear soprano told well in the part of the Youth and in the Angels' Trio (which had to be repeated) with Pappenheim and Phillipps. The concerted pieces all went well with the aid of Mrs. Jenny M. Noyes, Mr. B. F. Gilbert, Dr. E. C. Bullard, and Mr. D. M. Babcock. There was an audience of about five thousand, at prices of one dollar, seventy-five and fifty cents. Receipts about \$3,100; profit about \$1,000. Thus encouraged, the Society announced the *Messiah* at the same tabernacle for Wednesday evening, June 20, having secured for solo artists Miss Emma Thursby, Miss Annie Louise Cary, Mr. Alfred Wilkie (late of Chicago), and Mr. M. W. Whitney. The conditions for musical effect were improved by transferring the great chorus and orchestra to the opposite side of the long building and placing them upon the platform. There was no organ, Mr. Lang presiding at a

grand piano. There was another great crowd, many people hearing Handel's *Messiah* for the first time in their life, thus quickening the charm with others who had known it so long. The new tenor, Mr. Wilkie, an Englishman, of sweet, not very powerful, but sympathetic, flexible, and well-trained voice, sang in a cultured style, with chaste, intelligent expression. The other three were equal to their work.

The loss by the Festival was more than offset by the gain of those two Tabernacle concerts, as appears by the report of the treasurer made to the Board of Government July 6: Net loss of Festival, \$1,400; profit on *Elijah*, \$804.37; on *Messiah*, \$661.25. One thousand dollars was voted to Mr. Zerrahn, and four hundred dollars to Mr. Lang, for their services in the Festival, and subsequent concerts, and both were re-elected.

To your tents again! On the 10th of October, the Tabernacle was once more tested as a home for oratorio. *Elijah* was given, with a good solid chorus, an orchestra of fifty, and for the solos, Mme. Pappenheim, Miss Antonia Henne, Mr. Wm. H. Fessenden, Mr. M. W. Whitney; and in the quartets, etc., Miss Fisher, Mrs. Noyes, and Messrs. Whitcomb, Wiswell, and Babcock. There was an audience of three thousand. Receipts, \$1,460; expenses, \$1,500. The novelty of such "camping out" was gone; "the place not made for oratorio." Mme. Pappenheim and Mr. Whitney were themselves. Miss Henne was a new appearance here. She had a rich, smooth, evenly-developed contralto voice, of sympathetic quality; but her singing seemed timid, cold, constrained, with something of the school-girl manner. Yet she had been well taught, and she improved as she went on. It was Mr. Fessenden's first essay in oratorio. The well-known sweetness of his voice, and the exceeding delicacy, the soft and tender expression with which he modulated it, served him well in his opening recitative and aria; but he soon grew husky in grappling with stronger passages. At all events, he was not the tenor for that great barn of a place, nor was that to his discredit.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, Rossini's *Stabat Mater* (the one "sacred" resource of opera troupes) was given at the Music Hall by the principal artists of a visiting German opera, with the Handel and Haydn chorus. Pappenheim gave out the full power of her voice, with heart and soul, in the *Inflammatu est*. Miss Antonia Henne sustained the contralto (or second soprano) solos very acceptably. Mr. Adams's delivery of the trying, trenchant *Cujus Animam* was brilliant, artistic in the highest sense, and enjoyable in spite of even unusual hoarseness; in tone, his voice was the golden sun struggling through clouds. Mr. Blum displayed a very smooth and musical quality of voice in the

bass air, *Pro Peccatis*. The beautiful Quartet, *Quando Corpus*, was not sung quite in tune. This formed the Second Part. Part First opened with an organ fugue, Schumann's, on B-A-C-H, finely played by Mr. Lang. Then came Mendelssohn's "Hear my Prayer," well given on the part of the chorus, with the solo earnestly and admirably sung by Mme. Pappenheim. Then Stradella's *Pietà, Signore!* was sung with refinement by Mr. Fritsch, and Gounod's *Ave Maria*, pleasingly, by Miss A. Hümann, with accompaniment of organ, harp, and violin. A terzet from Rossini's *Messe Solennelle* closed the concert, with "crude, strange, and uncertain harmony." The attendance was small. Receipts, \$1,100, one half of which went to the opera company, who provided soloists and orchestra. (The tickets were too high, at \$2.00, \$1.50, and \$1.)

The Sunday evenings of the next two months until Christmas were devoted to rehearsal, the number of singers ranging from one hundred and twenty-five (on a very stormy night) to four hundred and twenty-five.

On Dec. 23 were given, for the second time in Boston, Parts I. and II. of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, with the additional accompaniments by Robert Franz, followed by two more of the chief successes of the May Festival: J. C. D. Parker's *Redemption Hymn*, and the Cantata, *Noël*, by Saint-Saëns, reserving the *Messiah* for the evening of Christmas proper. The audiences, both evenings, were as large as the great hall could accommodate. The performances were in the main remarkably good, and created enthusiasm. Bach's music was deeply enjoyed by most listeners, more or less by all. The great opening chorus, "Mortals, be joyful," ushered in with drum and trumpets, was splendidly sung by the four hundred and fifty voices. So, too, the still greater, but more complicated, chorus, "Glory to God," which grows and swells in power and volume to the end, sweeping the voices on as in a whirlwind. The heavenly peace of the Pastoral Symphony, the serene breadth, depth, and beauty of the chorals, especially the one in which strains of the Pastoral Symphony escort it to the end; all, indeed, breathed a wondrous charm. Miss Thursby sang the Angel's announcement with exquisite simplicity and purity. Mrs. H. E. Sawyer delivered the contralto recitative in a large voice and style. The most admired of all the arias was, of course, the Cradle Song, which Miss Annie Cary sang wonderfully well. Mr. Wm. J. Winch gave the tenor recitative intelligently, and achieved a great feat of fluent, rapid, florid execution in the extremely difficult aria, "Haste ye, shepherds." The bass solos were fairly well done by Mr. A. E. Stoddard, baritone, of New York, his first

appearance here. The Pastoral Symphony certainly sounded better than before on account of the Franz accompaniments; but it was unfortunately taken too fast, nor was the *legato* character sufficiently observed in the reeds. The added pair of low clarinets (which had to serve for the English horns with which Franz replaces the old *oboi di caccia*, etc.) made the whole harmony sound warmer and less poverty-stricken. The beauty of that symphony was more felt this time; but it still fell far short of the ideal rendering which it deserves, as being almost the most beautiful piece of pure instrumental music to be found. (We may say that we have not even yet heard it played so well as it might be.) To the Cradle Song the added accompaniments lent a new charm; but their use is to be credited with worthy intention rather than with adequate realization. In the choruses the all-important flutes and oboes seemed smothered among all those voices. (Handel used to have a dozen or more of oboes against a far smaller choir of singers.)

Mr. Parker's Hymn confirmed the good impression which it made before. The *Noël* of Saint-Saëns, in spite of much that is beautiful, more that is ingenious, and a few passages of grandeur, seemed on the whole frivolous and superficial, heard right after Bach. The solos, trio and quartet, quintet, etc., by the artists just named, were finely sung, Miss Thursby's sweet, pure voice and delicate, refined expression contributing not a little to the good impression of the work. There was a fair house, which just paid expenses (\$1,700).

The *Messiah* took its annual turn on Christmas evening. We find a note we made at the time of "the wonderful period of mild, clear weather, with most exhilarating air, no wind nor snow nor wet, night after night of brilliant starlight, while the evening star in the west, so heavenly pure and bright, ever reminding one of the 'Star in the East,' appeared to reach its perfect climax on that holy night, and disposed one all the more to open heart and soul and sense to heavenly symphony and song." Given by that great chorus, all knowing the music by heart, and by a fine quartet of principals, — Miss Thursby, Mrs. Flora E. Barry (welcomed back to these scenes and to work like that!), Mr. Joseph Maas, and Mr. M. W. Whitney, and in that vigorous and zealous period of the old Society, — we can trust the general report of the excellent treatment which Handel's Christian oratorio received. That performance also was distinguished by the reinstatement of certain choice numbers of the work which had been omitted for many years, — but at the expense of others which no true Handelian could help missing; such as, "He trusted in God," "And with his stripes," and the second part of the air, "He was de-

spised." That evening the Society used for the first time the instrumentation which it had procured from Robert Franz for several numbers of the work which Mozart had passed over. The experiment was but partially successful, because the parts prepared by Franz were not represented by instruments enough to tell against so vast a chorus in so large a hall. The audience was enthusiastic. Profit, \$600.

1878. After ten Sunday evening rehearsals (one with orchestra), *St. Paul* was given on Wednesday evening, *March 6*. That was the third of the four subscription oratorio performances. It filled the Music Hall with listeners, although it was not presented on so grand a scale as were the Festival oratorios. The chorus numbered four hundred and twenty-five, with an orchestra of thirty-eight instruments. The organ, in the absence of Mr. Lang, was well played by Mr. George W. Sumner. The chorus singing was well up to its highest standard. In promptness of attack, precision, spirit, light and shade, every chorus number told. Mme. Pappenheim was all that could be wished in the soprano recitatives, — musical, expressive, giving all distinctly and purely, free from all affectation or exaggeration; like a true artist, absorbed in her task. Miss Drasdil's peculiarly rich, emotional quality of voice made her one song ("But the Lord is mindful of his own") singularly expressive. Mr. William J. Winch was not in good voice, but sang the tenor parts in his best style; and Mr. J. F. Winch was most satisfactory in the bass. Mr. Zerrahn conducted with an ease and confidence, which showed how well he could rely upon the thoroughness with which the work had been rehearsed. The orchestra was weak in violins, but careful and efficient. Receipts \$1,800; expenses \$1,560.

The Sunday evenings before Easter (April 21) were occupied with rehearsal of the *Creation* and Verdi's *Manzoni Requiem*. Haydn's fresh, descriptive, happy music drew a large and well-pleased audience on Easter evening. The chorus seats were full and the *ensemble* of tone very rich. All went well so far as the voices were concerned. But the instruments warmed slowly into perfect tune. "Chaos" in the Introduction rather overdid its part. Mr. Lang was again at his old post at the organ. Nearly every one of the great choruses proved inspiring. The solos were in excellent hands. Seldom had we heard "With verdure clad," or the soprano part in the Trios, or the tender melodies of Eve so beautifully sung as they were then in the lovely voice of Miss Thursby, in spite of a little hoarseness. "On mighty pens" was a greater thing with a great voice and personality like Jenny

Lind's. yet Miss Thursby sang it wonderfully well. Mr. Whitney's ponderous bass was grand in the picture passages of the first part; for Adam it was perhaps too heavy; such a contrast with so delicate an Eve seemed exaggerated. A bass of lighter calibre, more like a baritone, would seem to be the voice for Adam. Mr. Fessenden's delicate and sympathetic tenor was considerably clouded in the early part; but when he reached the air, "In native worth," his tones were rich, clear, manly.

The four subscription concerts over, there now loomed in prospect a new object of great curiosity and interest for Boston music-lovers, — our first hearing of the *Requiem* Mass which Verdi had composed for the anniversary of the death of his friend, the novelist and poet, Alessandro Manzoni; a work which had filled all Italy with enthusiasm, and had found many admirers in France, Germany, and England. The Society was diligently rehearsing it, and the public performance was announced for Sunday evening, *May 5*. This work had been loudly heralded, and great expectations raised. A great sensation was at hand. All sorts of prepossessions and opinions were bruited and discussed before, as well as after, the performance. Some awaited it from the point of view of the Italian, others of the German school of music; some with Catholic, others with Protestant convictions; others again in an impartial, uncommitted, common-sense, American frame of mind. That the performance was of remarkable excellence; that the four solo singers (Mme. Pappenheim, Miss Adelaide Phillipps, Mr. Charles R. Adams, and Herr Alwin Blum) were all equal to their trying tasks; that the orchestra of fifty was a good one for that time; that the great chorus had been thoroughly drilled and were ably led by the energetic conductor, Carl Zerrahn; that the "Great Organ" contributed of its might amply and discreetly under the hands and feet of Mr. Lang; and that the work really inspired both the singers and the larger portion of the audience with a certain enthusiasm, there was no denying. Some even seemed to listen with profound emotion. The soundness, the enduring quality of such emotion, such enthusiasm, of course remained to be tested by after-hearing, after-thought, and feeling. Clearly there is no room here to collect and sift the impressions, criticisms, and opinions it called forth. The writer of this History is only answerable for his own views and impressions at the time. He asks indulgence in copying, perhaps too much *in extenso*, from his record in *Dwight's Journal of Music*. After thanking the Handel and Haydn Society for such an opportunity of hearing Signor Verdi's most important work, the article proceeds: —

. . . "We listened with great interest. We found much that was delicate and beautiful; much that was touching; passages here and there that breathed rest and peace, the proper sense of *Requiem*. But these seemed fragmentary; they were too soon lost in things startling and noisy, with the constant aim to frighten the imagination. We found cheap and coarse effects in plenty; and these reproduced again and again until the effect grew feeble. We traced also those results of a profounder musical study, those careful marks of contrapuntal, fugal, polyphonic lore, of which Verdi is said to have availed himself of late (beginning with his Egyptian opera *Aida*). By the putting on of such armor his great native genius is supposed to have rendered itself all-powerful for all great work. We could perceive, too, where he had not disdained to borrow hints of effect from Meyerbeer and Wagner; so that, uniting in himself both German and Italian, he must needs be henceforth (in the eyes of his admirers) doubly powerful. But to our mind Verdi is Verdi still, and nobody else. His individuality, his genius, such as it was and is, remains. From *Aida* and from *Il Trovatore*, and even from this *Requiem*, he looks out on us with the same eyes and habitual expression. He may have begun to score more carefully; he may make more use of fugue and counterpoint; he may have studied Berlioz on modern instrumentation, until he can produce a work more complex and less superficial in its structure technically. But the spirit is not changed; the genius is no more, no less; the inspiration comes from the same source, tends to the same ends, namely overstrained intensity of passion, often carried to a frantic pitch, and physical, sensational surprises.

. . . "To us here, in the light of the Nineteenth Century ideas, it does seem a strange way for an intellectual musician, a patriot of the young, free Italy, to pay honor to the memory of a gentle poet friend, by conjuring up over his grave all the terrors of the last trump and everlasting fires, with the frantic screams and prayers of frightened sinners. Is this the way to sing a loved soul to rest? Is this a *requiem* in any but a traditional, conventional, ecclesiastical sense? Peace, gentle prayer, and benediction occupy the smallest space amid the terrors of this vast, appalling panorama; the *Dies iræ* claims almost the whole of it. But Verdi, as we said before, is Verdi; and it was hardly to be expected that the composer of the *Trovatore*, the pervading musical motive of which is whirling flame and burning at the stake, — "*il rogo*" being the image burnt upon the brain of the poor crazy gypsy mother and her minstrel son, — could resist the temptation, armed now with such new means, to try his hand upon a vastly wider canvas in Miltonic flaming scenery a thousand times more lurid and appalling.

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"1. We must acknowledge tenderness and beauty in the opening number: *Requiem*, which is like a murmured prayer for peace; and sweetly does it glide into the major at the words, *Et lux perpetua*, and return after *Te decet hymnus*. This is all very simple, and modestly expressed. The *Kyrie*, which follows, is not in the elaborate form of a set fugue with double subject, like Mozart's, nor has it the beauty of that; yet with its imitations in the four solo voices, and four chorus parts, it is elaborate enough, and not without beauty, giving promise of yet nobler things to come. Only we could not feel

beauty or meaning in that dull, groping accompaniment with which it begins and which savors too much of the early Verdi operas. . . .

"2. *Dies iræ!* Here every one was startled by what, the more we think of it, appears to us a cheap and coarse effect. It is an attempt at quite too literal, realistic, palpable a picture of the 'crack of doom.' The world is on fire, the dead rising from their graves, the universal air filled with frantic shrieks and cries for mercy. With all his brass, his fierce chromatic scales, his scouring blasts of sound, half the voices descending in chromatics, while the sopranos and tenors hold out one high note, making all together the extreme of discord, he does his best indeed to realize the supposed occasion; weak nerves may be frightened; all may be startled out of their dull complacency for a moment; they may call it grand and awful; but is it really sublime? Is its appeal to the spirit, or only to the senses? And when this pandemonium breaks loose again in the middle, and still again near the conclusion of the work, does it not seem more and more a false alarm? What sort of a 'profound emotion' is this, which can respond at all to such a boisterous appeal? Mozart and Cherubini with much more quiet means, and without overstepping the modesty of art, still making *music*, which in its nature is and must be beautiful, touch the inward spiritual springs of awe and guilty fear with a much surer hand. Not to speak of Mozart's great *Requiem*, in his *Don Giovanni*, where the statue enters in the last scene, there is music which seems to shake the foundations of the earth and of one's very soul, and yet it is all beautiful, pure music; that speaks to the soul, this to the senses and the nerves.

"To usher in the *Tuba mirum* Verdi has indeed contrived a great effect; his four pairs of trumpets, some near, some at a distance, as if ringing from the four quarters of the world, are managed with much skill and are most exciting. It is not a new device; you have heard it in *Lohengrin*, where the clans are mustered, only with a livelier strain; and Berlioz in this same part of his *Requiem* had employed not pairs of trumpets only, but cornets, trumpets, trombones, ophicleides, etc., in *four separate orchestras of brass*, each numbering ten or more, and placed at the four corners of the choral mass, besides eight fagotti and thrice four horns stationed in the middle. The *Tuba mirum* here, however, is decidedly impressive. We hardly know whether to say as much of *Mors stupebit*; it is certainly bizarre; but it introduced to us a noble voice in Herr Blum, who knows how to use it. *Liber scriptus* is made a mezzo-soprano solo, of earnest character, intense dramatic accent, full of a warning and sincere expression, and well suited to Miss Phillipps, who sang it nobly and with feeling. This and other solos in this middle portion contain real beauty and originality, and it is only natural that much of the best music should lie so near the heart of the work. During the solo are heard faint whispers of the words *Dies iræ*, which lead into a strong pathetic chorus on the second subject of No. 1, which is more like human music than the lurid and sulphureous introduction.

"*Quid sum miser tunc dicturus* is a Trio, beginning with the mezzo-soprano (Miss Phillipps) and joined first by tenor (C. R. Adams), then by soprano (Mme. Pappenheim). It is a beautiful Adagio, with an expressive bassoon figure underlying the accompaniment, and leads into a tremendous fortissimo of all the basses on the *Rex tremende*, amid suppressed ejaculations

of the tenors in three parts; then melodious entreaties: *Salva me*, a short phrase from each of the quartet in turn; and then the whole chorus joins. The melodious phrase acquires new beauty with a change of key, and the whole is worked up with great skill and powerful effect, especially where, beginning with the basses, voices climb over voices to the solo soprano in the last phrase of *Salva me*.

“Next comes the *Recordare*, opening gently and sweetly enough with the mezzo-soprano (alto ‘for short’) and joined by the soprano in a provokingly half-pleasing, half-too-artificial duet, which seems contrived for the display of the two voices, and smacks very much of the identical old operatic Verdi. An ingenious trifle, by the side of Mozart’s *Recordare*. It was finely sung, especially by Mme. Pappenheim.

“The *Ingemisco* and *Qui Mariam absolvisti* offered the great opportunity for Mr. Adams, who improved it nobly, his intelligent phrasing, perfect enunciation, and ringing high tones in the soaring passages making a marked sensation. There is great stir in the accompaniment all through, with plenty of aerial and subterranean tremolos at the mention of the sheep and the goats (the former suggesting a pastoral reed motive), while between the tremulous extremes the other instruments rush up and down the scale in triplets. There is solemnity and grandeur in the bass solo, *Confutatis maledictis*, grandly sung by Herr Blum; only here again we might complain of cheap effects of rushing chromatic scales in the basses, with ear-piercing piccolo, at *flammis acerbis addictis*; but of course the composer of the *Trovatore* must needs revel here. We can almost forgive it for the momentary relief of that modulation into a sweet passage: *Voca me cum benedictis*. The last notes of *Oro supplex* are lost in a fresh outburst of the sulphureous, terrific *Dies iræ*, which, however, is not carried through, but dies away (that dying more impressive, inwardly, than all the uproar), to make place for the *Lacrymosa*, which one can hardly help comparing, though we know it is not fair, with that wonderfully beautiful, affecting chorus by Mozart. Verdi treats it as quartet with chorus, in his own dramatic way, very elaborately, drawing upon all his resources of melodic invention, imitation, interweaving of parts, subtle modulation, and strange harmonic contrasts. The soprano, having sung through its sad melody alone, which the bass echoes, confines itself for some time to spasmodic syncopated sobs, but again takes the lead, as the piece grows more intense and complicated, subsiding into *Dona eis requiem!*

“3. Here ends the old Latin hymn of the day of judgment with its terrors. The Offertory gives us pause. It is for the quartet of soli, and begins quietly and gracefully: *Domine Jesu*. At the thought of *Signifer sanctus Michael*, the violins are faintly heard from airy heights, so that you involuntarily look for Lohengrin and his Swan; but we think Verdi had used such effects before Wagner. The *Quam olim Abrahamæ* seemed to us dry and cruelly ingenious in its restless modulation; the *Hostias*, with its serious, sweetly echoed theme, flattered us that we were done with Abraham, but he came back again, and the quartet ended with *Libera animas*.

“4. The *Sanctus*, here made to include the *Hosanna* and the *Benedictus*, is treated in a singular manner. It is all one swift and stirring fugue for double chorus; and, ingeniously and clearly as the fugue is wrought, it has

not the solemnity, the sublimity which we commonly associate with that text. It is of one theme, one texture, part and parcel with the *Hosanna* which follows, where a jubilant and stirring fugue is more in place. But yet again, without pause, same theme, same swift fugue movement, the *Benedictus* joins the whirling clamor, subsiding gently at the end and giving way to *Pleni sunt cœli* and *Hosanna*, this time in long, tranquil, choral notes (amplified from the latter half of the fugue subject), while the heavy sea is still kept boiling and rolling in the orchestra, and chromatic scales (*fff*) rush up and down in several octaves to increase the turmoil. Now the *Benedictus* is commonly made the text for a gentle, lovely movement by itself; in nearly all the Masses it is so, and it seems wronged by being whirled away in a tempestuous *Hosanna* fugue.

“But what of this fugue as fugue? What of the charm, the beauty, the expression of this double chorus fugue? There is skill in it; there is life and stir in it; to the singers there may be excitement in singing it, the voices chasing each other round in spiral play. But we must protest that to our ears it sounded dry, mechanical, and hard. A true Fugue is not a thing of form alone. There is a fugue spirit, as well as a fugue form. The great fuguists not only lived and freely moved and had their musical being in the essential *spirit* of the fugue (whether the strict form or freer polyphony) and breathed it as their native atmosphere, used it as a native language for their poetic inspirations; but they wrote fugues which one can feel and love, fugues which not only please the understanding but go to the heart. In Bach’s fugues there is consummate beauty, there is sentiment, expression. They are as much inspired as melody itself, and they are woven out of melody. If their general expression is impersonal and not dramatic, yet there are great varieties of mood, sentiment, and feeling in them, and still more of poetic genius and fancy. If an appreciative person will take the eight and forty preludes and fugues of the *Well-tempered Clavichord* and try to characterize each one of them in writing as to its expression, sentiment, etc., he will perhaps be surprised at what he will find. We cannot think that any one will learn to love and cherish this so-boasted fugue of Verdi; that it will ever haunt the mind as a dear part of life. Time will show. We admit beauty and religious feeling in the choral conclusion, — that is, in the voice parts; the accompaniment might do for *Ernani* or *Aida*.

“5. *Agnus Dei*. This is one of the most admired, and we may say most original pieces in the work. The melody, first sung in octaves, by two sopranos unaccompanied, has a sort of local coloring, almost as much so as those Egyptian tunes in *Aida*. It is calm, sad, seemingly simple, and yet very studied, quaint, and singular. It is four times repeated: first by chorus with simple accompaniment, all in unison; then in the minor, by the two sopranos again, with some instrumental embellishment; thirdly, with three flutes twining a light polyphonic wreath about it (a hint from Bach perhaps?); and finally, very softly, in full chorus harmonized, the two upper parts, however, still holding to the melody. There is a certain fascination in all this, and it could only be Verdi’s. Whether the charm will keep its freshness time must show.

“6. *Lux æterna* is a trio for alto, tenor, and bass, beginning with murmured monologue of the alto, in no settled key, amid a mysterious tremolo of strings,

high and low, which lends a certain sacrificial tone to it, as at the moment of the elevation of the host, with swinging censers, clouds of incense, etc., occasional notes of the bass drum or chords of brass deepening the sense of awe and strangeness. Much of what the three voices sing is made out of phrases from the preceding *Agnus Dei* melody, which lends a greater unity. There is much ear-tickling arpeggio and tremolo of high strings and flutes in the concluding portion.

“7. *Libera me*, etc. An ingenious contrivance for effect, at the beginning and the end, is the monotonous chanting of some sentences, first by the soprano, then by the chorus harmonized. The declamatory soprano solo which follows (*Dum veneris judicare*, etc.) is intensely dramatic, expressing utmost individual terror; the voice dies down to *pp* and *ppp* and finally (*sic*) to *pppppp* (a full pod of peas!). And here once more bursts out the horrid din and fury of the flaming *Dies iræ* chorus, and once more dies away, and *Requiem* is softly breathed again as in the introduction of the Mass. Then a long fugue, for single chorus, on *Libera me*, drier and harder even than that in the *Sanctus*. It was prudently omitted, — all but the summing up, or *stretto* at the end. The petition is repeated in fragments, in various forms, finally the monotonous chant again, and so the Mass dies out.

“That it is ‘a great work,’ in the Verdi way, we do not question; but that it is so in the highest, or a very high sense, we cannot feel. It is Verdi, with all his limitations, all his idiosyncrasy, and more than ever of his great peculiar power, his unique and decided talent, — creative genius, we can hardly say. Even at his best, we often feel that there is more of will than of spontaneous inspiration in it. It lacks, after all, the depth, the sincerity, the repose, the inwardness of great religious music. Its passionate intensity, even in view of these tremendous terrors, is not religious. The dramatic is not inconsistent with the religious element; but here is too much that is cheaply theatrical, melodramatic, and sensational. Religious feeling rises superior to terrors, and subdues them; self is forgotten, sympathy and love resolve its discords; every danger, every fear is spiritualized, and physical pains not brought too vividly before the imagination. So it is in all the *Passion Music* of Bach; so in every symphony of Beethoven; if there be struggle, always joy prevails. In the requiems of Mozart and Cherubini it is the *Requiem* and not the *Quantus tremor* subject that is most dwelt upon and fondly treated. But the author of the *Trovatore* is more at home (wilfully at home) in the sensational, shivering suggestions of the Day of Wrath. That he has been more in earnest, more careful, better fortified with contrapuntal arts and studies in this work than ever before, must be admitted.”

Undoubtedly the general audience, after this first hearing, would have voted the *Manzoni Requiem* a success. The receipts were \$1,600.

SIXTY-FOURTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1878, TO MAY 26, 1879.

May 27. At the annual meeting the treasurer reported :

Income (including balance last year)	\$12,095 57
Amounts and bills paid	12,104 22
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The interest on the permanent fund for the past year amounted to \$889.10, retained for reinvestment. The president made an interesting report, showing that the Society had prospered that year. There had been thirty-five rehearsals, with an average attendance of three hundred and eight singers. Eight concerts had been given. Fifty-five ladies and thirteen gentlemen had been admitted to the chorus; and \$200 worth of music had been added to the library. President C. C. Perkins and the other principal officers were re-elected, with the following directors: J. D. Andrews, H. G. Carey, A. K. Hebard, R. S. Rundlett, J. A. Pray, M. G. Daniell, F. H. Jenks, G. F. Miliken.

In October and November chorus rehearsals were held of *Judas Maccabæus* and of Verdi's *Requiem*, the latter in compliance with a pretty general request. The number of singers at these rehearsals ranged from three hundred and twenty to four hundred.

Nov. 24. First of the five concerts announced for the season. Verdi's *Requiem* for the second time, with a chorus of five hundred, and an orchestra of fifty-five. Every seat was occupied and there was much enthusiasm. This performance was on the whole better than the first.

In the soprano solos Mme. Pappenheim was missed; but Mme. Skelding brought to them a clear and telling voice, too much afflicted with the tremolo. Some pieces she sang well, with fair dramatic power, but others crudely; so that, during the intermission, very contradictory opinions of her were overheard among the audience. Miss Phillipps was in excellent condition, more at home in her music than before, and sang the trying contralto parts to great satisfaction. The marked success of the evening was that of Mr. C. R. Adams, particularly in his superb delivery of *Ingemisco*. He was in uncommonly good voice, free from huskiness, so that the ringing, rich, and golden quality of his higher tones asserted itself to great advantage; the high B-flats were glorious. Mr. J. F. Winch's noble bass was fresh

and musical as ever; yet he lacked fire, or was not quite in his element in that very Catholic and flaming music. A practical difficulty, both for solo voices and chorus, lay in the frequency of passages in unison (the old Verdi, as we knew him in *Ernani*). The unison must be absolute, the pitch without an infinitesimal shade of difference, in order that such passages may sound well, and not coarsely, barbarously, as in the monkish monotone familiar to all travellers in Italy. The receipts were \$2,650, a rise upon the May performance.

The Christmas performance of the *Messiah* was religiously attended by as great a crowd as usual. Mrs. Dexter, of Cincinnati, sang the soprano solos with intelligent appreciation; but in some parts a certain nervousness appeared to hinder her control of her voice. Mr. Courtney was not quite rid of the hoarseness which had affected his fine manly tenor in all his public efforts since his arrival from England; his style was faultless. Miss Ita Welsh, our young contralto, made a successful first attempt in oratorio. Mr. J. F. Winch (in the place of Mr. Whitney, ill) won the chief triumphs of the evening in the great bass airs. The chorus bore noble testimony to the thorough training of their conductor, Carl Zerrahn. The receipts, including public rehearsal, reached \$2,700; expenses, \$1,500.

1879. The third concert of the season was given *Feb. 9*, with a programme of shorter pieces, instead of an oratorio. First came Luther's choral, *Ein' feste Burg*, as harmonized by Otto Nicolai, which sounded grandly with the great, solid mass of chorus. Next, Mr. J. C. D. Parker's *Redemption Hymn* confirmed the good impression which it made at the Festival. The contralto solo was beautifully sung by Miss Annie Louise Cary, and both the chorus portions and the fine instrumentation were well done. The principal novelty was the "Flight into Egypt" from the trilogy, *L'Enfance du Christ*, by Hector Berlioz. It opened with a little antique-sounding overture, pastoral, and even rustic, mainly of reeds, the Corno Inglese predominating, — a vague and idle sort of warbling, innocent and pretty, but some thought it artificial. Then a chorus, "Farewell of the Shepherds," very naïve, and melodious for the most part. A narrative tenor solo, sweet and simple, was sung by Mr. C. R. Adams, not in his best voice, and not too familiar with the music. The *Sanctus* from Gounod's *St. Cecilia Mass* was of the grandiose kind, overwhelming with its massive weight of harmony, and the sensational effect of all of brilliancy that brass could add, besides the bass drum imitating cannon. Mr. Adams led off impressively in tenor solo; and chorus, orchestra, and organ answered, swelling to a climax of irresistible sonority. It

had to be repeated; but the charm was of the kind that soon wears out.

The ever-welcome *Hymn of Praise* formed the second part. The three symphonic movements and the accompaniments throughout were played with fervor by an unusually complete and capable orchestra. The choruses went finely. Miss Clara Louise Kellogg sang the soprano solos like an artist, although she seemed fatigued and out of health. Miss Cary was altogether admirable; and Mr. Adams, albeit somewhat husky, was very noble in the tenor solos.

What with tickets given to the chorus for their friends, the hall was very full; yet the receipts (\$2,000) only met the expenses. The secretary in his record says: "I think we have had all the opera singers that we want; they cost more than they bring."

And now, for the next two months, all addressed themselves, in good earnest, to the rehearsing of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music* for Good Friday, *April 11*, when the great work was to be brought out, for the first time here *entire*, Part I. in the afternoon, Part II. in the evening. Every preceding day that week it had been rehearsed, twice publicly, making the week a Passion Festival in Boston. It was the culmination of a series of approaches to completeness, beginning with the Festival in May, 1871, and resumed in May, 1874, and April, 1876. Increasing interest in the music had followed all these efforts. The singers had gradually learned to love it, until those who still thought it dry and merely learned, difficult and unrewarding, were left in a small minority. The enthusiasm spread abroad, until at last the public was prepared to seize with eagerness the rare opportunity now offered. The Music Hall was crowded at both concerts, many persons coming from a distance, and many having to stand up through the whole; and for the benefit of hundreds who could not procure seats, public rehearsals of both parts were given on the two preceding afternoons. The first part occupied two hours, and the second part almost two hours and a half. Of course this performance of the *Passion Music* was distinguished from all the preceding ones by the introduction of many important numbers which were omitted before. We shall again be obliged to copy from our own record at the time:—

. . . "For order, we will take the various elements which enter into the construction of the work. Of course, the actual order is that of the gospel narrative of the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ. That narrative forms the connecting thread in all representations of the Passion, whether dramatic or musical, and, therefore, we have to consider:—

"1. The *Recitative*, which is of two kinds: first, the simply narrative,

which is assigned to a high tenor voice, in the character of Evangelist, of the kind called *recitativo secco*, sustained by mere chords struck on an upright piano (Mr. Tucker). For the singer it is a most exacting task, requiring not only a voice of high range and great endurance, but thorough artistic training, taste and skill and feeling. For Mr. Courtney's delivery of what would be task enough for two voices, independently of the tenor arias, we have only praise. . . . Then there is the dialogue recitative, where characters are introduced as speaking, and which are more *cantabile*, and none could be more characteristically contrasted. The words of Jesus (bass), as here set in tones, have all the dignity and tenderness that could be imagined. And with what exquisite sense of fitness and distinction Bach always, the moment Jesus begins, causes a delicate stream of violin harmony to flow in like a halo about his sacred head, as in the old pictures! Mr. M. W. Whitney gave these sentences with due solemnity and tenderness, particularly in the scene of the Supper. Those of the High Priest, of Judas, and others, equally well individualized, were for the most part truly and strongly brought out by Mr. J. F. Winch. And then such expressive bits as the pert accusation of the two maids: 'Thou, too, wast with Jesus of Galilee!' . . .

"2. The German Chorals, with Bach's inimitable harmony. . . . These, like the choruses in the old Greek tragedy, reflect and comment on the passing moments of the action. If the disciples ask, 'Lord, is it I?', when told that one of them would betray him, the choral takes it upon itself for all and each, 'T is I! *my* sins betray Thee!' Some of the chorals come in by themselves as moments of calm, grand repose, amid the exciting, agonizing stir of the recital, like broad, cool, still sheets of water in the midst of a bold, wild landscape, reflecting hills, and woods, and sky; others steal in softly and with exquisite effect, verse by verse, at intervals during a solo; and one, clothed with a marvellous wealth of figurative counterpoint, and with an orchestral accompaniment as rich and grand as a symphony, is lengthened into a grand concluding chorus for the first part. They were all sung (some of them for the first time) by the five hundred voices with impressive power and rich sonority, accompanied by instruments in unison with each of the four parts, as well as by the great organ, used discreetly throughout the work by Mr. Lang. We felt, however, that some of them were rather too coarsely sung; we should have liked some delicate, expressive shading here and there in lines. . . .

"3. Grand choruses of entrance and of exit in each part, — gigantic portals, fitly leading up to the stupendous scene, and leading us away, filling the mind with wonder and with awe, or swelling forth the universal requiem. Never before was the colossal opening (double) chorus, 'Come, ye Daughters,' sung so grandly here, and so well accompanied. . . . The boys, drafted from three of our public schools, for the soprano *ripieno* choral, had been well trained by Mr. Sharland.

" 'Ye Lightnings, ye Thunders,' that swift, tremendous outburst of indignation, and imprecation of divine vengeance, after Jesus is bound and led away, may also count among the grand choruses, though it is only incidental, passing like a whirlwind in an instant, and is properly the conclusion of a scene, of which the first part is that tender duet of soprano and alto, with exquisite accompaniment of flutes, oboes, violins, and violas, in which every

note weeps, and in the midst of which the incontinent rage of the disciples vents itself in exclamations, 'Leave Him! bind Him not!' (which we would rather hear not so *fortissimo*), like the muttered thunder of the coming storm, until the double chorus breaks loose, 'Ye Lightnings!' etc. Somehow this chorus had not all the spirit that it has had on some former occasions; partly, perhaps, because so many of the tenor and bass seats were empty in the daytime, and partly because it was not taken quite fast enough. Yet it made an impression, and was loudly applauded, in spite of the request that there might be no applause.

"Then, closing the first part, must be named the sublime figured choral, 'O Man, bewail thy sin so great,' before alluded to, which, only in four parts, sounds, with its exceedingly rich and gorgeous orchestration, quite as grand and broad as any of those in eight parts. The pervading instrumental figure keeps up that caressing of the notes of which Bach seems so fond. The melody, or tune, is sung always by the sopranos, beginning just ahead of the other voices, which are interwoven in an inexhaustible variety of most expressive counterpoint. The parts are hard to learn, but once learned are not soon lost, for in their character they are essentially singable. What a melodious, natural flow the bass part has, which looks so difficult! This chorus was given here for the first time, and it was about as capital an achievement as the Handel and Haydn Society had ever reached.

"The unspeakably rich and tender concluding chorus, which we have called the requiem, 'Around Thy tomb here sit we weeping,' never fails to make a profound impression; it is simply perfect; no choir can sing it, no audience hear it, without deep emotion, which all carry home with them. It was grandly, nobly sung; and yet we thought, too loudly, with too rough accompaniment of brass, for the sentiment of words and situation, 'Here sit we weeping, and murmur low in tones suppress: Rest thee softly,' etc. . . .

"4. The so-called *Turba*, or short, stirring choruses of an excited crowd, now of the disciples, now of an infuriated mob, clamoring, 'Let Him be crucified,' etc. All of the more moderate ones in Part I. had been sung here before. . . . Most of the fierce little choruses of the Jews had not been sung before, and it was no easy work to master them, and so successfully. 'Let Him be crucified,' for instance, which occurs a second time in a key one tone higher, is in its intertanglement of parts like an oak wrenched and twisted by the hurricane and lightning. What a satisfaction to have mastered such a thing! So, 'He guilty is of death,' 'O tell us . . . who gave the blow,' 'What is that to us?' 'His blood be on us,' 'Thou that destroy'st the temple,' and that piercing shout (diminished seventh chord), 'Bárabbas!' all bring an angry, taunting, and relentless multitude, exciting and outscreeching one another, in a few brief strokes most vividly before us. The conductor had been urgent and exacting, and the chorus had wrestled bravely with these knotty problems, and they solved them pretty satisfactorily.

"5. The Arias, with their introductory melodic recitatives. . . . Quite a number of them had been sung here before; and among these were some of those exquisitely lovely arias with chorus, such as the tenor recitative and aria: 'O grief!' . . . 'I'll watch with my dear Jesus always,' in which the soft, sweet harmonies of the choral: 'So slumber shall our sins befall,' come in repeatedly, yet never twice alike. A new one this time was the

opening number of Part II., alto aria: 'Ah! now is my Jesus gone,' and chorus, in a somewhat pastoral, romantic vein, suited to the words from the Song of Solomon: 'Whither has thy Friend departed?' . . . Miss Henrietta Beebe, from New York, sang the soprano arias in a pure, sweet, flexible voice, in a tasteful, finished style, with respect for the composer, and with good expression, although her voice is of too light a character to bear all the weight of emotion with which these songs are charged. She was particularly happy in the air with the flute solo, and delicate accompaniment of two clarinets: 'From love unbounded.' Miss Edith Abell has a rich contralto, or mezzosoprano voice, well trained and effective, and sang all her arias artistically, with true feeling and expression. Her great aria, 'O pardon me, my God,' (*Erbarme dich*), which properly requires one of the greatest singers, great in voice and great in heart and soul, was sung with breadth and sustained nobleness of style. Mr. Remenyi's violin *obligato* was in some respects finely played, but there was too much of himself in it. And the same may be said of his *obligato* in the bass aria, which Mr. J. F. Winch sang tellingly and grandly: 'Give me back my dearest Master.' Mr. Winch was hardly in his best voice, but he was well prepared and effective in some of his exceedingly difficult tasks, such as 'Come, blessed cross!' in which Mr. Wulf Fries won credit by the altogether beautiful and faultless manner in which he played the interesting and very difficult violoncello solo. Mr. Courtney was as artistic, and on the whole satisfactory, in his trying arias as in the narrative recitatives, — a remarkable achievement for one man indeed! Mr. Whitney's ponderous and noble bass told to fine advantage in the most beautiful of all the bass solos, the recitative: 'At eventide, cool hour of rest,' and the aria: 'Cleanse thee, O my soul, from sin,' which he sang with a sustained and even breadth of style, and with true feeling and expression."

There was much more to be said, — of the orchestra, of the debt due to the conductor and to the hard-working officers of the Society, for so signal an achievement. Was it not one of the luminous historic points in the whole growth and onward progress of the old Society? Many of us could read in it the assurance that the *Passion* would thenceforth be given annually and entire in the same way. But the stars did not fight with those who entertained that hope!

Receipts, \$2,984.97, expenses, \$2,300.17, profits, \$684.80.

April 13. Easter. Handel's heroic oratorio, *Judas Maccabæus*, was given with great spirit. To be sure, in spite of large omissions, it was too long, after the exhausting music of the *Passion* week. And many numbers of the work needed the labors of a Robert Franz to fill out the accompaniment. The choruses were on the whole splendidly sung. The soloists were: Miss Fanny Kellogg, who achieved a brilliant success in the soprano airs, through the delightfully clear, bright, musical quality of her voice, and her tasteful execution; her chief fault being the habit of attacking a passage with a too explosive *sforzando*; Miss Edith Abell, whose voice seemed dull and weary

after the week's hard siege, though she sang finely; Mr. Courtney, who again distinguished himself by the clear, ringing tone and fervor of his martial tenor airs; and Mr. M. W. Whitney, who did all justice to the bass part of Simon. The chorus numbered four hundred and sixty, and the orchestra fifty. Receipts, \$1,700, expenses, \$1,350.

On Friday evening, *May 2*, *Elijah* was performed for the benefit of Carl Zerrahn, on the completion of his twenty-fifth season as conductor. There was a fine audience. The receipts (including a public rehearsal) reached \$3,331, of which sum \$2,433.50 went to Mr. Zerrahn. The chorus numbered four hundred and fifty, the orchestra (many volunteering) forty. The solo singers all volunteered, as follows: Mrs. J. Houston West, Mrs. J. W. Weston, Miss Sarah C. Fisher, Miss H. A. Russell, Miss Emily Winant, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, Mrs. J. R. Ellison, Mrs. A. L. Fowler, Mrs. H. M. Smith, Miss Fanny Kellogg, Mrs. H. E. H. Carter, Master W. H. Lee ("the youth"), Miss Ita Welsh, Mrs. Abby Clark Ford, Mrs. A. G. Spring, — Mr. W. H. Fessenden, Mr. J. C. Collins, Mr. A. C. Ryder, Mr. John F. Winch ("Elijah"), Mr. Alfred Wilkie, Mr. C. E. Hay, and Mr. D. M. Babcock.

Before the oratorio Mr. Zerrahn was met in Bumstead Hall by the chorus, who, through the president, C. C. Perkins, presented him with elegantly bound orchestral scores of *Elijah*, *St. Paul*, and the *Lobyesang*, and a solid gold medallion bearing on one side the seal of the Society, and on the other an inscription setting forth the character of the occasion. The performance was brilliant throughout, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The conductor's stand was adorned with flowers, and with the gifts of the chorus. Other magnificent presents were sent by Miss Annie Louise Cary, Mme. Rudersdorff, and other friends.

SIXTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 26, 1879, TO MAY 31, 1880.

May 26. Annual meeting. The treasurer reported the receipts of the year \$12,386.33, expenditures, \$11,395.03; deficit last year, \$8.65; balance in his hands, \$991.30. The trustees of the permanent fund showed a balance of \$12,604.66. The president's annual report was a wise and encouraging review of the year's noble work, especially congratulating the Society on having produced the entire *St. Matthew Passion Music* of Bach for the first time in America, and recognizing the manifest improvement in the singing of the chorus after the vocal discipline which that music had given them.

The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and librarian were re-elected, and the following directors: M. G. Daniell, H. G. Carey, A. K. Hebard, R. S. Rundlett, G. F. Milliken, F. H. Jenks, J. A. Pray, Henry W. Brown.

June 6. Conductor and organist were re-elected for another year. It was voted to hold the fifth Triennial Festival in the week ending May 10, 1880, and to give three concerts in the season previous.

Nov. 23. The first of the three concerts was distinguished by the first public appearance in America of Arthur S. Sullivan, Mus. Doc., who had accepted an invitation to conduct the performance of some of his own compositions. The attendance was worthy of so notable an occasion, the receipts amounting to \$2,835. There was an orchestra of sixty; chorus, five hundred. The solo artists were Miss Edith Abell, Miss May Bryant, Mr. Wm. J. Winch, and Mr. J. F. Winch. The tenor Winch was at his best.

The first part, under Mr. Zerrahn's direction, opened with Beethoven's *Hallelujah* chorus, which was very impressively sung, the sixty instruments rendering excellent support in this as in all the numbers of the programme. Then came *The Flight into Egypt* (Berlioz), which improved upon acquaintance. The tenor solo, representing the Repose of the Holy Family, was sung so exquisitely that there was no resisting the call for a repetition, and many remember it as the purest gem of the evening.

The second part began with Dr. Sullivan's *In Memoriam* overture, composed some years before in honor of his father. His reception was most hearty, and he had long to stand bowing acknowledgment. Turning to the orchestra, he entered quietly and earnestly into the business of conducting. His manner was firm, precise, without any flourish; he was plainly master of the situation and held all his forces well in hand. In the rehearsals he had shown a rare faculty of making all go right, quietly insisting on the carrying out of his ideas. The overture proved itself a musicianly work, vigorous in themes, logical in development, clear and symmetrical in form, richly and skilfully instrumented, and worked up to a powerful climax with the organ at the end.

His short oratorio, *The Prodigal Son*, composed for the Worcester Festival (England) in 1869, was really an early work. The Mendelssohnian influence is unmistakable in it, naturally enough, for Sullivan was then a young man; he had held the first "Mendelssohn scholarship," at Leipzig, where Mendelssohn was still the ruling spirit; and it would have required a courage amounting almost to bravado for him to make his *début* as composer in any marked departure from the

conventional style of one so idolized in England. Not a great work, it was found exceedingly enjoyable. The great assembly left the hall with a new admiration, and of a deeper kind, for the Arthur Sullivan, who had already given so much pleasure, far and wide, by his lighter operatic things, like *Pinafore*.

Dec. 28. The *Messiah* crowded the Music Hall again, and rarely had there been a better performance. The soprano, Miss Fanny Kellogg, showed a great improvement; she had rid herself of that explosive way which used to mar the beauty of her singing. Miss Winant's great contralto tones, into which she put such honest, true expression, charmed the audience. The tenor, Mr. Fritsch, whose voice was not quite equal to some parts of his task, sang intelligently and like an artist, especially in "Thou shalt dash them." The basso, Mr. Whitney, was in all his glory. One of his final sub-bass tones made one think of the traditions of Lablache. The concert, with public rehearsal, brought in over \$3,000.

1880. The rehearsals thenceforward until Easter were devoted to Spohr's *Last Judgment*; Handel's *Solomon*, *Utrecht Jubilate*, and *Israel in Egypt*; Haydn's *Seasons*; *The Deluge* by Saint-Saëns; *St. Paul*; Verdi's *Requiem*; and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, — partly for the approaching festival, for which the Board (*March 12*) voted to raise a guaranty of \$30,000; the Society heading the list with \$2,000. The prices for season tickets were fixed at \$12. Single seats, \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50; admission, \$1.00.

March 28. Easter. *Israel in Egypt* was given for the third and last concert of the subscription series. The hall was crowded. The great work was produced on a grand scale, with the chorus ranks full, and an orchestra of sixty musicians, with Mr. Listemann at their head, organ by Mr. Lang, and a goodly array of solo singers. Miss Fanny Kellogg, called upon at a day's notice in the place of Mrs. H. M. Smith, who was ill, and soon after her own severe bereavement (of both parents), kindly undertook several of the soprano solos, having never sung nor heard the *Israel* before, and won warm approval. The alto solos were sung by Mrs. Frank Kinsley, of New York, with a light, pleasing voice, not strong enough for the great hall; but she sang intelligently and carefully; only her efforts were marred by a habit of forcing her lower tones into a somewhat boy-like quality. Mrs. F. P. Whitney sang very satisfactorily the soprano solos of the first part, and in the duet, "The Lord is my strength." The tenor solos could hardly have been given to a more effective singer than to Mr. W. C. Power (new to the Society), who had a resonant, robust voice. His style was manly, full of fervor, and,

although not a Lloyd, he was obliged to repeat the air, "The enemy said, I will pursue." The bass airs in the "appendix," "He layeth the beams" and "Wave from wave." were nobly sung by Mr. Winch and Mr. Whitney. Excellent music these; but, being taken evidently from Handel's Italian operas, they seemed hardly of the same cloth with the rest of the garment. The same two gentlemen created such enthusiasm in the great duet of basses, "The Lord is a man of war," that they had to labor through it a second time. Yet it is an artistic mistake ever to repeat that very long, exhaustive, difficult duet; it repeats itself full enough when once sung through; it was never made to be a "twice-told tale," and it never goes so well a second time. A conductor ought to be a despot with his audiences (who in art are children) no less than with his choir and orchestra. The receipts from *Israel* were \$2,200. Now follows busy hum of preparation for the

FIFTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

MAY 4 TO MAY 9, 1880.

FIRST DAY. The performance of *St. Paul*, on Tuesday evening, *May 4*, was pronounced to be the best yet given of that oratorio in Boston. So said one of the largest and most cultivated audiences ever assembled in the Music Hall. The chorus seats were full, and the five hundred voices (one hundred and sixty-two sopranos, one hundred and forty-four altos, ninety-seven tenors, and one hundred and thirty-six basses) were sensitively obedient to the conductor's baton in all points of light and shade. If there were a few shortcomings anywhere they were lost in the abiding memory of a glorious whole. Possibly the addition of a dozen or more good ringing tenors would have made the balance nearer perfect. The orchestra of seventy-five, under Bernhard Listemann, was equally effective. The violin force was of the honest, telling kind. The contrafagotto, rather a stranger to our concerts, made its presence felt. The reeds and flutes were sweet and true; and the brass, for which Mendelssohn gives splendid opportunities in *St. Paul*, rang out with refreshing and exhilarating challenge: "Rise up, arise!" "Sleepers, awake!" etc. Mr. Lang, having taken pains to procure from Germany Mendelssohn's full organ score, made the participation of the great organ very noticeable.

The principal solo singers, both in recitative and song, proved equal to their exacting tasks. The limpid, lovely quality of Miss Emma Thursby's pure and flexible soprano, and her refined execution

were in keeping with the music. Her singing was that of a bird-like, child-like, happy nature, rather than a deep one. Miss Emily Winant's rich and soulful contralto told in the little that it had to do. Mr. M. W. Whitney acquitted himself, as always, nobly; yet there was a certain heaviness which needed to be lifted by the inspiration which sometimes possessed him. The chief honors were borne off by Mr. Charles R. Adams. For once, he was all himself again, his manly tenor free from huskiness, and he improved the auspicious opportunity to show himself the noble artist that he was. When it came to the great aria, "Be thou faithful unto death," he rose to something like true inspiration; the effect was magical; every tone was full of fervor and of beauty, and the applause knew no bounds. The receipts were \$2,000.

SECOND DAY. On Wednesday evening, *May 5*, the audience was even larger, the receipts being \$3,282. The chorus numbered four hundred and fifty voices. Two strongly contrasted works were given: Spohr's oratorio, *The Last Judgment*, for the first time here in twenty-five years, and Rossini's rather too familiar *Stabat Mater*.

All found the music of Spohr sweet, melodious, delicately finished, wrought out with a rare subtlety of harmony, with great contrapuntal skill, and with a perfect mastery of the orchestral means of his day. The sweetness, however, with the perpetual chromatic and even enharmonic modulation, while details were beautiful, was cloying on the whole. A few bars, now and then, of plain diatonic harmony would have been so refreshing! Then, as a treatment of an awful theme, nearly the whole music is extremely mild and amiable. (What a contrast with the Verdi *Requiem*!) Only a single chorus, "Destroyed is Babylon," taken with the preceding bass recitative, "The day of wrath is near," contains any hint, musically, of anything appalling. The chorus singing and the accompaniment were well done. The solos form rather a secondary element in the work. Miss Ida W. Hubbell, the soprano, new to the Society, sang with intelligence and taste, with zeal and fervor. She had a clear and telling voice, sometimes a little strident in the highest tones. Miss Winant, Mr. Courtney, and Mr. M. W. Whitney were up to their own high mark. The orchestra, which really has the most important part, was equal to it. Besides the long and serious overture, there is a yet longer introductory symphony to the second part, where, if anywhere, one would expect to feel a dark and terrible foreboding of the wrath to come. On the contrary, it is almost festive; it moves with a gay, buoyant rhythm, like a prelude to some gorgeous pageant. Think what one might of Spohr's oratorio, it certainly added, in the way of contrast and of knowledge, to the interest of the Festival.

Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, of which the genial composer himself, in a conversation with Ferdinand Hiller, spoke as being only *mezzo serio*, is liked by all the singers, because it affords fine opportunities for their voices. It went well in nearly every part. The sensation of the performance was Signor Campanini's singing of the *Cujus animam*. Miss Annie Cary was perfectly at home in the contralto arias. Miss Fanny Kellogg had hardly the physical strength for the *Et inflammatus*, but in the rest of the soprano part was eminently successful. Mr. J. F. Winch was quite equal to the trying *Pro peccatis* and the other bass airs.

THIRD DAY. Thursday afternoon, *May 6*. Beethoven's Choral Symphony, with the preceding miscellaneous selections, drew an overflowing audience. First came (for the third time in Boston) Mr. George W. Chadwick's overture to *Rip van Winkle*, heard with fresh interest, from the fact that the young composer, who had recently returned from his studies in Germany, conducted it in person. He was warmly received, and held the orchestra well in hand. Mr. C. R. Adams sang Schubert's *Erl-King*, with an orchestral accompaniment, by no means overpowering or extravagant, by Berlioz. Then appeared Miss Thursby in the scene of poor crazed Ophelia, from the *Hamlet* of Ambroise Thomas. It was a charming and a touching piece of vocalization, and the audience were delighted. Miss Cary, in her full contralto, and in her noblest style, with perfect ease of execution, sang the jealous Juno's recitative, "Awake, Saturnia," and aria, "Hence, Iris, hence away!" from Handel's *Semele*, superbly. The short Psalm, without orchestra, by Mendelssohn, "Judge me, O God," was impressively sung by the great chorus, the unison passages being firm and massive, and the responses prompt and sure.

In the *Ninth Symphony* the chorus was even more successful than the orchestra. One prime condition of success, enthusiasm, clearly buoyed up the singers to the level of their arduous task. In the sustained high notes of the religious climax it all *sounded* well, however inconsiderately (for voices) Beethoven may have written it. The quartet of soloists — Miss Thursby, Miss Cary, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Dudley — were, with a few momentary shortcomings in one part or another, more nearly equal to their arduous task than any we remembered to have heard before, even in that almost impossible quadruple cadenza. Mr. Dudley had a manly, ponderous, telling bass voice, which he wielded to good purpose; and he led off in the vocal work, after the suggestion of the orchestral basses, very nobly, giving a spirited impulse to the entire chorus.

The orchestra, of over seventy, played the three instrumental move-

ments, on the whole, finely, especially the heavenly Adagio. The double basses burst their bonds and talked out very effectually where the need of human utterance first makes itself felt. Certainly those who gave themselves simply up to the music and the thought found it a glorious experience, and went home edified, and in a happy, hopeful and believing frame of mind. If the *St. Paul* was the best achievement of the Festival, this was the other best. That concert brought in \$3,410.

The fourth concert. Thursday evening, opened with Mr. Dudley Buck's Symphonic Overture to Sir Walter Scott's *Marmion*. If not strikingly original in ideas, it did impress one as a good square piece of orchestral writing, largely and symmetrically laid out, effectively and richly instrumented, with several good themes well developed, although perhaps at too great length.

Then followed Verdi's *Requiem* (heard here for the third time). It seemed to call forth the best energies of orchestra and chorus, and to prove highly satisfactory to the great mass of the very large and eager audience. Of the work itself our first opinion remained unchanged. Its appeal is not to the best that there is in us; only seldom does it touch the springs of deep religious love and aspiration, but it appeals to fear. Those texts of the old Latin hymn, which offer the best chance for great sensational display of orchestral effects, are the texts chiefly dwelt upon. It is not so with the greater masters, Mozart, Jomelli, Cherubini, who sing more of rest eternal. The performance, on the whole, was excellent. The grander scene-painting came out vividly and strongly. Light and shade were carefully regarded. The arias and concerted pieces were satisfactory in the main. Mrs. H. M. Smith's clear and powerful soprano voice did good service, though sometimes its effects were overstrained and marred by impure intonation. Miss Cary was altogether equal to her part. Signor Campanini made another great hit in the aria, "Ingemisco." Mr. Whitney sang the bass solos with grand sonority and dignity. The chorus numbered four hundred and thirty. The house was good; receipts, \$2,740.

FOURTH DAY. Friday evening, *May 7*. The fifth concert offered "Spring" and "Summer" from Haydn's *Seasons*, and *The Deluge* by Saint-Saëns, the first in most refreshing, soothing contrast to the unpeaceful *Requiem* of the night before, and to the overwhelming *Deluge* that immediately followed. Composed by an old man of seventy, it is the happiest expression of a most genial, child-like sympathy with nature. Its flowing honey does not cloy like that of Spohr. It presents a varied picture, nowhere overcolored, nowhere

weak or tame. All is characteristic, free from startling contrast and extravagance. The chorus of the thunder-storm, so naturally prepared by passages descriptive of intense summer heat, may be a puny tempest by the side of Saint-Saëns's picture of the *Deluge*, but intrinsically it is more near to Nature and more powerful.

These two parts of the *Seasons* were sung and played *con amore*. All the choruses went well except the first: "Come, gentle Spring," which was a little scrambling. The soprano melody was particularly suited to the voice and style of Miss Thursby, who sang most charmingly. Mr. Adams was again in good voice, and with his true artistic instinct gave a most expressive rendering of the tenor part; especially in the recitative and air descriptive of the summer heat and its effects: "Distressful Nature fainting sinks," he realized the full intention of the music in the most complete and tasteful manner. Mr. Whitney sang the song of the "Husbandman," and indeed all that fell to his share, very finely.

The general verdict on the Cantata, *The Deluge*, was upon the whole unfavorable. The vocal writing seemed to interest but few, while plentiful praise was lavished on the transcendent brilliancy and power of its descriptive instrumentation. All the usual and unusual means of the modern orchestra are employed to work up the description of the rising of the waters to a fearful and extraordinary climax. It begins suggestively with a faint, watery tremolo, and presently a bubbling and gurgling sound of flutes, and a chromatic whistling of the wind, all quite exciting to the imagination, till finally the great deeps are unloosed with universal, stunning tumult, the like of which in intensity, variety, and cumulative persistency of noise, still kept within the bounds of music, was never realized before. Of course the culminating point of rest, at the subsiding of the waters, is turned to good account by the ingenious composer. But taken as a whole, the work, instrumentally as well as vocally, was to our feeling weak, coarse, wilful, wanting dignity, unequal to the subject, and unworthy of a composer who in other things had shown so much genius and so much musical *savoir faire*.

After the great flood has begun to subside, we have in Part III. most interesting and suggestive themes for an imaginative composer: the scattering of the clouds, the sending out of the dove, the olive-branch, the descent from the ark, the rainbow, etc. And here indeed we have the gentlest and most pleasing portion of the music. But again all is spoiled by what should be a sublime conclusion. The command: "Increase and multiply," naturally suggests a fugue. But what a fugue we get! Learned enough, ingenious enough it

may be, but desperately dry and uninspiring. The performance on the whole was as good as could reasonably be required, especially the orchestral work. The principal vocalists (Miss Hubbell, Miss Winant, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Dudley) did themselves as much credit as could be expected in such music. The chorus numbered four hundred and seventy. Receipts \$2,665.

FIFTH DAY. Saturday afternoon, *May 8*. This was in one sense the gala-day of the Festival, although the giver of the feast, the old Society as such, in its own choral capacity, figured less than in any other concert. It was the people's day, when thousands from the country, far and near, thronged to Boston Music Hall, attracted by the array of famous solo singers. The *great* crowd is always drawn by a certain interest in the personal performer, more than by the beauty or the grandeur of the music in itself. Hence such a day and such a programme are dear also to the solo artists; it gives them all an opportunity to shine in pieces of their own selection; each rides in upon his own hobby-horse, with which he has won before and still feels pretty sure to win. The consequence is that nondescript affair, a *miscellaneous programme*. In this case the miscellany was a remarkably good one. The crowd was overwhelming; every seat was occupied and hundreds of applicants were turned away. The performance, singly and collectively, was most satisfactory. Without further comment, we simply give the bill of fare:—

1. Overture, "Rübezahl" (*Ruler of the Spirits*), op. 27 Weber.
2. Utrecht Jubilate, Chorus Handel.
Solos by MISS CARY, MR. COURTNEY, and MR. WHITNEY.
3. Romance, from *La Forza del Destino* Verdi.
SIGNOR CAMPANINI.
4. Song: "La Calandrina" Jomelli.
MISS THURSBY.
5. Aria: "De giorni miei," from *Il Duca d'Ebbero* Da Villa.
MR. COURTNEY.
6. Duet: "Non fuggire," from *William Tell* Rossini.
SIGNOR CAMPANINI and MR. WHITNEY.
7. Intermezzo from Symphony in F, op. 9 Goetz.
8. Air: "Voi che sapete," from *Le Nozze di Figaro* Mozart.
MISS ANNIE CARY.
9. Miriam's Song of Triumph Reinecke.
MISS HUBBELL.
10. Air: "Jerum," from *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* Wagner.
11. Siegmund's Love Song: "Winterstürme," from *Die Walküre* Wagner.
SIGNOR CAMPANINI.

12. Aria from *Giulio Cesare* *Handel.*
MISS WINANT.
13. Aria: "Non s'ode alcun," from *L'Etoile du Nord* *Meyerbeer.*
MISS THURSBY.
- [Flute accompaniment played by Messrs. SCHLIMPER and RIETZEL.]
14. Quartet and chorus from the "*Cantata per ogni tempo*" *J. S. Bach.*
[The Quartet by MISS HUBBELL, MISS WINANT, MR. COURTNEY, and
MR. WHITNEY.]

SIXTH DAY. Sunday evening, *May 9*. There was some falling off in the attendance, the evening being very hot, and *Solomon* being understood to be not one of Handel's *greatest* oratorios. The note about it appended to the programme book concludes: "As a whole, we may speak of *Solomon* as an oratorio which contains much of Handel's best music, but too long, wanting unity, and unusually overloaded with long, level stretches of those conventional and ornate solos, which it requires the best of singers to lift into light and interest. The choruses are, indeed, wonderfully fine, and touch such various chords of human feeling that they might furnish a complete enough entertainment of themselves. The oratorio as here given is curtailed one third. Why not curtail it even more?" The Society had not given it for twenty-five years; this was the fourth performance. One great obstacle to its success lay in the fact that the sketchy instrumentation of the old published score required such completion as was made by Mozart for the *Messiah*, and by Franz for several works of Bach and Handel, to fit it for performance. It was found impossible to procure Sir Michael Costa's parts from England; and at the last moment, when the Society was committed to the work, some parts for the clarinet were written, and those for bassoon and horn were amplified by Mr. J. C. D. Parker, Mr. Zerrahn preparing parts for the trombones. But this was not enough. Of course, the organ in the background became all the more important, and Mr. Lang put in good work there.

Yet in spite of such tiresome length of the old conventional cut, in spite of the comparatively small number of the grandest kind of choruses, and in spite of meagre instrumentation, there was much in *Solomon* to charm and to impress, much of the Handelian tenderness and sweetness in the airs, much of his graphic power, his majesty, and lofty inspiration in the choruses. The latter were perhaps hardly sung with all the spirit shown in some preceding concerts, for naturally the singers had become fatigued. But the great hymns of praise at the beginning and the end, the charming epithalamium: "May no

rash intruder," with its sound of nightingales, and the descriptive series in the last part, especially the mournful one: "Draw the tear from hopeless love," — a piece of solemn harmony in which Handel is at his very best — were all well rendered and produced a fine impression.

Of the solos, the chief part — the alto part of Solomon — was carefully and smoothly sung by Miss Cary, though her noble voice showed some signs of fatigue. For the same reason, Miss Thursby's sweet voice, finished style, and intelligent conception feebly expressed the tenderness and pathos of the parts of the Queen and the First Woman. Miss Fanny Kellogg's greater voice and greater earnestness, in the parts of the Queen of Sheba, and the vindictive Second Woman, were in strong contrast to the other. Mr. Courtney sang in a thoroughly artistic manner in the part of Zadoc, rendering the long stretches of roulades with perfect evenness and grace; and Mr. J. F. Winch was fully equal to the trying bass songs in the character of the Levite. The house was moderately full, the receipts \$2,150.

So ended the Fifth Triennial Festival, favored throughout by the sunshine of nature and of public favor. The average attendance was excellent. No accidents nor disappointments marred the pleasure of participants, and all was congratulation at the end. The financial results were cheering, leaving a fair profit. At the next meeting of the Board (*May 27*) salaries were voted for services at the Festival, as follows: Carl Zerrahn, as conductor, \$1,000; B. J. Lang, as organist, \$400; S. M. Bedlington, as librarian, \$200. Voted, also, to pay Mr. Lang \$300 salary, as organist for the season, exclusive of the Festival. And the treasurer was instructed to pay over to the trustees of the Permanent Fund the sum of \$2,000, then in his hands.

CHAPTER XIII.

SIXTY-SIXTH SEASON.

MAY 31, 1880, TO MAY 30, 1881.

May 31. At the Annual Meeting the treasurer reported: —

On hand, May, 1879.		\$991 30
Receipts of the regular season		8,283 13
Receipts of Fifth Triennial Festival		20,431 29
		\$29,705 72
Expenditures of the regular season	\$7,462 65	
Expenditures of Festival	19,287 72	
Paid to Permanent Fund	2,500 00	\$29,250 37
		\$455 35
Balance		

In the report of the Permanent Fund it appeared that a donation of \$500 had been received from some *unknown friend* of the Society. The value of the Permanent Fund was \$15,233. The president and other principal officers were re-elected, and the following: —

Directors. — HENRY M. BROWN, M. G. DANIELL, F. H. JENKS, GEO. F. MILLIKEN, GEO. T. BROWN, EUGENE B. HAGAR, W. S. FENOLLOSA, JOSIAH WHEELWRIGHT.

The president, C. C. Perkins, made his annual report (or address). He said: "Were I to say that the season has been the best so far in the annals of the Society, and that the Fifth Triennial Festival far surpassed its predecessors, I might be contradicted; but when I say that no exertions were spared by the conductor, the singers, the organist, and the board of management to make the concerts given before and at the festival as good as possible, I cannot be gainsaid; for this is strictly true." He took an interesting survey of the rise and progress of the Society, and claimed that the choral and symphony concerts in which Boston rejoiced were in a measure due to the initiative taken by the Handel and Haydn Society so many years ago. After some eloquent exhortation to future effort and yet higher aspiration, he closed with the following statistics of the season: Fifty-four rehearsals had been held, with an average attendance of four hundred and forty singers. Thirty-five new members had been admitted; fifty-five ladies had joined the chorus, and fourteen had been dis-

missed. Eight members had resigned, and three had been dismissed. After reciting the long list of works performed before and at the Festival, he alluded to the deaths, six in number, which had occurred in the Society during the year, namely: Charles Henderson, who joined in 1834; Henry A. Coffin, who joined in 1865; T. Frank Reed, who joined in 1866; Thomas Grieves, who joined in 1870; Leopold Lobsitz, who joined in 1876; and Philo Peabody, who joined in 1877. Mr. Reed had been a member of the Board of Government in 1870 and 1871. "Actively interested in the cause of music, always conspicuous among those who were best capable of promoting it, genial, kindly, and courteous to all who came in contact with him, Mr. Reed is not a little missed by those who knew and valued him."

During the summer the rebuilding of Tremont Temple (destroyed by fire) was completed, and its old organ was replaced by a new and splendid one constructed by Messrs. Hook & Hastings. The new Temple was dedicated by a series of concerts early in October. To these the Handel and Haydn Society contributed two oratorio performances. First, on the formal opening night, Monday, Oct. 11, the *Messiah*. The chorus of the Society, about one hundred short of its usual number, on account of the limitation of the stage, was well displayed upon the curving tiers of seats in front of the elegant and cheerful architecture of the organ, while the orchestra occupied the space in the middle, the whole being brought so far out into the auditorium that everything was clearly heard. The choruses came out with a ringing, rich *ensemble*. The shading, too, was good, and the accompaniment felicitous. Miss Lillian Bailey (Mrs. Henschel), singing here for the first time since her studies in Paris and her successful career in England, took the soprano solos; and, considering her youth and the yet juvenile though much-improved quality of her voice in firmness, evenness, and fulness, acquitted herself most creditably. Miss Emily Winant, whose rich contralto seemed richer than ever, sang with unaffected, simple truth of feeling. Mr. Wm. J. Winch was not at his best in the tenor solos. Mr. M. W. Whitney gave the bass airs in his grandest voice, with rare spirit and effect. The chorus singing frequently raised the audience (only moderate in numbers) to enthusiasm. *Oct 13 1886*

On Wednesday evening, in the same place and under the same conditions, *Elijah* was given, with the same choral and orchestral forces, and for soloists Miss Fanny Kellogg, Miss Winant, Mr. Charles R. Adams, and Mr. John F. Winch; and in the concerted music Miss Lucie Homer, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, Mr. Geo. W. Want, and

Mr. D. M. Babcock. The Temple was only half filled, but the performance was a fine one. It was an unfavorable week for a series of grand concerts in an unaccustomed hall. Many of the most musical families were still out of town; there was too much politics in the air and in anxious patriotic minds; beautiful evenings and a reluctance to give up the summer's fascinating freedom, etc., etc., all together proved too strong for the charmer, music, to overcome.

The remainder of the autumn months was occupied with rehearsal of the *Mount of Olives* and of Mozart's *Requiem*, until the *Messiah* took its annual turn on the approach of Christmas. The public performance was on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. The solos were by Mrs. H. F. Knowles, Miss Anna Drasdil, Mr. W. C. Tower, and Mr. Georg Henschel. The chorus singing was excellent throughout (four hundred voices). The orchestra of sixty, with Mr. Listemann heading the fine body of violins, and with plenty of double basses, was uncommonly efficient, while the great organ, played by Mr. Lang, lent judicious, unmistakable support wherever it was needed. The additional accompaniments by Franz, in certain numbers, helped greatly to bring out the beauty and the richness of the composer's meaning. In spite of the John Bull critics, who would hold us to the letter of the hasty sketches which Handel left us in his scores, we doubt not that, could the old giant have been present, his big wig would have vibrated with true satisfaction at finding his hints so finely apprehended and carried out. While the solos were all good, those contributed by Mr. Henschel and by Miss Drasdil gave distinction to this repetition of the most familiar (yet never too familiar) of oratorios. A new stage had been erected for the chorus, and they were seated in chairs, instead of on benches without backs, as before,—a great improvement both in looks and comfort. The audience was large. Receipts about \$2,000.

1881. Jan. 30. The second concert of the season revived two famous works which had not been heard in Boston for a quarter of a century: Mozart's *Requiem*, and Beethoven's Oratorio, *The Mount of Olives*, no longer given, out of regard for sanctimonious English prejudice, with an absurd change of text and subject, under the title of *Engedi*.

Mozart's *Requiem* was indeed refreshing after one's ears had several times been scorched by the sensational, devouring flames of Verdi's intensely lurid and appalling picture of eternal torment. Mozart also can command appalling harmonies; he has appropriate accent and tone-color for the *Dies Iræ*, *Tuba mirum*, *Confutatis*, etc.,

but he treats them with a few vivid touches, making them most impressive. He does not turn the whole *Requiem*, the prayer for rest, into a tremendous picture of the terrors of the Judgment Day. Sweetness, tenderness, repose are the prevailing key with him; it is music, not to startle and to frighten, but to please, to comfort, edify, sustain, and bless. How reposeful the broad, tranquil opening: *Requiem Eternam*, and the majestic fugue: *Kyrie Eleison!* How beautiful the *Recordare!* How divinely full of deepest, tenderest emotion, and how wonderful in rhythm, climax, harmony, and expressive, ceaseless modulation the *Lachrymosa*, which hardly finds its equal unless we turn to Bach! And then the lovely *Benedictus*, the *Agnus Dei*, etc. (whatever Süßmayer may have had to do with them, so Mozartean in spirit)! It is these things, out of the sweetest, inmost heart of music, that leave the permanent impression of the work, and not a haunting nightmare dream of terrors, as with Verdi.

The interpretation of this immortal music was very satisfactory on the part of orchestra and chorus. The quartet of soloists was composed of Miss Hattie L. Simms, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Ita Welsh, Mr. Courtney, and Mr. Clarence E. Hay.

The Mount of Olives never ranked among Beethoven's greatest works, although his genius and consummate art shine out in it repeatedly. The instrumentation is thoroughly Beethovenish. The choruses are few. There is only one of much importance—a brilliant, joyful one, with very florid soprano solo—before we come to the exciting, graphic little choruses (or *turbæ*), first, of the soldiers seeking Jesus, which is march-like, pianissimo, staccato; then of the disciples: "What means this crowd and tumult?" alternating with "Then seize and bind him fast," "Haste, and seize upon the traitor," etc. Beethoven shows his imaginative power in these little scenes; they are not weak even after Bach. Of course there is no need to speak of the sublime majesty and breadth of the well-known final Hallelujah Chorus, which is one of the great things of Oratorio. The tenor recitatives and arias in the part of Jesus (Mr. Courtney, who sang in his usual chaste, expressive style) fall far short of the tenderness, the realizing sense of Bach. The arias of the Seraph (soprano) are too much like brilliant, ornate concert arias, though sometimes justified by the exultation of the text. Miss Simms, who sang them, a pupil of Mr. Courtney, was an agreeable surprise. Her voice was singularly pure and fresh, good and even throughout its large compass, and soaring to the high C with perfect ease; her phrasing intelligent; her execution and expression faultless, and her manner free from affectation. Mr. Hay sang the small

part of Peter with good taste and judgment. There is no contralto rôle. This short oratorio made an enjoyable contrast with the *Requiem*, though not so great a work of its kind as that. The audience was fair; receipts, \$1,500; expenses, \$1,350.

For the nine following Sunday evenings the rehearsals, having Holy Week and Easter in view, were devoted to the *Passion Music* and *St. Paul*, the attendance varying from two hundred and seventy-five to four hundred singers. A public rehearsal of the *Passion* was given on Thursday afternoon, *April 14*, the sale of tickets amounting to \$800.

On the following evening (Good Friday), *April 15*, Bach's *Passion Music* according to St. Matthew was performed, with an orchestra of fifty, a chorus of four hundred, and one hundred boys in the balcony to sing the intermittent choral in the great opening chorus. It seemed a pity that the work could not be given entire, in two performances on the same day, as it was two years before. To reduce it into one evening's concert is not only to omit many most important numbers; it also tends, in the desire to save as many beautiful arias and choruses as possible, to make that one too long. About half of the chorals, those ever-welcome moments of repose, immortal models, too, of four-part harmony, were omitted; while the narrative recitative, so trying for any single tenor voice, was considerably, and very judiciously, abridged. As it was, much the larger half of the work was sung. We well remember the tasteful, delicate, chaste, pathetic manner in which this tenor narrative was delivered by Mr. William J. Winch, despite some signs of weariness toward the end. Miss Annie Louise Cary took our feelings captive by her rendering of the great aria with violin obligato: "O pardon me, my God" ("*Erbarme dich*"), and by all she sang. It seemed as if the study and the singing of this music was an entering of new depths of life for her. And here is the place to speak of Mr. Henschel, since these two more than any realized the spirit and transcendent art of this unsurpassable religious music. In the unspeakably beautiful utterances of Jesus (always distinguished by the prismatic halo of string quartet accompaniment) his expression was all serious, tender, manly, full of majesty and full of love. It seemed the voice of the divinely human. Mrs. Humphrey-Allen did good justice to the soprano arias which she sang, especially: "From love unbounded," with its innocent and exquisite accompaniment of only flute and two clarinets. Miss Edith Abell's efforts were intelligent and earnest, but the voice seemed suffering from a cold. Mr. Wm. Winch was excellent in the great tenor scene with intermittent stanzas of choral: "O grief!" — one

of the most beautiful inspirations in the work, to which the oboe melody by Mr. de Ribas contributed most happily. Mr. John Winch sang the bass air: "Give me back my dearest Master," with more life and character than we had heard it sung before, as well as the parts of Judas and of the High Priest. Mr. Listemann played the beautiful violin solos with artistic certainty and great refinement.

The choruses, for the most part, were well sung, especially the chorals and the *Schluss-Chor*, which is so profoundly affecting; and the orchestra was commonly effective and subdued to finer light and shade than ever before here in the *Passion Music*; yet there were some slips and some rough places both in orchestra and chorus, some indifferent or timid entrances. The great organ lent very efficient aid under Mr. Lang's hand, particularly in the appalling picture where "The veil of the temple was rent," etc. On the whole, this fifth rendering of the music was the most successful since the Society first undertook any considerable portion of it. With every repetition it had gained a wider and a deeper hold among our music-loving people. The performance began at 7.35 and ended at 10.24. The weather was bad, and the receipts were \$1,720.

Easter Sunday evening, *April 17*. Performance of *St. Paul*. Orchestra of fifty-five, chorus, four hundred and twenty-five. There was hardly a fault to be found with the chorus singing. In the long grave chorus, written almost uniformly in half-notes, 3-4 ("But our Lord abideth"), frequently abridged, there is a second soprano part which sings a choral; this was assigned to a choir of boys who had been drilled for this and for the opening chorus in the *Passion* by Mr. Sharland, and the effect was good. The four principal soloists were all highly satisfactory. Mrs. Henschel (Lillian Bailey) sang the aria "Jerusalem," and all the soprano solos, in a simple, chaste, refined, and sympathetic voice and manner, winning sincere applause. Mrs. Jennie M. Noyes (her first appearance in a principal rôle) acquitted herself most creditably in the short contralto arioso: "But the Lord is mindful." The parts of Paul (bass) and of Stephen (tenor) could not have been intrusted to better artists than Mr. Henschel and Mr. C. F. Adams; it was a great treat when they sang together in the duet: "Now we are ambassadors." It was the most artistic and complete production, so far, of this noble oratorio in this city. And it came well right after Bach, being conceived so much in his spirit. The audience was very large; the receipts, \$2,275.

At the meeting of the Board, *April 29*, Mr. Nathaniel Harris, a trustee of the Permanent Fund, having died, Mr. Henry P. Kidder (of the banking-house of Kidder, Peabody & Co.) was by vote requested to take his place.

SIXTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

MAY 30, 1881, TO MAY 29, 1882.

The annual meeting was held *May 30*, Vice-President George H. Chickering in the chair. The report of the president, C. C. Perkins (then in Europe), congratulating the Society upon its excellent condition, was read by the secretary. The report of the treasurer, Mr. George W. Palmer, showed the total receipts of the year, including the balance on hand at the outset of \$455.35, to have been \$9,311.64, and the total expenses \$8,917.34, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$394.30. The amount of the fund was reported at \$21,828.27. The report of the librarian showed that music had been added at a cost of \$289.79. The principal officers were re-elected, with the following *Directors*: George T. Brown, Josiah Wheelwright, H. M. Brown, Eugene B. Hagar, W. S. Fenollosa, D. L. Laws, J. D. Andrews, and R. S. Rundlett. A series of resolutions was passed recognizing the services rendered by the late Nathaniel Harris, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

Before passing on to the musical work of the new season, it may be well to mention here a movement which had been some time in progress among some of the officers of the Society, toward "weeding out the old choir." It was proposed to authorize the Board of Government to remove from the chorus those members who should be proved to be vocally inefficient, offering honorary retirement with certain privileges in case of age. To this reform a majority of the Society were still reluctant, but it was bound to come in course of time.

June 24. The Board laid out a programme of the season's work as follows: For *Dec. 25*, the *Messiah*; *Feb. 5*, Handel's *Utrecht Jubilate*, Parker's *Redemption Hymn*, Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*; *April 5*, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*; *April 7*, *Creation*.

Sept. 16. The Board received letters from President Perkins, in Europe. Voted to purchase Cherubini's *Missu Solemnis*, for study and performance; also, Graun's *Passion (Tod Jesu)*, for performance this season in place of the *Utrecht Jubilate* and the *Redemption Hymn*. Accepted an invitation to take part in a great Musical Festival, under the direction of Theodore Thomas, in New York.

In October and November the rehearsals were devoted to the *Hymn of Praise*, *Creation*, Rubenstein's *Tower of Babel*, and Graun's *Tod Jesu*.

Nov. 27. The death (*Nov. 23*) of George W. Palmer, its treasurer, was sad news to the Society. Born in Philadelphia, he had re-

sided forty years in Boston; was once a member of the old publishing firm of Jenks & Palmer, and had held the positions of treasurer of the Brattle Square Church, and of two street-railway companies, one of them for twenty-three years. After the rehearsal, at the suggestion of President Perkins, the chorus sang "Happy and blest," from *St. Paul*.

Dec. 9. At a special meeting of the Society it was unanimously

Resolved, "That by the death of George W. Palmer the Handel and Haydn Society has lost one of its most devoted and valuable members. Since he joined the Society, in 1841, acting as a Trustee since 1860 and Treasurer since 1866, he has steadily cared for its interests, and shown a constant kindness and courtesy in the discharge of his duties, which will always be gratefully remembered by his associate members and by the ladies of the Chorus. Loving the Society, its work, and his share in it, he was always present at its rehearsals and public performances, unless compelled by sickness to absent himself from his accustomed post; and now, that he will be seen in it no more, his presence will long be missed."

Mr. Moses Grant Daniell was then chosen treasurer in his place, and Mr. Wm. F. Bradbury as a director in the place of Mr. H. M. Brown, who had resigned. The "weeding-out" amendment to the By-laws was rejected, but on the motion of Mr. A. Parker Browne the proposition was renewed, with change of form, so as to authorize the Board of Government "to retire from the chorus any member whose singing falls below the proper standard," that fact to be determined by a committee consisting of the four choir superintendents and four members of the Society at large (not members of the Board).

Dec. 25. The Christmas performance of the *Messiah* was crowded (receipts, \$2,750); chorus, four hundred; orchestra, fifty. Mrs. E. Aline Osgood, a native of Boston, disappointed many by her lack of "thrilling and impassioned" rendering of the soprano solos, after the reputation she had acquired in England. Mr. Courtney was reported "under the weather," and partly so Miss Annie Cary and Mr. J. F. Winch. One paper called the whole performance of the oratorio a "pallid" one, too much a matter of habit. Another said, "a tame and insipid performance." Mrs. Osgood, however, was credited with a delightfully pure soprano, of great compass and unusual evenness, and with being a careful, conscientious singer, with an admirable stage manner.

1882. Feb. 5. The second concert of the season began with the first performance in this country (probably the first outside of Germany) of Graun's *Der Tod Jesu*. Karl Heinrich Graun was born near

Dresden, in 1701, and died at Berlin, in 1759, so that he was mainly contemporaneous with Bach and Handel. He was early noted as a singer, and he composed a *Passions-Cantata*,—thought remarkable for a boy of fifteen. He was much under the influence, both as singer and composer (as was Handel) of Keiser, the then celebrated composer of Hamburg; and the operas of the Italian composer Lotti also influenced his style. In 1735 he was invited to the residence of the Crown-Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederic the Great. Here he composed fifty Italian Cantatas, usually consisting each of two airs with recitatives. When Frederic came to the throne he continued his patronage of Graun, made him his Kapellmeister, and sent him to Italy to form a company of Italian singers for the opera at Berlin. In Italy he remained more than a year, and there his singing was much appreciated. In Berlin he composed many Italian operas, as well as instrumental works, which are forgotten. Towards the close of his life he again devoted himself to church music. Two of his works of this period, through which his fame now chiefly lives, are, the *Te Deum*, for Frederic's victory at Prague (1756), and *Der Tod Jesu* (death of Jesus), a "Passions-Cantata," the words by Ramler (not from the Bible), a work which placed him in the rank of classical composers. It was first performed in the cathedral of Berlin on March 26, 1755, and has ever since been annually sung there in Passion-Week. Many have thought it too antiquated, but the repetition has been justified by the complete and masterly form in which it embodies the spirit of a bygone age. Grove says, "It contains so many excellences and so much that is significant, that no oratorio of the second half of the last century, excepting, perhaps, Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Creation*, can be compared to it." After Bach and Handel this, perhaps, comes next, but *longo intervallo*. In Berlin Graun's *Tod Jesu* occupies almost the position which Handel's *Messiah* does here.

Ramler's rhymed text is poor poetry indeed, but childlike and sincere and in the spirit of its time and country. Much of it, especially in the recitatives, deals in realistic physical terrors rather largely. But Graun is greatest in these recitatives; his music "casts a grateful veil of pure, exalted sentiment over the terrible details of the text." The airs are mostly in the ornate, brilliant operatic Italian style of that day, sometimes cloyingly sweet and sentimental. The choruses (only five) are grand; the chorals weak compared with those of Bach.

The work gave pleasure, but with its numerous repeats seemed very long. The choruses were impressive, and several of the recitatives

and airs were very effective. These were sung by Miss Ida W. Hubbell, Mrs. L. S. Ipsen, Mr. Wm. J. Winch, and Mr. Georg Henschel, — all excellent in voice and rendering. The chorus numbered three hundred and fifty, the orchestra, fifty-six. There was an audience of one thousand three hundred; receipts, only \$1,200; expenses, \$1,600. This falling off was owing to the heavy snowstorm of the night before, which interfered with travel in the suburbs.

March 27. That evening a grand combination concert was given in the great Mechanics' Fair Building in aid of the Russian Jewish Refugees. The old Society joined forces with the Lynn Choral Union, the Salem Oratorio Society, the Taunton Beethoven Society, a moderate orchestra (no organ), and for solo singers, Mrs. H. M. Knowles, soprano, Miss Mary F. How, contralto, and Messrs. C. R. Adams and J. F. Winch. Conductors, Carl Zerrahn and Georg Henschel. There were one thousand singers present, but the stage would only hold six hundred; the rest went into the hall and listened. The programme consisted of the "Baal" and "Rain" choruses from *Elijah*, the "Hallelujah" from the *Messiah*, and numerous solos. The night was stormy, yet the audience was large. The hall proved good for sound, but too large for the force employed.

April 7. Good Friday. Bach's *Matthew Passion Music* was for the second time given entire in two performances, with a chorus of three hundred and fifty in the afternoon, and four hundred and fifty in the evening. Mr. Henschel sang the music in the part of Jesus, and also the recitative, "At eventide," and the following air, "Cleanse thee." Mr. Wm. F. Winch took the part of the Evangelist and the other trying tenor solos. Mrs. E. A. Osgood was the soprano, and Miss Mathilda Phillipps divided with Miss Edith Abell the contralto solos, at short notice, in the place of Miss Annie Cary, who was ill in New York. The bass airs and minor parts (Judas, Peter, Pilate, etc.) were taken by Mr. J. F. Winch. The solo obligatos for violin, violoncello, flute, and oboe were played by Messrs. Listemann, Wulf Fries, Rietzel, and de Ribas. Mr. Hiram Tucker played a piano accompaniment to the recitatives. The choral for *soprano ripieno* in the great opening chorus was sung by boys from the public schools, under the direction of Mr. J. B. Sharland.

It was thought that the *Passion Music* did not go so well as in some previous years. The arias and the instrumental parts, peculiar and extremely difficult, needed closer and continued study. And the tenor solos, including the narrative ones for the Evangelist, were really too great a load for any singer and ought to be divided between two. The house was very full, the receipts, \$2,700.

April 9. For Easter, the *Creation* was given (for the sixty-first time in Boston), with a chorus of five hundred and an orchestra of fifty-five. Miss Fanny Kellogg sang the soprano solos. Mr. Tom Karl, the tenor, was pronounced "timid," Mr. Whitney, the basso, "rough," and the orchestra "careless" at times. The receipts were \$2,400, being double the expenses.

Now followed a series of seven rehearsals (the last four conducted by Mr. Theodore Thomas) of *Israel in Egypt*, for the New York Festival, which occupied five days (*May 2-6*). Nearly five hundred of the Society went on by the Providence steamer "Massachusetts," on Thursday, *May 4*, the party occupying the whole boat. Others had preceded them a few days earlier. They lived on board the boat. They sang in *Israel* in the fifth concert of the Festival in the Seventh Regiment armory, occupying the central seats (the post of honor) in the great chorus of two thousand seven hundred voices (composed of societies of New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston). There was an orchestra of three hundred instruments. The solos were sung by Mrs. E. A. Osgood, Miss Hattie Schell, Miss Emily Winant, and Messrs. William Candidus, Franz Remmertz, and M. W. Whitney; conductor, Theodore Thomas; organist, Dudley Buck. The societies had not rehearsed the work together, but the performance was pronounced superb. The tone volume of the voices was enormous, rendering the orchestra at times inaudible. The *fortissimos* were impressive at first, but, being too uniformly kept up, grew tiresome. This was the largest chorus ever gathered in America for any important work (larger perhaps than Handel ever dreamed of!); but the great waves of tone were steady and voluminous. The audience amounted to seven thousand people. Our Society reached home on Sunday morning, all delighted with the rare experience.

Other works given at that Festival were: Beethoven's Solemn Mass in D; Bach's Cantata: *Ein' feste Burg*; Handel's *Utrecht Jubilate*; Berlioz's *Les Troyens* (Act 2); besides *matinées* of classical and modern music. The soloists were Mme. Materna, Mrs. Osgood, Miss Annie Cary, Miss Winant, Messrs. Campanini, Candidus, Toedt, Henschel, Remmertz, M. W. Whitney, and others. The expenses were said to amount to about \$120,000, the receipts somewhat less. All the expenses of the Handel and Haydn Society were paid by the Festival Association.

May 16. At a meeting of the Board, it was voted that the Judge of Probate be requested to appoint Henry L. Higginson a trustee of the Permanent Fund in the place of Hon. John Phelps Putnam, de-

ceased. A vote of thanks was passed to the New York Festival Committee "for their courtesy and attention to the convenience and pleasure of the Society during its visit to New York and participation in the Festival."

SIXTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

MAY 29, 1882, TO MAY 28, 1883.

May 29. Annual meeting. The treasurer's report showed:—

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$394 30
Receipts from all sources	9,464 73
Total	<u>\$9,859 03</u>
Expenses of concerts	\$7,205 85
Current expenses	1,917 65
Additions to library	427 70
	<u>9,551 20</u>
Balance on hand	\$307 88

No income had been drawn from the fund during the year. Present market value of the securities held by its trustees, \$20,460.

The librarian reported no books lost, and an addition of five hundred copies of Rubinstein's *Tower of Babel*, five hundred copies of Graun's *Der Tod Jesu*, forty copies of Cherubini's Mass, with five hundred and fifty chorus parts of the same. The president's report was read, accepted, and placed on file. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—

- President.* — CHARLES C. PERKINS.
- Vice-President.* — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.
- Secretary.* — A. PARKER BROWNE.
- Treasurer.* — M. GRANT DANIELL.
- Librarian.* — JOHN H. STICKNEY.
- Directors.* — J. D. ANDREWS, WM. F. BRADBURY, GEORGE T. BROWN, WM. S. FENOLLOSA, EUGENE B. HAGAR, D. L. LAWS, R. S. RUNDLETT, JOSIAH WHEELWRIGHT.

The "weeding out" amendment found the Society not yet ready, and was indefinitely postponed.

Sept. 6. Board voted to hold the Sixth Triennial Festival at the Music Hall in 1883, beginning May 1; to give the *Messiah* on Sunday evening, Dec. 24, and two other concerts during the season, one of them to be on Easter Sunday; to instruct committee to consider

the suggestion of giving an oratorio during the fall in the great hall of the Mechanics' Building. The conductor (Carl Zerrahn) and organist (B. J. Lang) were reappointed, on the usual terms. At a later meeting (*Sept. 20*) Mr. Zerrahn's salary was raised to \$1,000.

Rehearsals of *The Tower of Babel* and the *Creation* were held throughout the Sunday evenings of October. *Nov. 12*, the *Creation* was rehearsed at Mechanics' Building by five hundred of the chorus. On the next evening (*Nov. 13*) it was publicly performed there in the grand hall. The chorus numbered about six hundred; the orchestra, led by Bernhard Listemann, seventy-six. The solo singers were Miss Emma Thursby, Mr. Charles R. Adams, and Mr. John F. Winch. All, it appears, sang finely; even Miss Thursby's sweet and delicate soprano was not lost in so vast a hall. The most effective moments were Mr. Adams's singing of "In native worth and honor clad," and the great chorus, "The heavens are telling." Mr. Winch was inaudible at times. The effect of the hall was fairly good; and yet much was wanting to the full enjoyment of the music. It was thought that the hall with certain improvements might be made very good for large choruses. The audience (one third of which was free) numbered not quite three thousand six hundred. The tickets were put at low prices: \$1, 75 cts. and 50 cts. The dollar tickets sold the most freely. The receipts did not exceed the expenses.

Dec. 24. At home again in Music Hall! The *Messiah* was given with an orchestra of fifty-four, and a chorus of five hundred. The soloists were Miss Henrietta Beebe, from New York, Mrs. Flora E. Barry, Mr. William J. Winch, and Mr. Georg Henschel. The chorus work appears to have satisfied the critics better than that of the solo-singers. The audience was very large. Receipts, \$2,950. Expenses \$1,500. That sort of balance is music to the managers!

1883. Throughout the month of January the Society was engaged in the rehearsal of a new oratorio (?), *The Redemption*, by Gounod, which the Society had already announced as one of the attractions of the Sixth Triennial Festival in the following month of May. At great cost the right of performance in Boston had been purchased of Mr. Theodore Thomas, who controlled the use of the authorized edition, the composer's score, for the United States. The reasons for giving it several months before the Festival, namely, on Monday evening, *Jan. 29*, were set forth in a preliminary circular as follows: "As it now appears that an orchestral accompaniment has been prepared from the published pianoforte score, and that the work may be performed in that unauthorized and incomplete form in Boston and other

places, therefore, in justice to the composer, who ought to be heard in his own way, to the public, which has a right to have the work in its integrity, and to the Society, which has paid a large sum for the use of the real score, it has been decided to give it on the day above-named." By an appeal to the United States District Court, Mr. Thomas succeeded in barring the public use of the "unauthorized edition," and much newspaper discussion and controversy helped to create a factitious interest in the work. It was performed at the Boston Theatre, a few days in advance of the Handel and Haydn Society, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Lennon, a Catholic musician of good repute, with only a pianoforte and organ accompaniment, a choir of three hundred voices from several Catholic churches of the city, and a goodly array of solo singers. Then came the performance from the original complete score by the Society, which had bought the right from Theodore Thomas.

Naturally there was a wide-spread, eager curiosity to hear a work which had been the subject of so much litigation and discussion here in Boston; a work, too, which it was understood that Gounod, composer of the admired and well-known opera, *Faust*, regarded as the supreme effort of his genius. The Music Hall was crowded, and by most attentive listeners. The receipts amounted to \$3,110. There was an orchestra of seventy, and a chorus of five hundred. The solo-singers were: Mrs. E. Aline Osgood, Miss S. C. Fisher, Miss Emily Winant, Messrs. W. J. and J. F. Winch, and Mr. Franz Remmert. Those who had heard its first production in England at the Birmingham Festival in August, 1882, or subsequent performances in London, New York, and Philadelphia, declared that this performance compared well with any of them. The voice of the local press was loudly in its praise.

Of the work itself, in its intrinsic character, we may copy from the "Notes" in the book of the Society's Sixth Triennial Festival:—

"A Catholic oratorio is an anomaly in our time; for, although the name *oratorio* is Italian, and although musical representations, in dramatic form, by that name were first held in Rome, yet now the word suggests to us those grand, sacred musical epics, like Handel's *Messiah*, *Israel in Egypt*, *Judas Maccabæus*, or Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* and *Elijah*, which sprang up outside of the Church, and were quickened by the spirit of the Reformation. Gounod wrote his *Redemption* for the church, the Roman Church of France; and very properly the title by which he wished to have it known was not an oratorio, but a 'Sacred Trilogy' (since it consists of a prelude and three parts). The music, in its whole style and conception, is essentially ecclesiastical, and it is essentially French. Both the music and the text (of his own writing) have the peculiar French Church flavor; they are emotional in a sense alike remote

from, say the *Passion Music* of Bach, and from the cooler Protestant thought and feeling of the present day. Such emotionalism must inevitably seem to many of us very artificial, while to the ardent Catholic, who can listen to the work as if in his own church, transported thither by the sympathetic spell of Gounod's genius, it may all speak like the sincerest ministry of St. Cecilia's art divine, — a ministry of tears and exaltation. Much that is found strange, affected, sentimental, morbid, and sensational in the music, and, perhaps, offensively doctrinal in the text, one might be more than reconciled to could he only listen from the Roman churchman's point of view and with his subjective sensibility.

“ These remarks are not made in a spirit of condemnation, but simply to account for, and to state, in a very few words, some of the peculiarities, one might say singularities, of Gounod's *Redemption*. For instance, while on the one hand it is sentimental, on the other it is almost too painfully realistic; it dwells with a pitiless minuteness on the cruel images and details of the Cross. The narrative, avoiding all that exquisitely human and expressive recitative which is like a natural language with Bach and Handel and Mozart, is here reduced to the dry monotony of church chanting; it is not music, and it is not speech; for no one can converse upon a monotone; the subtle charm of the unconscious natural inflections of the voice is half its eloquence. On the other hand, it has been alleged, that this arid monotony is relieved by the wonderful wealth and graphic point of Gounod's instrumentation. It would be more accurate to say that his orchestra does the narrating and describing, while the tenor or bass voice, with the cool unconcern of the stage prompter in his box, or the expressionless and automatic glibness of the showman, as the panorama unrolls, simply notifies what it is about.

“ The incessant use of chromatic scales and chromatic sequences of chords, so often dangerously near to discord, with all the startling concomitants, particularly throughout the prologue and whole first part (or act), seems to appeal to a physically sensitive imagination, to a morbid emotionalism, rather than to an enlightened spiritual sense, chaining the hearer's mind to the bare, literal earthly facts, instead of transfiguring these into a higher meaning, as Bach in his *Passion Music* always does, however bald and literal the text. The harrowing suggestions are in some degree relieved, however, by the early appearance of a lovely bit of *melopœia* (frequently called a ‘*Leit-motif*,’ signifying ‘*The Redemption*’), which comes back repeatedly. The ‘*March to Calvary*’ is as brutal as it is brilliant; doubtless intentionally so. The chorals, scattered through the work, avoiding all the saving charm of polyphonic movement, are of a plain and commonplace description, almost as much so as our own New England psalmody; these again hail from the popular usage of the actual church service. Of great oratorio choruses there are none, in the sense of Bach or Handel or Mendelssohn, none with the masterly development, the universal and impersonal suggestion of the inexhaustible fugue form; but there are several, near the end, which are broad and massive and imposing, easy of apprehension, popular, in one of which reappears the melody which Gounod had already used in his song ‘*Nazareth*.’ There are many pleasing scenes and passages, at once ingenious and childlike in their simplicity, which certainly serve for a relief, if they do seem out of keeping

with the gravity of the whole subject. Such, for instance, is the tripping little quickstep ushering in the trio of the Holy Women at the sepulchre, — so elastic, so light-hearted, full of cheer, that it would do well for 'Haste to the Wedding.' ”

All these traits were variously judged, according to the subjective conditions and the religious associations of all kinds of hearers; by some admired intensely; by others, while they found not a little to admire, accepted only with large reservations. Upon the whole, the temper of the public was found so responsive that it was decided to grant a second hearing of *The Redemption* on Good Friday, *March 23*. It drew another full house (receipts, \$2,800, expenses, about \$1,900). The chorus numbered four hundred and fifty, the orchestra seventy. We copy from the next day's *Transcript* (W. F. Apthorp) :

“The solos were sung by Mrs. Georg Henschel, Mrs. E. Humphrey-Allen, Miss Ita Welsh, Mr. Wm. J. Winch, Mr. Georg Henschel, and Mr. Franz Remmertz, the latter singing the part of Jesus, as at the first performance. Mrs. Henschel has not the vocal power of Mrs. Osgood, who first sang the soprano music, but her singing was exquisite at every point. In the solo and chorus, 'From thy love as a Father,' she made an admirable effect by taking the tempo decidedly slower than it was sung before. Miss Welsh sang extremely well also; Mrs. Allen did not seem to be in her best voice, and her singing sounded a little strained. Mr. Winch made a decided improvement upon his former effort. . . . Mr. Henschel, as the bass narrator, sang superbly, with the utmost simplicity and in a purely narrative style, but with immense effect. Mr. Remmertz was wonderful as ever. Chorus and orchestra did excellently upon the whole, false intonations being the exception; when the choir did take it into its head to sing flat, however, they sang flat with a vengeance. As for the work itself, we were disappointed at finding how much of it sounded far less impressive than at the first performance. One fears greatly that it will not stand the wear and tear of many more performances, in spite of isolated passages of rare beauty.”

Since Robin Days

March 25. Easter was marked by a grand performance of *Elijah*, the oratorio in which the Handel and Haydn chorus always feel themselves at home and sure. That time they were out in force, five hundred voices, with an orchestra of sixty-five. And a brilliant array of solo artists helped to attract an audience that filled every seat and corner of the Music Hall. These were: for principal soprano, Mme. Emma Albani; Mrs. J. E. Tippet, Mrs. E. Cleveland Fenderson, and Miss Mary E. How, contraltos; Mr. C. R. Adams, Mr. M. W. Whitney, Mr. D. M. Babcock, and Mr. A. E. Pennell. Of Albani's singing one of the critics wrote: “The commanding largeness of her voice, with its matured wealth of expressive power, stood her in ex-

cellent stead for her task, and added to these advantages was the deeply earnest and reverential spirit which informed her delivery of her music, making it in a very high degree impressive and thrillingly eloquent." Of her singing of her great air, "Hear ye, Israel" (in composing which Mendelssohn had the high F sharp of Jenny Lind in his mind), the same writer says: "It was not only so pure in conception and so finished from a purely artistic point of view, but so profoundly moving in its tenderness and so appealing in its earnestness as to make it almost a new revelation of Mendelssohn's thought, and therefore an event to be gratefully cherished in the memory of all who heard it." The pure, true, somewhat childlike soprano of Mrs. Tippet, a thoroughly musical nature, musically well taught and full of talent, fitted her for the music of "The Youth." The two contraltos, if not powerful, appear to have made themselves acceptable. But neither Mr. Adams nor Mr. Whitney were in good vocal condition. The others are reported satisfactory, while orchestra and chorus were "at their best." Receipts, \$4,000; expenses, \$2,900.

And now the Sixth (and last!) Triennial Festival loomed in immediate prospect, and the whole month of April was given up to rehearsals, nineteen of them, following thick and fast, in preparation for that grand but ominous event. It was nobly, generously planned; no pains were spared; a fine array of artists were engaged, and the week's programme was rich in masterpieces old and new, — such a concentration of attractions as, it would seem, could not fail, judging from past experience.

SIXTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

MAY 1 TO MAY 6, 1883.

FIRST DAY. Tuesday Evening, *May 1*. Two contrasted works, one old, one new, were offered in the opening concert. First came Handel's *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day*, composed in 1739. It had been twice before performed by the Society, in Nov. 1863, in honor of the opening of the great organ, with organ accompaniment only, as arranged and played by Mr. Lang, upon stops imitative of the various orchestral instruments. (See page 209.) This time it was given (for the first time here) with orchestra, — such orchestral accompaniments as exist. Miss Emma Thursby "was in excellent voice, and sang the soprano solos with a clear, full sweetness, generally adequate to their true effect, and into her final recitative she threw a good deal of spiritual fervor." The only other soloist, Mr. Wm. J. Winch,

“gave his opening numbers neatly and with finish, saving his voice carefully for his chief air, ‘Orpheus could lead,’ which he delivered in a very stirring and impressive style, and with sufficient mastery of its mechanical difficulties.” Yet another writer “cannot explain to himself what induced him to give a rather sad and sentimental tinge to the music.” The chorus singing was pronounced exceptionally good.

Very different in form, feature, and complexion was the work which followed (here for the first time), Anton Rubinstein’s “Sacred Opera,” *The Tower of Babel*. There is something Titanic in the genius of this eccentric, bold, adventurous Russian, then in the fulness of his powers, at the age of fifty-three. His passionate, strong individuality, often verging on extravagance, his plethora of musical ideas, now noble and sublime, now delicate and tender, now rushing into questionable conceits, were shown both in his wonderful piano-playing and in his multifarious compositions. Besides writing many operas, — some on national or heroic themes, and some, like *Nero* and *The Demon*, far from inviting in their titles, — he had long entertained, and in several instances endeavored to carry out, a pet theory of his own regarding oratorios. The point of it appears in a remarkable letter which he published. Let a few sentences suffice: “The oratorio is a form of art against which I have always been inclined to protest.” . . . “I have no sympathy with the objection that biblical subjects, as being sacred, do not belong to the stage. Ought not the theatre to serve the highest ends of culture? . . . With the people, there has ever been a craving for the sight of sacred subjects on the stage. This is proved by the Mystery plays of the Middle Ages, and by the great impression made to-day (in spite of the more than *naïve* music) on every one who witnesses the Passion Plays at Oberammergau. What a mighty impression would not works of Bach and Handel and Mendelssohn produce if given on the stage? . . . I have conceived of the creation of a distinct, peculiar art-form which should find its place in a theatre to be built for this peculiar purpose” (at some holier Bayreuth?). “This kind of art should be called, in contradistinction to the secular, the ‘Sacred or Religious Opera,’ and the theatre a ‘Sacred Theatre,’ as distinguished from the worldly theatre,” and so on at length. With this view, he composed his *Paradise Lost*, and meant to compose *Cain and Abel*, *Moses*, *Song of Solomon*, and *Christus*. His dream of a sacred theatre was never realized; his *Tower of Babel* has only been performed, like other oratorios, without scenery, costume, or action. To listen understandingly the hearer’s imagination needs a little prompting; he must read a brief “argument” of the *intended* action: —

“ In the background of the scene appears the tower, its top reaching above the stage; sheds, huts, implements, building materials, etc., cover the space round about and in front of the tower. On the right of the proscenium is seen Nimrod’s mound crowned by a gigantic tree, from which a tamtam is suspended. The people, grouped about the tower, are asleep; the day begins to dawn. The master workman appears with two trumpeters, and, the call having been given, he summons the people to work. The fires are lighted ‘to make brick for stone and slime for mortar’; and soon all hands are at work. Amidst this busy scene Nimrod arrives on the mound, and, contemplating the progress of the tower, glories in the expectation of soon ascending it to behold the Creator. Among his followers is Abram, who calls upon the mighty monarch to abstain from a design which he cannot hope to accomplish with impunity; but Nimrod, incensed at the boldness of a mean shepherd, orders him to be cast into the fire. The people stop their work and hasten to obey; but hardly has Abram been led to the flames when angels appear from above to protect him; the fire suddenly subsides, the smoke disappears, and Abram emerges from the flames unharmed. Great is Nimrod’s consternation at this miracle; greater that of the people, who soon divide into their several tribes, of which each claims the miracle for its own God. The tamtam is sounded; at Nimrod’s bidding the conflict is stayed, and work reluctantly resumed. But now the angels again appear. ‘Let us go down,’ they sing, ‘and there confound their language.’ The scene suddenly darkens; Abram predicts the approaching vengeance of Heaven; Nimrod in vain orders the affrighted people to throw the daring shepherd from the tower, and, before he can enforce his command, the tower, amid thunder and lightning, falls to the ground with a terrific crash. The people fly in all directions; Abram alone is seen kneeling in prayer; and Nimrod, overawed by the terrible scene, at last acknowledges that he cannot cope with the Deity. Three dissolving views, accompanied by the chorus behind the scene, then cross the stage in succession, representing the exodus of the Shemites, the Hamites, and the Japhethites. This over, the scene again represents the plane in the land of Shinar; a rainbow appears, spanning the background. Nimrod and his followers gradually gather in the foreground, and kneel down facing the rainbow; the heavens open; the celestial legions appear and shed their dazzling radiance on the scene. At the same time, the infernal hosts are seen rising from below, and, amid the hallelujahs of the angels, the praises of the people, and the defiant shouts of Satan’s host, the scene is brought to a close.”

As to the merits of the work opinions differed widely, some calling it great, while to others it seemed weak and uninteresting. To one the musical description of the fall of the tower was “commonplace and trivial. the thundering big drum being even comic.” Another thought, “No musical passages better adapted to crisp the nerves with a sense of fear and wonder were ever heard here than those in which the destruction of the Tower of Babel by Jehovah’s lightning is indicated.” All seem agreed that the best part of the work is in the choruses. All praised the rare beauty of the three choruses of

the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Considering the immense difficulty of the composition, chorus and orchestra "performed their task with great credit," although the boys' choir was often out of tune. There were no solo parts for female voices. "Mr. M. W. Whitney sang the (bass) part of Nimrod with dignity and with grand effect, and Mr. John F. Winch did much good work in the (barytone) part of the master workman. Mr. C. R. Adams's voice (Abram) was in poor condition and almost deserted him at moments." The audience was small, the receipts not exceeding \$1,560.

SECOND DAY. Wednesday Evening, *May 2*. Prof. John K. Paine's cantata, *The Nativity*, was composed for this occasion, and was conducted by himself. This was the op. 38 of the young American composer, Harvard's musical professor; his most important effort after his two symphonies, besides the noble music that he wrote for the Greek choruses in that memorable performance of the *Œdipus* of Sophocles by Harvard students and professors in May, 1881. Before hearing we attempted a description of the work as follows: —

Prof. Paine has chosen his poetic theme for musical illustration from the hymn in Milton's ode, "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity," a poem which still shines pre-eminent, as with the lustre of the morning star, among all the Christmas odes that have appeared before or since his time. The hymn is too long, even without the long-lined prelude, to allow of all its twenty-seven stanzas being set to music with advantage. Nor are the thoughts or diction of some of them available as text for music. Beginning, therefore, with the first stanza: "It was the winter wild," he has found the texts which best lent themselves to his musical idea in the first nine stanzas (skipping the second), and, for a conclusion, the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth, — eleven in all.

The Cantata (we suppose it may be called) is divided into three parts. Part I., beginning, after a short prelude, with "It was the winter wild," goes to the end of the seventh stanza. It opens in C (*andantino*, 4-4) with a few melodic bars by all the strings in unison, very softly, growing to a *fortissimo* with trombones, and again subsiding as harp tones soar to the skyey octave, and a "Peace" motive floats down, as it were, from heaven, until one by one the voice parts enter, finally blending in full harmony. In the prelude the rhythmical division of the quarters is into triplets, after the *Siciliano* model of Bach's and Handel's pastoral symphonies; but the twofold division prevails, so that the composer has marked it 4-4, and not 12-8. The movement in the main is pastoral; yet a certain wild and restless modulation in the harmony, a certain ambiguity of key, together with the musing, rapt expression of the melody, suggests in one scene both the "winter wild" and the "Heaven-born Child" sleeping in the manger. Where "Nature doffs her gaudy trim, With her great Master so to sympathize," the sopranos linger tenderly upon that word, and droop, as in fond revery, down to their lower tones while tremulous triplets in the orchestra acknowledge the divine presence.

A livelier movement, in the fresh key of A major, for soprano solo and chorus, sings of "universal peace," as told in the third stanza. The words are full of lively images to catch the fancy of the composer, and the music, though not imitative, reveals a sympathy. "No war or battle's sound is heard the wide world round" elicits a fiery chorus (*allegro moderato*), worked up with energy; the bass voices prolonging now and then a syllable in winding phrases, the orchestra still conjuring up in memory war's wild alarms, though now no longer heard. Those grandly imaginative lines: "And kings sat still with awful eye, As if they surely knew their sov'ran Lord was nigh," are given in most impressive unison by all the voices in long tones, with trombone chords, followed by bold effects of harmony, with *tremolo* accompaniments, rising to a climax of intensity, and finally subsiding to a thoughtful, awe-struck *pianissimo*, while the pastoral 12-8 figure of accompaniment comes back and leads, with soaring *arpeggi*, into the next stanza of the "Peace" text: —

But peaceful was the night
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth began, etc.

A light, caressing figure of the violins, upon an undulating bass, accompanies the voices, hushed to *pianissimo* at the words: "The winds, with wonders whist, Smoothly the waters kist"; and when it comes to "Ocean, who hath quite forgot to rave," the pastoral accompaniment again appears, which seems to pervade the work like a *leit-motif*, signifying peace. The low, brooding harmony, "While birds of calm sit brooding on the charmèd wave," is graphically enlivened with bird-like warblings in the upper instruments. These continue while "The stars, with deep amaze, stand fix'd in steadfast gaze, *Bending one way their precious influence.*" That last line seems to have made its impression on the composer. Verse 7.—"And though the shady gloom"—is begun by soprano solo (the melody resumed essentially from that of the first piece), still waited on by the old pastoral accompaniment. The chorus grows to an imposing, brilliant climax at the mention of the sun, — "He saw a greater sun appear Than his bright throne or burning axle-tree could bear." Here the musician bravely accepts the challenge for corresponding grand effects of vocal harmony and instrumental color. The polyphonic movement of the voices is expressive, — strikingly so where the basses descend in half-notes through the compass of an octave and a half, and then the solo soprano soars to the bright pitch of C above the staff, thus ending the first division of the work.

Part II. "The shepherds on the lawn," etc. For the first time, that *Siciliano* "peace" motive, as we have called it, which seems to lurk not far away — when not palpably present — almost throughout the whole, now steps aside entirely, and we have a new pastoral theme and melody in a new measure (3-8, *andantino*, A flat). The tune is quaintly rural, with oboe and horn accompaniment, the strings running in a light *staccato* figure, and is first taken by a tenor solo, then a bass, then an alto, which soon blend in a charming trio. The momentary enharmonic change to the key of E, at the words "Perhaps their loves," is felicitous, after the solemnizing thought of "Pan come down to live with them." Verse 9 — "When such music sweet their hearts and ears did greet" — is sung in B major by soprano solo, leading into

a quartet, with florid passages in one voice or another, expressive of the "divinely warbled voice" or "blissful rapture," with copious sprinkling of harp embellishments. The shepherd melody returns, and then the old pastoral motive again steps to the front to offer duty, this time in a nine instead of a twelve eight rhythm. The poetic theme is: "The air, such pleasure loth to lose, With thousand echoes still prolongs each heavenly close." It is used for double chorus or quartet and chorus, making a rich conclusion to this middle portion of the work.

Part III. "Ring out, ye crystal spheres" (stanzas 13, 14, and 15), gives the text for the strongest chorus, the *finale* of the work. It begins and ends in C (*allegro maestoso*, 4-4) and is jubilant and more exciting to the close, where the voices hold out the last chord as long as they have breath. At the words, "And with your *ninefold harmony*," the voice parts divide (into two sopranos, two altos, three tenors, and two basses), and so become actually ninefold on the one word "nine," in an *fff* passage; but it comes about so naturally that the voices seem to do it from their own spontaneous impulse.

. . . "Surely every one will wonder that no great composer ever thought before of finding a sublime subject for his art in this wonderful ode which Milton wrote when he was only twenty-one years old. What a theme for Handel, whose genius had such affinity with that of Milton!"

The composer was warmly received by an audience still small, but enthusiastic. His work, while hardly calculated to win popularity, gave great satisfaction, particularly the final chorus, which called out a great burst of rapturous applause. The solo and concerted music was sung very smoothly by Miss Emma Thursby, Miss Mathilde Phillipps, Mr. George W. Want, and Mr. M. W. Whitney.

After *The Nativity* came Cherubini's *Mass in D Minor*, the fifth of his eleven Masses (exclusive of his two great *Requiems*), composed in 1811. It is said to be the longest mass ever written, much longer than the *Missa Solemnis* of Beethoven; while in intrinsic value as religious music, in wealth of noble and expressive musical ideas, and in consummate art of treatment, many have thought it may well rank with that and with the B-minor Mass of Bach. It was heard that evening, for the first time in Boston, in its integrity, from full orchestral score. The *Advertiser* of the next morning called it wonderful. "In almost every line it shows the hand of a great master, and it may well rank as the first of his works. Pure, elevated, beyond description, in genius, it never fails to give the impression of simplicity even in its most elaborate phrases, and of sincerity in its most conventional. It is, indeed, the product of an elder time, but it is as fresh with the youth of beauty to-day as when it was written." So soon after hearing Rubinstein's *Tower of Babel*, the same critic could not help noting in the mass "the superior repose and freedom from self-consciousness as well as the higher religious aspirations which mark

the work of the older writer, as opposed to the restlessness, the religious doubt, the sensationalism of the modern genius." Mrs. E. A. Osgood, Miss Winant, Mr. Theodore J. Toedt, Mr. Henschel, Mrs. F. P. Whitney, Mr. Want, and Mr. A. E. Pennell gave the solo and concerted music with praiseworthy skill and finish, almost the whole burden falling upon the first four of the artists named. The chorus improved upon their performance in the cantata, and sang with more accuracy, firmness, and sustained force, though their effort left much to be desired on the score of neatness. The orchestral work was nearly all excellent." Another says: "Cherubini's Mass made great effect, the solos being given in almost perfect style." The receipts of that concert, in spite of such attractions, were only \$1,550.

THIRD DAY. Thursday, *May 3*. The third concert was given in the afternoon. A miscellaneous selection, vocal and orchestral, was presented, namely:—

1. Overture to *Euryanthe* Weber.
2. Air: "Flowers of the Valley," from Act. I., *Euryanthe*,
MRS. E. ALINE OSGOOD. Weber.
3. Air from *Jessonda* Spohr.
MR. GEORG HENSCHEL.
4. Minuet for String Orchestra Boccherini.
5. Scena and Aria: "Ah! Perfido!" Beethoven.
MME. GABRIELLA BOEMA.
6. Fantasy, for piano, sextet, chorus, and orchestra: Mr.
B. J. LANG, pianist; MRS. OSGOOD, MRS. F. P. WHIT-
NEY, MISS MATHILDE PHILLIPPS, MR. T. J. TOEDT,
MR. A. E. PENNELL, AND MR. HENSCHEL Beethoven.
7. Overture: *Thalia: an Imaginary Comedy* Chadwick.
8. Duet from *The Flying Dutchman* Wagner.
MME. BOEMA, MR. HENSCHEL.
9. Recitative and Aria: "O Patria"; "Di tanti palpiti,"
from *Tancredi* Rossini.
MISS PHILLIPPS.
10. Orchestral Interlude: *Liebestiedchen* Taubert.
11. Recitative and Air from *Joseph and his Brethren* Méhul.
MR. TOEDT.
12. Chorus: "Sanctus," from *Mass in B minor* Bach.

The most important number in this very rich and varied programme, Bach's wonderful, inspiring *Sanctus*, was omitted for want of sufficient rehearsal, and its place was taken, not made good, by an excellent performance of Haydn's Motet: *Insanæ et vanæ Curæ*. Touching this interesting work, we find in our "Notes":—

“Haydn wrote many smaller pieces for the church, besides his numerous masses. One list of his works contains twenty-one motets, offertories, *Salve Reginas*, arias, etc., some for solo voices, some for chorus, some with a mere organ or quartet accompaniment, and several, like ‘*Insanæ et vanæ Curæ*,’ for full orchestra and chorus. Some of these *offertories* are said to have been transferred from the concert-room to the church, and have been traced to an occasional cantata. or to his oratorio, *The Return of Tobias*.

“The Motet, or Offertorium, with which we are now concerned, has long been a favorite in some of the Catholic choirs in this country, as well as in Europe. But here it has commonly been given with only an organ accompaniment. Haydn composed it for a fuller orchestra than that employed in most of his symphonies; besides the strings, the score has flute, two oboes, two bassoons, two horns, two trumpets, two trombones, tympani, and organ. It is sometimes called in Germany the *Storm Chorus*; for it begins with a stormy orchestral prelude (D minor), with wild, sweeping passages and shifting chords, frequently diminished sevenths, and keeps on working up the same motives to a fiercer climax, while the chorus enters, singing of the insane and idle cares that invade and distract men’s minds and fill our hearts with madness. The vocal writing is powerfully expressive. Once we have a reminder of that (so to say) *barometrical* or atmospheric harmony, bordering on discord, which is so suggestive in the ‘rain’ chorus of *Elijah*; the altos alone sing ‘*sepe furore*’ on A, the sopranos join them on the half-tone above, then the tenors on E flat, and then the basses on C.

“There is a pause in the storm; the key changes to the relative major (F), and the voices, to a sweet and serious melody, sing an exhortation to forsake all vain reliance, and look up for divine support. The storm returns with all its fury; but the heavenly melody again pours oil upon the waves, and brings the motet to an end in the bright key of D major.

“The meaning and the motives of the music lie upon the surface, too obvious to the uninstructed listener to require description.”

Beethoven’s *Choral Fantasia* was first played and sung in Boston at the unveiling of Crawford’s noble statue of the Master, when a poem was recited by the sculptor, William W. Story, followed by a musical programme, which, among other works of Beethoven, included this fantasia, Mr. C. C. Perkins, the giver of the statue, playing the piano part. Once more it had been performed at a Harvard Musical Symphony Concert, on Dec. 15, 1870 (Ernst Perabo at the piano), during a week which, musically, in many ways and in many halls of Boston, was almost wholly given up to a centennial commemoration of Beethoven’s birth. It was composed and first performed in 1808, at Vienna; indeed it was almost improvised for an “Academy” (as such concerts were then called), in which Beethoven, for the first time, brought out a wonderful collection of his own works. Some look upon it as a forerunner of the far grander choral symphony, — like the toy-balloons sent up to feel the wind before the grand

ascension. The idea rests on no historical foundation, so far as we know, but solely on internal evidence, and that slight, — simply the two coincidences: that in the earlier, as in the later, work, the development of instrumental motives, as if craving more complete expression, leads into a vocal chorus with full orchestra; and, secondly, the great resemblance, though with a difference, between the simple popular tunes sung in the two.

Of this third performance of the work in Boston, the *Gazette* said: —

“It was interpreted very well, Mr. Lang playing the piano part with excellent taste and spirit, and only erring in forcing the merely accompanying figures into too great prominence. The chorus here achieved some of its best results of the week.”

Of other features in the concert, the same critic wrote: —

“Mr. Chadwick’s delightful *Thalia* overture (under the composer’s direction) increased the favorable impression made upon its earlier presentation. Mrs. Osgood sang an air from Weber’s *Euryanthe* with much finish of style, but with no marked warmth of expression. Mr. Henschel’s singing of a very vigorous air from Spohr’s *Jessonda* (‘Der Krieglust ergeben’) was admirable in its fire and dramatic expression. Mme. Boema, in *Ah, Perfido*, sang with the same largeness of dramatic style, power, and fervor that won for her so much deserved admiration upon her first appearance at the Symphony Concerts. Mr. T. J. Toedt distinguished himself greatly by his singing of a recitative and air from Méhul’s *Joseph*. Miss Mathilde Phillipps sang Rossini’s *Di Tanti Palpiti* artistically, but with a want of delicacy in expression. In the duet from *The Flying Dutchman*, from some cause or other, best results did not ensue.”

The receipts of that concert were not encouraging, — \$1,460.

For the evening concert, the fourth, Gounod’s *Redemption*, which had not yet lost its interest with the majority, was given for the third time by the Society, and drew its third great audience. We quote again from the *Gazette*: —

“The performance reflected the highest credit upon the chorus, which sang with exceptional smoothness, precision, and steadiness. The soloists were Miss Thursby, Miss S. C. Fisher, Miss Emily Winant, Mr. W. J. Winch, Mr. J. F. Winch, and Mr. Georg Henschel. Miss Thursby did better than at any of her other performances of the week, and afforded a large share of pleasure. Miss Winant was heard to fine effect, and Mr. Henschel interpreted the music of Jesus with a refinement of sentiment truly delightful. Mr. W. J. Winch was not only in good voice, but in excellent mood, and performed his task in charming style. Miss Fisher was wanting in fulness and power of voice to do all justice to the angel’s music in the third part. The presentation, taken as a whole, was the best that the oratorio has had here. It attracted one of the largest houses of the week, and elicited the most applause.”

At all events, "it paid,"—receipts, \$2,860.

FOURTH DAY. Friday Evening, *May 4*. In this fifth concert the Festival reached its high tide, although by the dollar-and-cent measure the hall was only half full. But here intrinsically the interest of the week culminated. As Rubinstein had given us a "Sacred Opera," we were now to hear the converse, a secular "Oratorio," Max Bruch's *Arminius*. And to lend more lustre to the notable occasion, the composer in person had come over to conduct the performance. Of him and of his work our Festival "Notes" may be allowed to speak at some length, in consideration of its novelty:—

"Max Bruch, born at Cologne, in 1838, received his first musical instruction from his mother, a favorite soprano singer in the Rhenish musical festivals. At the age of eleven he became a pupil of K. Breidenstein, and already tried his hand at composition in the larger forms; at fourteen a symphony of his was publicly performed in his native city. In 1852 he gained the Mozart scholarship at Frankfort-on-Main, and became for four years a special pupil of Ferdinand Hiller in theory and composition, and of Reinecke and Breuning in piano playing. After a short residence in Leipzig, he lived (1858-61) as a music teacher in Cologne, constantly composing. After the death of his father (1861) he visited many of the German musical centres, studying for short periods in Berlin, Leipzig, Vienna, Dresden, Munich, finally stopping in Mannheim, where he brought out (1863) his opera *Lorelei* (using the text prepared for Mendelssohn by Geibel). In Mannheim (1862-64) he wrote his *Frithjof Saga*, *Roman Song of Triumph* (both of which have been given in Boston, and admired), *Song of the Heiligen drei Könige*, *Flight of the Holy Family*, and other choral works. In 1864-65 he was again 'on the road,' as actors say, visiting Hamburg, Hannover, Dresden, Breslau, Munich, Brussels, Paris, etc., and had extraordinary success with *Frithjof* in Aix-la-Chapelle, Leipzig, and Vienna. In 1865-67 he was musical director at Coblenz; in 1867-70 court *kapellmeister* in Sondershausen, during which time he wrote his first violin concerto, two symphonies, parts of a mass, etc. His opera, *Hermione* (Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale*), was brought out 1872 in Berlin, where he spent a couple of years. To this Berlin period belongs also the greatest of his choral works yet heard in Boston (it has been given several times by our Cecilia with increasing interest), the *Odysseus*.

"From that time he lived for five years (1873-78) in Bonn, devoting himself exclusively to composition, especially to the *Arminius* and the *Song of the Bell*, also the second violin concerto, etc. After a couple of visits to England, where he brought out several of his works, he succeeded Stockhausen (1878) in the directorship of Stern's famous Choral Society in Berlin; and in 1880 he succeeded Benedict as director of the Liverpool Philharmonic Society. (This choice was so offensive to the 'native' prejudices of many of the jealous English critical papers that the compositions of the 'foreigner,' particularly his *Odysseus*, performed in London recently, have been reviewed by some of them with little favor.) In 1881 Bruch married the singer Frä. Tuček, of Berlin. We now learn that he has resigned his post at Liverpool, and will, after his visit to America, assume the *kapellmeistership* at Breslau. Surely

he has led a restless life, with constant shifting of the scene, in striking correspondence to the restless modulations, enharmonic changes, and chord-shiftings, which are some of the most characteristic modern features of his largely orchestrated compositions.

“This brief biographical sketch (and more were there only room) seemed due to so distinguished a composer, — one who holds undisputed place in the front rank of his contemporaries, at least in his peculiar sphere of large choral compositions, — who now honors Boston with his presence, and is to conduct here the first performance in this country of one of his noblest works, as yet but little known in Germany or any part of Europe. That we have barely seen a mention of its title hitherto is explained by the fact that it was overshadowed by the popularity of his own *Song of the Bell*, which was published almost at the same time, Schiller’s poem being such a household word in Germany. The score of *Arminius* is dedicated to his friend, Georg Henschel, who is to sing the principal part, that of the old Cheruscan hero, destroyer of the Roman legions, in this festival. He sang the same part in the very first performance of the work (at Zurich, Jan. 21, 1877), on which occasion he had also to supply the difficult tenor part of Siegmund, the local tenor being suddenly taken ill. It was next given, during the same year, at Barmen, and, we believe, once in some other place, but never yet in Berlin, Leipzig, or Vienna, nor in any of the great musical centres of Germany. Practically, therefore, this will be only its third or fourth performance anywhere. The composer, we are told, regards it as his most important work. Poet and composer could hardly have selected a grander, richer, more picturesque, more thrilling subject than the successful uprising of the leading German tribes, in the year nine of the Christian era, against their Roman oppressors, at the inspiring call of Hermann (or Arminius), chief of the Cherusci, ending in the entrapping and destruction of Varus and his legions, — a theme appealing to the national enthusiasm of every German. The plot is extremely simple, and the unities of time, place, and action could not be observed more strictly. The solo characters are only three, — Arminius, bass; Siegmund, tenor; and a priestess, mezzo-soprano, inclining to contralto; all the rest is orchestra and chorus. It is divided into four parts: —

“Part I. opens with a short orchestral introduction (full modern orchestra, with four horns, three trombones, and tuba, besides an organ part). First, loud, startling, minor chords, echoed by lower instruments; then a low, rumbling figure, mingled with galloping triplets, like the sound of horses’ hoofs, which is kept up throughout the chorus, ‘What is’t that looms like thunder cloud, afar?’ foreshadowing the approach of the Romans. No. 2. — Arminius, and then Siegmund, answer the anxious inquiries and recite the wrongs done their people by the Romans in strong declamatory recitative, the orchestra flinging in vivid glimpses of the legions, with their plumed ‘Captain on stately charger, flying along the ranks’. ‘They come! they come! the scourges of freedom’, etc. 3. — Chorus of the advancing Romans: ‘We are the sons of Mars’. The rhythm has an iron strength; the harmony is harsh, hard, barbaric, cruel, hording on discord, characteristic of the haughty confidence and strength of these ruthless masters of the world. 4, 5. — Recitative of Arminius, taken up by full chorus in slow (*grave*), solemn, and determined tones: ‘We, freeborn sons of Wodan, have not learned to

bend to the stranger's yoke'; this leading to a spirited duet (*allegro*), 'Free soars the eagle high', between Arminius and Siegmund; the chorus takes up their strain, the orchestra all the while being very active; Arminius points to the sacred grove, exhorting them to there register their patriotic vows, and the (*grave*) chorus returns for a grand conclusion of the first part.

"Part II. is the consecration of the warriors of Wodan in the sacred forest. No Bellini Druid scene this, with stately Norma's melody of 'linked sweetness long drawn out,' but all large, grand, awe-inspiring, the orchestra lending the chief character to the whole scene with its low, murky tone of color, its rustling, creeping movement, as of wind through the branches of the old oaks; the utterances of the priestess being mostly declamatory and dramatic, after the manner of the modern 'music-drama'; the chorus portions written in clear, simple harmony, with due regard to vocal euphony. After the murmurous, low, shaded introduction, suggesting a gloom, pierced ever and anon by horn-tones, echoed by the wood wind, the priestess begins on a low monotone, 'Through the grove a sound of warning stirs the mystic boughs; he who rules these still recesses sends a tremor through my soul, as I bend in prayer'. . . 'Peace on you, oh faithful sons of Wodan'! The response of the chorus (*adagio*, in D), 'Through the oak-tree's sacred branches swells a boding murmur, tells us that the God is nigh', etc., gives the composer an opportunity for fine effect, which he has admirably improved. On a background of smooth, mellow, sustained tones (*pianissimo*) of trombones, horns, bassoons, with the organ and other basses softly swelling and falling, the violas and the cellos (in contrary motion) keep up a continuous rustling figure, while the wood-wind quartet sustains that of the voices, the several parts of one in unison with those of the other. The effect must be very beautiful. In quickened *tempo*, with rushing string accompaniments, the priestess, in stronger accents, calls attention to the distant roar of war, and exhorts to courage, pointing upward to the gods.

"7. Five-part chorus (*adagio*). The prayer of the warriors and people: 'Ye gods, dwelling high in Valhalla'. A beautiful, impressive, tranquilizing, edifying piece of full vocal and orchestral harmony, with full organ part. The rhythm (6-4) flows gently on in rich, full stream; the harmony is chaste and pure, the coloring refined and delicate, the phrasing natural and melodious; no coarse, barbaric traits are woven into this fine, rich web of tones, and the effect upon the mind is hallowing and reconciling.

"Part III. — The Insurrection. — No. 8. Rousing appeal of Arminius and strong response of the Germans: 'Must I live to tell my people's shame? All-Father, art thou wroth?' etc. He recalls the outrages that have been put upon them, and fires them to revenge. Impetuous, excited declamation, strongly dramatic, with bold effects of modulation, not unrelieved by grateful contrasts.

"9. Recitative and air of Siegmund, lamenting his sad fate, an exile because he slew the Roman who insulted his beloved maiden, and, he having fled, they have thrown his father into chains. His agony finds vent in wild, impassioned declamation (mostly in E minor), accompanied by a nervous little figure of the violins, with the wood wind and horns holding out long tones. 'Within my breast there rankles deep a pain past tears', etc., is the burden of his song (which, however, is not a song, but a burst of intense

musical declamation). At the thought of the maiden, 'as in tranquil converse we sat by the brook', there is a moment's sweeter sadness in the strain, followed by a furious *fortissimo* of the instruments, describing his revenge. The rise of the voice an octave (G to G) at one leap on the first syllable of the word 'father' shows great intensity of feeling. The final climax, 'Curst be your race, ye robbers! curst by all gods evermore!' demands the utmost strength and passion of a high tenor voice.

"10. Six-part chorus, sopranos and basses divided (*andante con moto*, E minor, 6-4). The three male parts enter singly in broad rhythm. 'Mine eyes have seen their fate'. . . 'Our valiant brothers bound', etc. With these alternates the semichorus of women, mourning the fate of their sisters. The piece begins with a continuous tremolo of strings; for other accompaniment, sustained horn tones and the bassoons going with the voice. Gradually all the instruments come in (except trombones and tuba), as both choirs blend in a now subdued, now swelling, lamentation, richly harmonized, dying away to *pianissimo*. This gentler chorus well relieves the rugged, war-like character which naturally pervades most of the music of this oratorio.

"11, 12. We will not attempt to describe the great scene of Arminius, — his clarion call to 'Wodan's freeborn sons' — which is most energetic and exciting, a long stretch of thrilling declamation, with horns and trumpets kindling the electric fire, and with bold modulations, frequent changes of key, and most effective orchestration, as he addresses the tribes by name (Cherusians, Mursians, Frisians, etc.); nor the mighty Battle Song (Arminius and chorus), 'To arms! Let Freedom's banner wave!' with which the third part ends.

"Part IV. describes the battle, victory, and triumph. It is mainly orchestral description, while the priestess, in snatches of recitative-like soliloquy, eagerly listening, scenting the battle from afar, acts as interpreter. 'Hollow thunders the storm'. . . 'Hoarsely croaking are flocks of ill-omened ravens', etc., etc. Her aria, a prayer to Wodan, is intensely declamatory. We will not attempt to describe it, nor the chorus following, which tells how the overwhelming force of Germans pours on the legions, with vivid suggestion of their spears like lightning flashing, and Thor's golden chariot rolling loud thro' the sky, which the proud Romans hear, and tremble; nor the priestess's invocation to Freya, with her vision of the Valkyries, 'white-robed and bright', hovering o'er the slain and chosen heroes; nor the swan-song of the dying Siegmund, welcoming death in victory with the tender chorus, 'Raise him aloft', followed by his fond vision of the beloved maiden; nor the chorus of men and women welcoming back the victors, glorifying their deliverer Hermann, from that day forth the favorite hero of the German race, and ending with the hymn of Germany and Freedom. All this is highly wrought and most inspiring, the last choruses resuming the peculiar 3-2 rhythm, and essentially the theme of the battle song at the end of Part III.

"This description is at best but meagre, vague, and unsatisfactory; yet it will suffice to show that *Arminius* is not to be judged by the old models, either of oratorio or of opera; that it is conceived and carried out in the spirit of the most modern music, so far as that might be without scenery or action. Thus, it has musical declamation, — the note tied always to the word, — rather

than independent melody. The subject and the three characters being sternly heroic, all is intense, exciting, rarely tender. The only feminine element, the priestessa, is one clothed with majesty and awe. Could the plot have been modified by the introduction of a little contrast, could there have been, say, a love scene or two between Hermann and his wife, Thusnelda, who, with her infant son, was afterwards captured and carried to Rome to grace the triumph of Germanicus, then there might be a chance for, now and then, the repose of real melody to relieve the unrelaxing strain upon the nerves of so much vigorous orchestration. That was the one want most felt in the *Odysseus*; and yet that work has some melodies.

"Then, too, the restless modulation, particularly the frequent enharmonic shiftings, aggravates this natural craving for the repose alike of melody and smoothly flowing harmony. But it must be acquitted of the charge of restlessness *without progress* (like water boiling in a caldron, which neither runs nor rests); this music we should think not guilty of *that* besetting sin of so much of the new reformatory art work; it does not hold you in a tantalizing nightmare of suspended locomotion, making all the motions and yet not proceeding.

"The choral writing seems to be all truly vocal, clear, unforced, euphonious. And in the matter of subtle, brilliant, richly colored, and effective orchestration, we all know that Max Bruch has proved himself a master."

As to the quality of the performance, and the impression made here by the work, let us quote from the *Gazette*: —

"Its finest feature is to be found in its vocal effects. Herr Bruch scores magnificently for the voices, and with a mastery rarely equalled and certainly not surpassed by any composer. He is here always clear, and the different parts come out with extraordinary distinctness, while the effect of the whole is always striking and admirable. His orchestration is solid and scholarly, though sometimes too persistently massive. Very fine indeed is the manner in which he assists the voices in the choruses without clouding their quality. There is a frankness in the music of this oratorio that is not without a certain charm, but, taken altogether, it impressed us as blatant and violent, and wanting in both appropriateness of character and artistic refinement of thought. Its best moments were to be found in the dying music of Siegmund, which is uncommonly beautiful in sentiment and expression. The war song of the Romans and the liberty song and chorus, of which the theme is 'Germania's Sons' are better fitted almost for any other place than oratorio, no heed how 'secular' it may be. The latter has more of the character of a table song than the cry of a people announcing their freedom. The treatment of the work is everywhere superior to its ideas. As a composition it is but chapel-master music written perfunctorily; in its working out it is far more worthy of admiration, though even here it shows the gifted scholar rather than the man of genius. Herr Bruch's conducting was excellent. He held both chorus and orchestra well together, and fully demonstrated that he had perfect and easy control over them. He was cordially received, and his work was applauded heartily throughout. At its end he was recalled with much enthusiasm. The interpretation may be greatly commended. There were some

shortcomings, but only one of serious import. Mr. Henschel sang the music of Arminius in a flawless manner. Mr. C. R. Adams was heard to exceptionally fine advantage in the part of Siegmund, and Miss Winant's singing of the music of the priestess was characterized by great power and beauty."

Max Bruch, each soloist, and the chorons, were cheered again and again. Receipts, \$1,912.

FIFTH DAY. Saturday Afternoon, *May 5*. Again a miscellaneous concert, with the following programme:—

Overture to <i>Zanetta</i>	Auber.
Air: "O Sleep!" from <i>Masaniello</i>	Auber.
MR. CHARLES R. ADAMS.	
Recitative and Air: "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster," from <i>Oberon</i>	Weber.
MME. GABRIELLA BOEMA.	
Orchestral Fantasy: <i>Une Nuit à Lisbonne</i>	Saint-Saëns.
Air: "Lascia ch'io pianga," from <i>Rinaldo</i>	Handel.
MISS EMILY WINANT.	
Recitative and Air: "Sweet Bird," from <i>L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato</i>	Handel.
MISS EMMA C. THURSBY.	
Song: "I am a Roamer," from the <i>Son and Stranger</i>	Mendelssohn.
MR. MYRON W. WHITNEY.	
Hymn to Diana, from <i>Iphigénie en Tauride</i>	Gluck.
FEMALE CHORUS.	
March and Procession, from <i>La Reine de Saba</i>	Gounod.
Air: "Winterstürme wichen," from <i>Die Walküre</i>	Wagner.
MR. WILLIAM J. WINCH.	
Song: "The Young Nun"	Schubert.
MME. BOEMA.	
Rigodon, for Orchestra	Rameau.
Tarentella	Bizet.
MISS THURSBY.	
Motet: <i>Insanæ et Vanæ Curæ</i>	Haydn.

We may trust the *Transcript* of the next day for a fair estimate of the manner in which these interesting numbers were performed:—

"Mr. Adams sang the Slumber Song from *Masaniello* with all the expressive tenderness and perfection of style that won all hearts when he first sang it here. Mrs. Boema gave the great *Oberon* scena with telling dramatic power, if not with the complete mastery she has shown on some occasions; but her singing of Schubert's song, which was given with Listz's orchestral setting of the accompaniment, was beautiful indeed. Miss Winant's noble voice and sincerity of feeling entitled her singing of the Handel air to much admiration; only she took it too slow, so that all the swing of the Saraband

rhythm was lost. Miss Thursby, admirably seconded by Mr. E Heindl's flute, sang Handel's bird song charmingly, and gave Bizet's coquettish and extremely difficult Tarantella with delightful effect. Mr. Whitney sang the Pedler's Song from *Son and Stranger* perhaps better than ever before, and Mr. Winch gave Seigmund's Love Song with infinite passionateness of expression, albeit we should have liked a smoother flow of the rhythm in the first part. The female voices of the choir sang Gluck's ineffably beautiful Hymn to Diana exceedingly well, and the wondrous Haydn motet again made an immense effect. The orchestra played the little pieces by Saint-Saëns and Rameau very deftly and nicely, and gave the Nicolai overture with much spirit, if not with much finish."

That concert proved but moderately attractive, — receipts, \$1,840.

SIXTH DAY. On Sunday Evening, *May 6*, the Festival was brought to a close with what was generally recognized as an excellent performance (the 75th by the Society) of Handel's *Messiah*. The soloists were: Mrs. E. Aline Osgood, soprano; Miss Emily Winant, contralto; Mr. Charles R. Adams and Mr. Thodore J. Toedt, tenors; and Mr. Myron W. Whitney, bass. This showed what the Society could do in emergencies; for the conductor, Mr. Carl Zerrahn (who, by the way, was presented during an intermission with an immense basket of flowers by the ladies of the chorus), stated to the audience that there had been no rehearsal whatever either of chorus, orchestra, or soloists. The audience, if not equal to that of some Christmas performances, was large, the receipts reaching \$2,480.

So ended the Sixth Triennial Festival, more flattering to the artistic pride than to the financial hopes of the Society. Certainly there was no lack of choice and solid matter, nor of interesting novelty, in its programmes. The list of principal artists was attractive and superior. No means nor efforts had been spared to make both orchestra and chorus all that they should be for the interpretation of such works. The conductor, Mr. Zerrahn, was instant in season and out of season, using all his characteristic energy, persistency, and patience in rehearsals. The president and secretary, and all the board of government gave of their time, their counsel, and their labor freely, without stint. Yet it had failed financially because, in the terse words of the secretary in his records, "the public let it severely alone." And why so? Doubtless one reason was, that music in Boston had become so much more plentiful and cheap than it was in the days of the earlier festivals. Think how amply the best musical appetite must have been satiated by the now-established system of twenty-four Symphony Concerts, with twenty-four public rehearsals of the same, making forty-eight such concerts, in every musical sea-

son! Then there were classical chamber concerts of all kinds. These, taken all together, gave, so to say, the primacy to instrumental music. But there is also to be taken into account the competition with the old Society not precisely on its own ground, but to a considerable extent so, on the part of smaller choral societies (each, to be sure, of special character), like the Cecilia, the Apollo, and the Boylston Club. All this ministered to the proverbial restlessness of our "modern Athenians," like their old Greek namesakes, always running after "new things." Moreover the very effort made to meet the cry for novelty perhaps only made the matter worse; for if Gounod's *Redemption* drew the largest audience, did it not in the same ratio shake the confidence of the more cultivated and exacting music-lovers in the soundness of the old and honored institution? On whom but on that class of supporters must such a society in the long run depend?

But, setting these reasonings all aside, was the experiment upon the whole a fair one? Many thought it failed simply by undertaking too much. The ambitious passion for "big things" has been the cause of many a failure, many a signal crash (well symbolized by that *Tower of Babel* in this very Festival), in this young, enterprising, and o'er-sanguine American people. In no one of our cities have we the large class of people of wealth and leisure, free, as in Europe, to devote a whole week to attendance on a feast of oratorio. Even our wealthy families are busy and grudge time for such things. More than that, the famous musical festivals abroad, at all events in Germany, rarely if ever exceed three days in length. Why not content ourselves with that more modest plan? Providing for a three days' festival would be risking less, while it would fall within the power of a much larger audience to attend it. Besides, three days of good music could be choicer in selection, less hurried and more perfect in the execution, than a whole week of it, however imposing and magnificent the prospectus. Not a few of the most earnest friends of music in this musical city deeply regret that the Triennials were given up before testing the experiment upon a smaller scale.

When the Board of Government came to meet to survey the battlefield a few days later (*May 14*), it was found that the financial result of the Festival had been a loss of about \$6,000, while the profit of the regular season had been about \$1,600 (to which could be added the interest of the permanent fund, — about \$1,100). It was voted to lay an assessment of ten per cent on the subscribers to the guaranty fund of \$30,000, and assume the balance of the deficit. It was voted to pay Mr. Zerrahn \$1,000 as conductor and Mr. Lang \$400 as organ-

ist of the Festival, and to pay Prof. J. K. Paine an *honorarium* of \$200 for the use of his *Nativity*. The treasurer was authorized to raise money to defray the expenses of the Festival to an amount not exceeding \$1,000.

Misfortunes never come single. Indeed the brave old Society was in a critical condition. Not only had its ideal project failed, not only did it see itself constrained to renounce the inspiring stimulus it had received from looking forward to an indefinite future of great triennial festivals worthy to compare with those of Birmingham and Norwich and Cologne, and reduce itself again to toiling on the old road no longer shone upon and cheered by such light from above. It was now to lose another of its mainstays, another element in its success. For more than thirty years the Great Organ of the Music Hall, one of the great organs of the world, had helped to temper, to enrich, and swell its massive harmonies. Now the control of the Music Hall had passed into new hands; and it was determined to remove the organ to make more room for orchestra, perhaps for a theatrical stage, at any rate, to increase the seating capacity for audience. Accordingly the noble instrument was banished, stowed away temporarily somewhere. After much negotiation, it was sold to a generous friend of the New England Conservatory of Music, for the benefit of that institution, with the hope that it might acquire new ground adjoining the large hotel which it already occupied, and thereon build a stately hall wherein oratorios might be presented with all the added glory of such an organ. That hope failed; and to this day the pipes and all the works and costly frame of the Great Organ lie packed away in a rough wooden shanty in the corner of a burying-ground. It cost originally *sixty thousand dollars*, it was sold for *five thousand*! Meanwhile in the Music Hall, while the organ end of the hall, once so stately, presents a bald and shabby aspect, a small but vigorous (*sic*) instrument does duty for the oratorios high up on one side of the end, unbalanced architecturally by anything at all corresponding on the other side.

Yet has the old Society not become discouraged; it has done much noble work in the same place since, and hopes and means to do much more and nobler.

CHAPTER XIV.

SIXTY-NINTH SEASON.

MAY 28, 1883, TO MAY 26, 1884.

May 28. Annual Meeting. The treasurer reported:—

On hand May 29, 1882	\$307 83
Receipts from all sources	15,212 06
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	\$15,519 89
Expense of concerts	\$11,148 76
Salaries and rent	2,453 53
Additions to library	1,153 15
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	14,755 44
Balance on regular season	\$764 45

The trustees of the permanent fund reported the year's interest to be \$1,129.90, and the present value of the securities \$23,008.91. The interest had been paid to the secretary, to be applied to the deficit on the Festival, which the treasurer estimated at \$5,000; to meet which he counted on:—

Surplus of the season	\$764 45
Interest of fund	1,129 90
Assessment on guaranty fund	2,540 00
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	\$4,434 35

leaving a balance of deficit of between \$500 and 600, to pay which the treasurer had been empowered to borrow money.

Mr. C. W. Stone offered a resolution of regret at the refusal of Col. A. Parker Browne to be again a candidate for re-election as secretary, he having served in that capacity for twelve years faithfully and with signal ability, and the present high condition and character of the Society being largely due to his untiring labors. This was passed unanimously. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—

President. — CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — MOSES GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Directors. — R. S. RUNDLETT, D. L. LAWS, J. D. ANDREWS, H. G. CAREY, GEORGE F. DANIELS, A. PARKER BROWNE, F. H. JENKS, CHARLES W. STONE.

The president submitted his annual address, showing that there had been held fifty-three rehearsals, with an average attendance of three hundred and sixty singers, and that twelve concerts were given, — five in the regular season, and seven in the Festival, — with an average choral force of from five hundred to six hundred. The address dwelt fairly and eloquently on the gloomy side of the picture, and on the bright one, the artistic side, suggesting that the first production of the Cherubini Mass marked a red-letter year in the history of the Society.

The first concert of the season was in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, given in the Music Hall on Sunday evening, *Nov. 11*. The programme consisted of Bach's Cantata on *Ein' feste Burg* and Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*. The cantata was produced here for the first time. It was composed either for the Reformation festival of 1730 or for that of 1739, the two hundredth jubilee of the acceptance of the evangelical doctrine in Saxony.

"It begins with a long chorus in which each line of the choral is made successively the subject of wondrously varied fugual treatment. Technically speaking, this chorus is a curiosity of rare interest from the exhaustive use the composer has made of every variety of fugual response, — real, tonal, and irregular. In the higher musical sense, it is no less an astonishing piece of work. In grandeur, dignity, and strong, over-brimming vital force, it . . . is stupendous. This chorus embraces the text of the first verse of Luther's hymn. The next number (second verse), set as a brilliant duet for soprano and tenor, was omitted. No. 3, a beautiful recitative, such as no one but Bach has ever written, merging into a short *arioso* movement, was smoothly and feelingly sung by Mr. Clarence E. Hay. Mrs. Henschel mastered the difficulties of the ensuing soprano air: 'Within my heart of hearts,' like the true and accomplished artist she is. . . In the next number, embracing the third verse of the hymn: 'Were all the world of devils full,' etc., the chorus sing the chorale, in unison and octaves (6-8 time), against a roaring tempest of furious counterpoint in the orchestra. Here again Bach shows his genius in all its glory. The effect is overwhelming. Next follows a beautiful recitative and *arioso*, finely, if a little too formally, sung by Mr. Toedt, and a duet, 'How blessed,' for contralto and tenor, which Miss Winant and Mr. Toedt sang, at times with excellent effect, at others with a lack of security. The work closes with the last verse of the hymn, sung in flowing four-part harmony by the chorus. The effect of the composition upon the audience was hardly brilliant; but that must come with future performances. The chorus sang exceedingly well, saving that in the number, 'Were all the world with devils full,' the voices were persistently behind the beat."

(These remarks are from the pen of Mr. W. F. Apthorp in the *Transcript*.) As a curious offset, showing how doctors disagree, we cite a couple of sentences from a critic of another sort, one of the clamorers for novelties, "new school," etc. :—

"As the Society has now accomplished the duty of giving a performance of the Bach Cantata, it might be well to pack it away in the library of the organization, and label it, 'For the Luther Centennial of 1983.' It is quite possible that the work may be interesting as a study, and it has a certain value as a relic of ancient musical forms, but the public will hardly demand a second hearing of it during the present generation."

The performance of the *Hymn of Praise* seems to have been a very brilliant one, Mrs. Henschel, Miss Winant, and Mr. Toedt vying with one another in giving the solos and concerted pieces their full significance. The fitness of this work for the Luther programme lay in the fact that Mendelssohn composed it for the anniversary of the invention of the art of printing, which had much to do with making the age ripe for the Reformation. The audience was discouragingly small, — about one thousand three hundred. The chorus too was small, — two hundred and eighty-three, against an orchestra of sixty-six. It was too early in the season to expect a full attendance, — receipts, \$1,258.50; expenses, \$1,639.32; loss, \$380.72.

Christmas, which came on Tuesday, brought with it the annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, preceded by a public rehearsal on Sunday evening, *Dec. 23*. The chorus was small, only two hundred and sixty-seven, but sang with spirit and precision. The reduction in numbers did not perceptibly impair its efficiency. Miss Elizabeth C. Hamlin made her *début* as soprano soloist, with a voice of great purity, large volume, and extended compass. Her singing was intelligent and expressive. Miss Hope Glenn the contralto, with a rich, sweet voice, not always sufficiently powerful, sang with a dignified reserve well suited to the music. Mr. C. R. Adams and Mr. J. F. Winch, both somewhat affected in the throat, sang with their usual good taste and vigor. The house was nearly all sold, in spite of a bad storm, — receipts (with public rehearsal), \$2,745.83; expenses, \$1,879.26; profit, \$866.57.

1884. *Jan. 1*. We find the following statement in one of the daily papers about this time :—

"It having been declared that the Handel and Haydn Society had not done its duty by native singers, a search of the records for thirteen years brings to light these facts: Fifty-four Americans have had a total of three hundred and twenty-two engagements; twenty-two foreigners (most of them being permanent residents in this country) have had eighty-seven engagements."

The Sunday evening rehearsals of January and February were occupied with *St. Paul*, *The Redemption*, and Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*.

Tuesday Evening, *Feb. 26*. Gounod's *Redemption* was performed, as a popular attraction, in the vast Mechanics' Hall. This was to test the frequent demand for oratorio at low prices. The chorus numbered three hundred and nineteen, the orchestra, seventy. There was a great array of solo singers: Mme. Pappenheim, Miss Gertrude Franklin, Miss Louise Rollwagen, contralto; Mr. Georg Henschel and Mr. D. M. Babcock. There had been very careful preparation and wide advertisement. Yet the sale of one-dollar tickets was but 1,172, and of seventy-five-cent tickets, 519. The weather, however, had been stormy, or threatening for three weeks, and on the day and night of the concert it became a heavy storm of most wet and disagreeable snow. The financial experiment, therefore, was inconclusive. The performance as a whole was generally praised. How well the oratorio (or trilogy) had been prepared was proved by the unhesitating steadiness with which Mme. Pappenheim, the orchestra, and the chorus went through with "From thy love as a father" in darkness, the electric light having gone out just as the number began, and the gas not getting lighted until just as it was finished. The closing in of the lobbies on the floor and first gallery with partitions of wood and glass was found to have greatly improved the acoustic qualities of the hall, — receipts (including rehearsal), \$1,572.50; expenses, \$2,581.85; loss, \$1,009.35!

For those on whom *The Redemption* had begun to pall from the first hearing more and more each time a better thing was in store at the next concert of the season. On Good Friday, *April 11*, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music* was performed for the sixth time by the old Society. But it was reduced to the limit of two hours and a half. The soloists were: Mrs. Osgood, Miss Winant, Mr. George J. Parker, Mr. Henschel, and Mr. Remmertz. Mr. Parker's tenor in the narrative recitatives showed the highest refinement of style and beauty of tone. The one thing wanting was a larger volume; but his original power was fully sustained to the end. Mr. Henschel's delivery of the music in the part of Jesus was intelligent, musicianly, and expressive, as usual with him. The others had been heard to better advantage. The chorus was best in the chorals; in most of the other parts it was meritorious, if not brilliant. The same could be said of the five and forty boys, trained by Mr. George A. Veazie, Jr., for the *soprano ripieno* in the great opening double chorus. There was a chorus of three hundred and ninety-one, an orchestra

of sixty-five, — receipts, \$1,713.34; expenses, \$2,072.81; loss, \$359.47.

For Easter, *April 13*, Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* was given, with Mme. Pappenheim, Mrs. Jennette M. Noyes, Mr. George W. Want, and Mr. Myron W. Whitney in the solo parts. The noble overture was uncommonly well played. The chorus sang with unusual clearness and vigor almost throughout. Mme. Pappenheim made a great impression in the soprano solos. Her large, pure, noble voice was a delight to the ear; only a certain shortness of breath sometimes obliged her to cut her phrases in two, and gave her singing an uncomfortable sense of effort now and then. But this was more than counterbalanced by her commanding qualities, by the nobility of her artistic nature, her dramatic instinct. Mrs. Noyes sang the little music of her contralto part with devout feeling, and with sweetness and evenness of tone. Mr. Want's efforts in the tenor solos were highly creditable, although in such music he hardly found his sphere. Mr. Whitney, in the part of Paul, was at his very best, — chorus, four hundred and forty-six; orchestra, fifty-eight; receipts, \$1,769.83; expenses, \$1,718.81; profit, \$51.02.

So ended a season fraught with financial disaster, the net loss of the five concerts being \$831.95. The obvious causes of this shortcoming were: a plethora of music in all departments; stagnation of business; almost unprecedented inclemency of weather; and, as interfering especially with the last two concerts, an operatic Wagner festival directly after Easter.

April 29. At a meeting of the Board, the secretary was authorized to borrow \$2,500 in behalf of the Society, and give its promissory note, payable in three months.

SEVENTIETH SEASON.

MAY 26, 1884, TO MAY 25, 1885.

May 26. Annual meeting. The treasurer, Mr. M. G. Daniell, presented his report of the Sixth Triennial Festival (1883), as follows:—

Received	\$13,232 90
Expended	18,218 36
Loss	\$4,985 46

This loss was met by an assessment on the guarantors (\$2,557.50), a year's income of the permanent fund (\$1,129.90), and proceeds

of treasurer's note for \$750 (\$729.03). Then followed the treasurer's report for the season of 1883-84:—

Cash at beginning and total receipts	\$10,918 87
Total expenditure	13,214 76
Deficit	<u>\$2,295 89</u>

This deficit was met by the proceeds of the Society's note for \$2,500, on three months, namely, \$2,461.25, leaving a balance on hand of \$165.36.

The treasurer further stated that the debt had increased from \$601.83 at the beginning of the season, to \$2,334.64 at its close.

The trustees of the permanent fund reported its income during the year at \$1,141.56, and the principal (on May 1, 1884) at \$22,826.58.

It being reported that in the case of ten tenors recently admitted the initiation fee of five dollars each had been remitted, a protest was made on the ground that it was a violation of the by-laws, and a spirited discussion followed, which resulted in a vote of ratification, coupled with a clause prohibiting its repetition.

The president, C. C. Perkins, read his annual address, reviewing the year's record in his usual tone of candid recognition, wise counsel, eloquent exhortation, and encouragement. Perhaps the most important passage was the following:—

“Let us, then, determine to spend ourselves upon the work before us with fresh courage, and, while we regret that we have been unable to add anything to the permanent fund for two successive years, look forward with no less hope to the time when it shall have been so increased as to enable the Society to build that concert hall which it first proposed to itself as a goal of endeavor. At a meeting held on the 22d of November, 1824—now well-nigh sixty years ago,—a motion to purchase a piece of land for the purpose was then made and carried. What a pity that no subsequent action was taken! By this time the property would have so risen in value that its sale would have yielded more than we need to make our castle in Spain a reality in Boston. I picture to myself a building of a simple and somewhat severe character, containing a concert hall of ample dimensions, adorned with statues of the Society's titular composers, and with portraits of all the great authors of sacred music, a fine organ, a stage fitted with permanent seats for the chorus singers, rooms for the meetings of the Board of Government, and the examination of candidates, and a library where scores, musical histories, treatises, and periodicals could be consulted at ease by the members. How soon or how late the Society may have such a building of its own depends in a measure upon what we, its present members, are able to accomplish. This conviction should nerve us to fresh effort,—for although the end will not probably be reached until long after we have passed away,

we shall have done our part towards it. May those who are destined to give shape to the long-cherished project, and enjoy what we would fain have enjoyed, remember that to us, as to many generations of our predecessors —

“ ‘Hoc erat in votis.’ ”

The annual election of officers resulted as follows : —

President. — CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — MOSES GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — FRANCIS H. JENKS.

Directors. — H. P. BLACKMAN, A. P. BROWNE, H. G. CAREY, J. S. SAWYER, A. K. HEBARD, J. H. STICKNEY, G. F. DANIELS, C. W. STONE.

Attention was called to the fact that, many years ago, when the pitch of the Great Organ was raised, the Society contributed a sum toward the purchase of a set of wood-wind instruments; and it was voted that the secretary make inquiries as to their present situation and ownership, and sell any interest which the Society might hold in them. The secretary offered the following CHORUS STATISTICS of the season of 1883-84.

Total No. of Chorus Tickets.		New Members.
Sopranos	166	23
Altos	143	31
Tenors	120	25
Basses	134	12
Total	563	91
Maximum attendance	456	Average at 28 rehearsals, 337
Minimum attendance	208	Average at 5 concerts . 361

At the next meeting of the Board of Government (*June 6*), in view of the fact that George Frederick Handel was born Feb. 23, 1685, and that the bi-centennial anniversary of his birth would occur during the current musical season, it was determined to commemorate the occasion by devoting the programmes of the season of 1884-85 entirely to works of Handel, as follows : —

Dec. 21. The annual Christmas performance of the *Messiah*.

Feb. 22, 1885. A miscellaneous Handel concert, with a programme so constructed as best to illustrate his genius, the preference being given to comparatively unfamiliar selections.

April 5. Easter. *Israel in Egypt*.

During the months of October and November choruses were rehearsed from *Solomon*, *Deborah*, *Jephtha*, *Joshua*, *Israel in Egypt*, and the *Messiah*. A pleasant incident occurred at the rehearsal of *Nov. 30*. Mr. B. J. Lang was addressed by President Perkins, who congratulated him on the completion of his twenty-fifth year as organist of the Society, and in recognition of his long and useful term of service, presented him, on behalf of the Society, with a valuable gold watch suitably inscribed, a set of Shakespeare's works, and a book containing the following address:—

“To Mr. B. J. LANG, *Organist of the Handel and Haydn Society*:

“DEAR SIR,—As on the 27th of November of the present year you will have held the position of organist of the Handel and Haydn Society for twenty-five years, and have during that period discharged the duties of your office with distinguished ability and unwearied fidelity, we, members of the Society and lady members of the chorus, desire to express to you our sense of the value of your services and to offer you our best wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness, and with that intent have hereto signed our names.”

(Signed by C. C. Perkins, president; Carl Zerrahn, conductor, and between four and five hundred members of the Society and chorus.)

Mr. Lang's reply was brief, but full of feeling. He recalled the fact that a watch was given him thirty years before by a Salem society, which he had always prized highly, and he should esteem this later gift still more.

Dec. 7. At a meeting of the Board, authority was given to the president to sign, in the name of the Society, a petition to Congress for an International Copyright law (now while we write, July, 1891, just proclaimed by the President of the United States to be in force!).

Dec. 21. The first of the Handel commemoration concerts, the Christmas performance of the *Messiah*, fell on a very stormy night. Yet the audience was large. The solo singers, all new to the work, were Miss Gertrude Franklin, Mrs. Ella Cleveland Fenderson, Mr. George J. Parker, and Mr. D. M. Babcock. *The Great Organ was gone!* As a small makeshift, there was a new organ, with Mr. Lang, “suspended in mid-air, like Mahomet's coffin.” But there was some partial compensation for the loss in the chance given and improved for a better, more effective seating of the orchestra and chorus. The chorus sang finely, and the soloists did their work very acceptably. The receipts (at \$1.50 and \$1 prices) amounted to \$2,100; the expenses to \$1,300.

1885. The rehearsals during January and February were all in preparation for the Handel birthday programme: choruses from *Hercules*, *Theodora*, *Saul*, *Athaliah*, *Belshazzar*, and other works of Handel. The concert came on

Sunday Evening, *Feb. 22*, — one day in advance of the actual date of Handel's birth two hundred years before, *Feb. 23, 1685*. The selections made from Handel's works were mostly new to nearly every listener, and composed an exceedingly interesting, richly contrasted series: —

PART I.

CHORUS.	Immortal Lord of earth and skies.	. . . . .	<i>Deborah.</i>
CHORUS.	Envy, eldest born of Hell.	. . . . .	<i>Saul.</i>
TENOR.	Total eclipse.	. . . . .	} <i>Samson.</i>
CONTRALTO.	Return, O God of Hosts!	
CHORUS.	To dust his glory they would tread.	
SOPRANO.	Let the bright seraphim.	. . . . .	} <i>Hercules.</i>
CHORUS.	Tyrants now no more shall dread.	
ORCHESTRA.	Dead March.	. . . . .	<i>Saul.</i>
ORCHESTRA.	Larghetto.	. . . . .	} <i>Semele.</i>
CONTRALTO.	Somnus, awake!	
SOPRANO.	Thyself forsake.	
BASS.	Leave me, loathsome light.	. . . . .	} <i>Athaliah</i>
CHORUS.	The mighty power in whom we trust.	
CONTRALTO.	He bids the circling seasons shine.	
TENOR.	{ Deeper and deeper still.	. . . . .	} <i>Jephtha.</i>
	{ Waft her, angels, to the skies.	
CONTRALTO.	In gentle murmurs.	
CHORUS.	When his loud voice in thunder spoke.	. . . . .

PART II.

ORCHESTRA.	Minuet.	. . . . .	<i>Samson.</i>
CHORUS.	May no rash intruder.	. . . . .	<i>Solomon.</i>
BASS.	Shall I, in Mamre's fertile plain.	. . . . .	} <i>Joshua.</i>
CHORUS.	To long posterity we here record.	
CONTRALTO.	Place danger around me.	. . . . .
CHORUS.	See, from his post Euphrates flies.	. . . . .	<i>Belshazzar.</i>
SOPRANO.	Ask if yon damask rose be sweet.	. . . . .	<i>Susanna.</i>
BASS.	Racks, gibbets, sword, and fire.	. . . . .	} <i>Theodora.</i>
CHORUS.	He saw the lovely youth.	
SOPRANO.	Angels, ever bright and fair.	
TENOR.	Sound an alarm.	. . . . .	} <i>Judas Maccabæus.</i>
TRIO and CHORUS.	See, the conquering hero comes!	

For the interpretation of these wonderfully beautiful and various selections from the prolific fields of Handel's genius, there was the well-drilled chorus of four hundred and twenty-eight voices (one hundred and twenty-four sopranos, one hundred and twenty altos,

seventy-eight tenors, one hundred and six basses), an orchestra of fifty seven, and the following solo artists: Miss Medora Henson, soprano; Miss Sarah C. Fisher, soprano; Miss Emily Winant, contralto; Mr. George J. Parker, suddenly called on in place of Mr. William J. Winch, tenor; and Mr. Myron W. Whitney, bass. Mr. Carl Zerrahn conducted; Mr. B. J. Lang was organist; and Mr. Bernhard Listemann was leader of the orchestra. Yet the audience, though large, was not remunerative (receipts, \$2,001.83; expenses, \$2,013.88). The concert was too long—nearly three hours; and there were other causes to account for the absence of that enthusiastic response which the Society had a right to expect to a programme of such exceptional interest, culled from such rich fields, and to a concert prepared with so much zeal and faithful labor. These reasons are clearly enough hinted in the following review from the *Gazette*:—

“The selections were made from a wide variety of the master's works, and presented him in many aspects of his style; but it must be confessed that the music was all very much alike in color and effect, and required a special mood and a special enthusiasm to enjoy it thoroughly. The constantly recurring four crotchets in the basses and the eight quavers in the violins became at last painfully monotonous, especially as these instruments invariably played such phrases without any deviation from a *forte* color. The scanty instrumentation, in its absence of nearly all contrast in effects, was undoubtedly the cause of the monotony complained of; and the attempt to remedy this by the tasteless intrusion of a bass tuba and trombones into the scores of some of the numbers did not tend to modify in any permissible or pleasing way the prevailing evil. Contrapuntally the music was abundantly interesting, and as music pure and simple it was wonderfully fine to listen to; but the thin and tiresomely-mannered instrumentation was a distressing drawback to one's pleasure after an hour of it had been experienced; and by the time it had extended beyond a second hour, it became almost exasperating.

“The chorus work throughout was very good. . . . The best achievements in the solos fell to the lot of Mr. George J. Parker, who was, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Winch, called upon suddenly to replace him, which he did without rehearsal. His singing of ‘Waft her, angels,’ was beautiful in expression, chaste in style, and exquisite in its delicate gradations of light and shade. . . . Miss Medora Henson, who appeared instead of Mme. Fursch-Madi, acquitted herself with zeal and earnestness. Her voice is clear and bright, but is cold and thin, and better adapted to light concert music than to oratorio. Her intonation is sometimes erratic, and her style is lacking in warmth, finish, and maturity. Her best effort of the evening was ‘Angels ever bright and fair,’ of which her singing was smooth and broad, but it was disfigured by an unpleasing *tremolo* and exaggerated sentiment. She sang ‘Ask if yon damask rose be sweet,’ from *Susanna*, flowingly, though coldly and with very indistinct enunciation. The artist proved scarcely equal either in largeness of style or volume of voice to ‘Let the

bright seraphim.' . . . Miss Emily Winant sang with her usual devotedness and care, but, as it seemed to us, with something more of nervousness than is customary with her, and as though she did not feel certain of her acquaintance with her music. In the more florid passages of her bravura air she narrowly escaped disaster at several points. Mr. M. W. Whitney, who was warmly received on his appearance by the audience, orchestra, and chorus, sang with that smoothness, ease, and dignity that always characterizes his work."

But with all the drawbacks complained of, granting that the concert was rather "monochromatic" and too long, and that the instrumentation was thin and meagre, needing some Robert Franz to complete it, and not in the coarse English way with tuba and trombones, the scheme was noble and ideal, worthy of the high aim which the Society had cherished from its origin.

A more serious criticism, no doubt, was made by many, openly or silently, who could not ignore the fact that the bi-centennial anniversaries of the birth of the two great giants in music, Handel and John Sebastian Bach, were virtually coincident. Within a month of time and a few miles of distance those two greatest musicians the world has ever known were born. Would not the celebration have been even more significant and more complete, the programme less "monochromatic," had it included representative selections from the music of the two? Perhaps, however, that would have required two evenings. And, considering the labor that it would have cost, was it not natural that the Society should limit its devotion to one, and that one its own titular hero, Handel? It must be owned, therefore, that it chose the wiser and the safer course, preferring to do what it could do well, and to leave the commemoration of the other of the *Par nobile fratrum* to some other body of admirers. And so it came about. The conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr. William Gericke, arranged for Saturday evening, *March 20*, a memorial programme of Bach's music, consisting of:—

PART I.

- Toccatà, arranged for orchestra by H. ESSER.
 Aria: "My heart ever faithful," from the Cantata: *God so loved the world*
 (with 'cello and piano accompaniment.)
 MISS EMMA JUCH, MR. GIESE, and MR. TUCKER.
 Chaconne, for violin MR. LOEFFLER.

PART II.

- First and second parts of the Christmas Oratorio, with orchestra and chorus of three hundred.
 Soloists: MISS JUCH, MISS WINANT, MR. WM. J. WINCH, and MR. FRANZ REMMERTZ.

And thus had musical Boston "fulfilled all righteousness" in the matter of a pious recognition of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Bach and Handel,—names which will always be inseparable.

April 5. Easter. The colossal oratorio, *Israel in Egypt*, was given for the third and concluding concert of the Handel commemoration series. The solo artists were Miss Emma Juch, soprano; Miss Ita Welsh, mezzo-soprano; Mr. William J. Winch, tenor; Mr. John F. Winch, bass; and Mr. Myron W. Whitney, bass. "The soloists, though high-priced," says the secretary's record, "were spasmodically good." The chorus (four hundred and two voices), "daunted by no difficulties, rarely reached a higher standard." Especially noteworthy was the deep, mysterious harmony and creeping modulation of "He sent a thick darkness." The audience would insist once more upon a repetition of the bass duet by the two men of war! There was an orchestra of forty-five. The audience was large. Receipts, \$2,154.61; expenses, \$1,835.76; profit, \$318.85.

Thus, worthily and grandly, ended both the Handel bi-centennial commemoration and the seventieth musical season of the old Society.

SEVENTY-FIRST SEASON.

MAY 25, 1885, TO MAY 31, 1886.

May 25. Annual Meeting. The treasurer reported:—

Balance on hand, May, 1884	\$165 36
Profit on Concerts	1,064 23
Income Permanent Fund	1,172 86
Sundry Receipts	357 47
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	\$2,759 92
Salaries	\$1,400 00
New Music	292 43
Bumstead Hall	505 00
Sundry Expenses	484 51
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	2,681 94
Balance on hand	\$77 98

The outstanding note of the Society amounted to \$2,613.75. Present value of the permanent fund, \$22,929.60.

From the annual address of President C. C. Perkins we are moved to copy largely, both as showing the judicious, happy way he had of

presenting the condition, the duties, and the prospects of the Society, and for the reason that his earthly career of usefulness was destined to be so soon closed. He said: —

“You will remember that the season of 1882-83 closed with a festival which, though inferior to none of its five predecessors in the attractions which it offered, was so insufficiently attended that the receipts fell far short of the expenses; and you will also remember that the succeeding season not only failed to repair our losses, but, through its own shortcomings, nearly quadrupled our debt. The announcement of this state of our affairs cast a gloom over the last annual meeting, and left those of us who were then charged with the management of the Society not a little anxious and perplexed, although fully determined that, if prudence and economy could avail, the coming year should find us at least no worse off at its close than we were at its beginning.

“Thanks to the exercise of the homely virtues above referred to, this modest hope has been more than realized, for we have not only reached the end of the season without loss, but with a net profit. . . . This seems to show, on the one hand, that so long as the Society is content to give few concerts in a season, and to produce works whose power to attract large audiences can be relied on, as proved by long experience, it will run no risk of loss; and, on the other, that such risk must attend the multiplication of concerts, and the production of altogether new works, or of old works hitherto untried. I presume that the Society might pledge itself to repeat the *Messiah* on every Christmas for a century to come, and to sing either the *Creation* or *Elijah* on every Easter for a like period, with the certainty that it will not lose a dime, and the probability that it will gain many thousands of dollars. But, gentlemen, at what a cost would such an immunity from loss, or such a possible financial gain, be purchased, and to what a fossil state would the Society be reduced! It owes its present honorable standing to the fact that, not content with simply existing, it has lived actively; on the one hand, keeping the glory of the old composers bright by frequent revivals of their masterpieces, and, on the other, helping their successors to attain fame by bringing to a hearing such modern works of high and noble quality as may from time to time have been written. This policy is so plainly dictated by duty, and harmonizes so completely with our best interests, that I am under no apprehension lest it should be abandoned. As in 1882 we brought out Verdi's *Requiem Mass*, in 1883 Bruch's *Arminius*, and in 1884 Gounod's *The Redemption*, so, in 1886, we shall, if it prove worthy, bring out Gounod's *Mors et Vita*, and thus, by keeping pace with the times, deserve a continuance of that public support which is seldom withheld from the energetic and the daring. With such recognition of the claims of modern composers we ought to recognize those of their predecessors. That noble *Mass* by Cherubini, which was sung for the first and only time at the festival of 1883, should be revived, and Bach's great *B-minor Mass*, of which we have long owned the score and parts, should no longer be allowed to slumber on our library shelves. But you will say, How can this be done in the present changed condition of things musical in Boston, whose effects we have been among the first to feel? That, gentlemen, is the question which all future boards of government will have

to meet and answer. The retiring board has shown what can be done with a minimum of risk; and, although its course was fully justified under existing circumstances, we must all hope that the newly elected board will be able to widen the field of operations, and make the next season more notable in a musical sense than the last has been.

“Among the most important questions which it will have to decide is that of holding a seventh Festival, which, according to precedent, should take place in the spring of 1886. Before the last Festival such a question would have been unhesitatingly answered in the affirmative; but its results were of too serious a nature to justify a like confidence in the success of any further attempt. . . We have an aggregate loss of \$16,615.17 in four out of the six triennial festivals. It is true that a net profit of \$4,376.80 was derived from the other two, the first in 1868, and the fifth in 1880; but this success was due to exceptional circumstances, upon whose recurrence no dependence can be placed. . . I am as far as possible from regarding the Handel and Haydn Society as a money-making or money-accumulating institution. It was founded to serve the highest artistic interests, and these only; and when it loses sight of them it will forfeit its right to exist. At the same time, it cannot continue to serve these interests if it be materially crippled by the imprudent management of its affairs. Plato tells us, in his *Theatetes*, that when Thales fell into a well, as he was looking up at the stars, a clever, witty Thracian handmaid said he was so eager to know what was going on in heaven that he could not see what was before his feet. From this anecdote we are not to conclude against star-gazing as unwise or objectionable, but that it cannot be safely prosecuted unless the star-gazer keep the earth, as well as the heaven, within his range of vision; or, in other words, not lose sight of his actual surroundings while considering things celestial. So we, while keeping the highest objects in view, must walk with circumspection, lest, like the Grecian sage, we come to grief.”

. . . “Since the last annual meeting, death has deprived the Society of three of its members, namely, Theophilus Stover, who signed on Dec. 28, 1852, and died on the 15th of July, 1884; Silas Parkhurst Merriam, who signed on Aug. 4, 1829, and died, at the age of eighty-three, on the 9th of March, 1885. This gentleman, whose membership lasted fifty-six years, was at the time of his death the oldest living member of the Society. He served as president for two years, 1852-1853, and both during his official term and after his retirement from the chair proved himself a faithful and devoted member. Charles B. Morton, whose membership dates from June 5, 1845.”

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President.—CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President.—GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary.—EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer.—MOSES GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian.—FRANCIS H. JENKS.

Directors.—HORACE P. BLACKMAN, A. PARKER BROWNE, HENRY G. CAREY, GEORGE F. DANIELS, ALBERT K. HEBARD, JOHN S. SAWYER, JOHN H. STICKNEY, CHARLES W. STONE.

A letter was read from ex-President Dr. J. B. Upham denying all knowledge of the missing wood-wind instruments.

The secretary's chorus statistics for the year 1884-85 were as follows:—

	Whole No. of Tickets.	New Members.
Sopranos	169	36
Altos	157	40
Tenors	114	8
Basses	131	13
Average attendance at twenty-five rehearsals		327
Average attendance at three concerts		393
Largest attendance		434
Smallest attendance		223

June 15. At a meeting of the Board of Government the question of a seventh Triennial Festival in May, 1886, was indefinitely postponed. It was voted to give three concerts only in the approaching season, namely, the *Messiah* on Sunday evening, *Dec. 27*; Gounod's *Mors et Vita* (for the first time) some evening in January, 1886; and *Elijah* at Easter, *April 25*.

Carl Zerrahn and B. J. Lang were reappointed conductor and organist, at salaries respectively of \$750 and \$300 (the reduction being due to the financial condition of the Society).

Mors et Vita was rehearsed through October and November.

Nov. 1. It was voted, on account of the great length of the work, to give it in two performances, afternoon and evening.

Nov. 22. At a meeting of the Board a resolution was offered concerning the serious rate of absence from rehearsals; and it was voted to notify the members of the chorus that the by-laws relating to attendance and suspension would be rigorously enforced.

Dec. 27. The annual Christmas performance of the *Messiah* on that Sunday evening was of peculiar interest to musicians, from the fact that the new edition of the oratorio by Robert Franz was used here for the first time. Sticklers for English traditions, especially in England, raised an indignant protest against what they were pleased to call a "modern tampering" with the score of Handel. But both here and in England the so-called Mozart score had always been used in all performances of the *Messiah*. Indeed, in Handel's original score, comprising fifty-two separate numbers, only twenty numbers (six recitatives, one air, twelve choruses, and the Pastoral Symphony) were sufficiently furnished with accompanying parts to form complete harmony in themselves. Even in the twelve choruses Handel presupposed an organ part, which he neglected to write out. In more than

half the oratorio, including all the airs but one, he left the orchestral accompaniment incomplete, sometimes merely hinted in a figured bass. It was not merely a lack of instrumental coloring through the absence of wind instruments; it was incompleteness in the essential harmony. The rare art and genius of Mozart supplied what was wanting, wonderfully well, in many parts, but not in all. Moreover, in the so-called Mozart score there are certain numbers which, as arranged, were always felt to be unworthy either of Mozart or Handel; and at last some of these were discovered to be of spurious authorship, for which Mozart had been wrongly held accountable. Hence the need of the task which Franz imposed upon himself.

"It was," wrote Mr. W. F. Apthorp in the *Transcript*, "twofold, — first to rid the alleged Mozart score of all objectionable or spurious passages, and then to fill up all remaining gaps himself. In performing the first part of this Augean task, he was guided by what documentary evidence the Adam Hiller score could furnish, and by his own highly cultivated musical sense; for in many instances no circumstantial evidence was to be had, merely the internal evidence of the poor quality of the writing. To be sure, this testimony was often satisfactory enough, for it is inconceivable that a man like Mozart, whose additions to the airs, 'O thou that tellest' and 'The people that walketh in darkness,' can be ranked only with what is most exquisite in music, should have been guilty of some of the intolerably bald passages attributed to him in 'He was despised.'

"Franz has shown the greatest reverence for Mozart, as well as for Handel, in the manner in which he has done his work. . . . Had he taken Handel's original score, and written additional accompaniments to it throughout, without reference to Mozart's work, there would have been nothing peculiar in his task. But this he was naturally unwilling to do; the presumably authentic part of Mozart's work was so fine that it is no wonder that a man of Franz's conscientiousness and modesty could not take it upon himself to undo it. His part was to do what Mozart had not done, not to do over again what he had done; and from this very fact arose the peculiar difficulty of his task. In all the other old scores, by Handel, Bach, Astorga, and Durante, that Franz has filled out, he has constantly borne in mind the fact that these composers intended what was lacking in their written accompaniments to be filled out on the organ. His reason for discarding that instrument and choosing orchestral instruments instead (generally a quartet of clarinets and bassoons) was that the organ is, in its very nature, an instrument lacking both flexibility and accent, and that it would, therefore, be impossible to play on it, in a manner that should meet our modern demands for clear and expressive performance, such complex and intricate polyphonic passages as those with which, tradition tells us, Bach and Handel used to fill out the gaps in their orchestral accompaniments. But in writing for clarinets and bassoons, instead of for organ, Franz has, almost in every case, written his four-part harmony in a pure organ style. In fact, Franz's quartet of wind instruments really represents the organ, only with more flexibility of phrasing and greater decision of accent. . . . Now Mozart, in writing

his additional accompaniments to the *Messiah*, showed that he had no such scruples about the matter; he had no thought of even distantly suggesting the organ, but wrote his additions wholly in the prevailing *orchestral* style of his own day. Here was Franz's dilemma: should he follow Mozart's lead and fill out the remaining gaps in a purely orchestral style, which was not Handel's; or should he fill them out in as strictly a Handelian style as he knew how, even at the risk of having his additions contrast somewhat in treatment and coloring with Mozart's? He chose the latter alternative. . . . But he left what Mozart actually wrote untouched, and, except in cases of actual necessity, added nothing to it.

"Besides completing the score of the *Messiah*, Franz has made a suggestion or two concerning performances of the work. As the florid choruses in the first part—No. 6, 'And He shall purify,' No. 12, 'For unto us a child is born,' and No. 19, 'His yoke is easy'—are difficult for a large choir to sing clearly, and as, moreover, these choruses are based upon three of Handel's earlier chamber-duets, he suggests that large portions of them be sung by solo voices. He also suggests that the accompaniment to the *secco*-recitatives be played on a pianoforte, if there be room for one on the stage, instead of by the strings, as he has written them. Last, but not least, he has enriched the score by a fully written-out organ part. The trombone parts to several of the choruses, which exist neither in Handel's original score, nor in Mozart's, but were written by an Englishman by the name of Smithies, have naturally been omitted by Franz. He has, moreover, retained the trombone parts written by Mozart in the overture, and the short choruses, 'Since by man came death' and 'For as in Adam all die,' choruses which have hitherto been sung by us, according to some inexplicable tradition, as unaccompanied quartets.

"A worthy companion to this full score by Franz is the pianoforte score arranged from it by Mr. Otto Dresel of this city; it is, beyond question, not only the best, but the only thoroughly good pianoforte score of the *Messiah* in existence."

In the above extract the reader has as exact an account, as could well be given in so few words, of just what Robert Franz had done with the *Messiah* in the way of "additional accompaniments," and of what changes he had suggested—not prescribed—in the customary treatment of certain numbers of the work. So far as the accompaniments were concerned, the weight of opinion, after that Christmas performance, was evidently in favor of the new edition. Equally so in regard to most of the suggestions; especially the dividing of those three florid choruses of the first part between vocal quartet and chorus. About some other changes there was difference of opinion; for it was largely a question of taste, and many were wedded very naturally to the old practice. The cadenza introduced at the end of "Rejoice greatly" found hardly any favor, although a cadenza is directed in Handel's original score, and Franz has written one entirely in the vein and style of Handel, to be used or not, as conductors may

see fit. The re-arrangement of the trumpet solo was found admirable; and so by perhaps the majority of the most musically cultivated listeners was the singing, in full chorus, of the two short sentences usually given as unaccompanied quartets. In the matter of accompaniments, of course the difference was distinctly recognizable to but a small part of a miscellaneous audience. Upon the whole, the Society could well congratulate itself on having given the impulse to so valuable a piece of work on the part of so competent a musician, one so thoroughly in sympathy with both Bach and Handel. In the nature of the case, criticism was busy, both in advocacy and in disparagement; but it seems to be practically settled that here, at least, however it may be in England, Franz's is accepted as the standard, the only practicable, truly Handelian score of the *Messiah*.

The audience that evening was immense; every seat was sold, besides three hundred and ninety-three admissions without seats. The chorus numbered four hundred and fifteen voices, with an orchestra of forty-five. The ten soprano numbers required two soprano soloists. These were Mrs. E. Humphrey-Allen and Miss Sarah C. Fisher. The contralto, Miss Hattie J. Clapper, was found highly satisfactory in voice and expression. Mr. Whitney Mockridge, the tenor, who made his first important appearance in Boston, gifted with "a fine natural organ, strong, penetrating, pleasant, and of ample range," seems to have had a "throaty and rigid" way of singing. Mr. M. W. Whitney, "barring some unexpected slips," sang grandly. As to the quartets, leading into chorus, they were sung somewhat lamely, so that the suggestion of Franz was not quite fairly tested.

Receipts, \$2,983.95; expenses, \$1,586.36; profit, \$1,397.59. How much of that was due to "additional accompaniments," who knows?

1886. Rehearsals of Gounod's second Sacred Trilogy, *Mors et Vita*, were resumed in January, and on Sunday, the 24th, the work was first brought out before a Boston public. Part I., *Mors* (Death) was given in the afternoon. That, of course, was the most serious part, and was compared to a Requiem Mass. Part II., *Judicium* (Judgment), and Part III., *Vita* (the Resurrection and the Life), followed in the evening. As to the merits of the work, the criticisms were strangely at variance, ranging from the extreme of praise to contemptuous disparagement. Far be it from the present writer to venture an opinion. *In medio tutissimus ibis* were probably the safe suggestion. So far as he is able to recall his impressions at the time, all based upon that single hearing, the second Trilogy had all the

characteristics of the first, all the questionable and unlovely traits of the *Redemption*, greatly aggravated. It had also passages of beauty, of a "sensuous" order. And great events seemed treated with less power than we have been accustomed to expect, and without disappointment, from great masters. It abounds in orchestral pictures, some of which, while cleverly realistic, seemed to us vulgar, cheap, and flimsy. Some of the instrumental effects were to an exceptional degree sensational, discordant, and extravagant. Thus the trumpets at the last judgment sound a trichord with the fifth made sharp (the same hideous discord in which Wagner's Walkyrie maids disport themselves!).

The choruses, according to most accounts, were well sung, albeit with some tendency to drag. The soloists were, for soprano, Mrs. Lillian Norton, who sang with great power and brilliancy; contralto, Miss Alta Pease, honest and accurate, but given to indistinct enunciation; Mr. Charles Abercrombie, a true tenor of delightful sweetness, except in the higher notes, of great power throughout; and Mr. Charles E. Hay, bass, who was thought to surpass his former efforts in discrimination and in dignity. There was an orchestra of forty-nine, with twelve extra instruments participating here and there. The chorus in the first part numbered four hundred and twelve voices; in the second and third parts, four hundred and fourteen. Receipts, \$2,544.05; expenses, \$2,382.61; profit, \$161.44. Is it then the doubtful things that pay? Is curiosity a stronger passion than the love of beauty, even in music?

The Sunday evenings of the following month were dedicated to serious study and rehearsal of portions of that very difficult and very great work, Bach's *Hohe Messe in H-moll* (High Mass in B minor). Then, by way of recreation and reward after those strenuous efforts, the ever-welcome *Elijah* gave vent to voices and to spirits for a few weeks once more.

April 12. The Board of Government considered the selection of a trustee of the Permanent Fund, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry P. Kidder. Mr. O. W. Peabody, another member of the banking house of Kidder, Peabody & Co., was elected.

April 25. *Elijah* was given, renewing its established popularity. The choruses were well sung by four hundred and thirty-four voices, with an orchestra of forty-seven, before one of the largest audiences. The quartet of principal solo-singers, as announced, consisted of: Mme. Fursch-Madi, soprano; Miss Helen D. Campbell, contralto; Mr. William Candidus, tenor; and Mr. Alonzo E. Stoddard, baritone (all from the "American Opera Company"). For the second quar-

tet (in the concerted pieces) were announced : Miss Elene B. Kehew, Miss Gertrude Edmunds, Mr. James H. Ricketson, and Mr. Jacob Benzing. But Mme. Madi being ill, Miss Kehew took her place, and filled it with much credit ; and Miss Gertrude Swayne was called to the second soprano part without rehearsal. Mr. Stoddard's *Elijah* was the feature of the evening, one of great spirit and brilliancy. Mr. Candidus, with a voice of great power and range, not altogether sweet, sang without much warmth. Owing to the absence of the usual wind-instrument players, the high pitch had to be used, Mr. Lang transposing the organ part a semitone upward. Financially, Mendelssohn's Oratorio was again fruitful. Receipts, \$3,215.27 ; expenses, \$2,010 ; profit, \$1,205.21.

May 7. At a meeting of the Board, it was voted to pay Mr. Zerrahn, as conductor, \$250, in addition to the \$750 voted him before.

SEVENTY-SECOND SEASON.

MAY 31, 1886, TO MAY 30, 1887.

May 31. Annual meeting. The treasurer reported :—

Amount on hand May, 1885	\$77 98
Total receipts	12,099 52
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	\$12,177 50
Total expenditures	11,764 20
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Balance on hand	\$413 30

that \$1,000 had been received as legacy under the will of Benjamin B. Davis ; also a gift of \$1,000 from an unknown friend ; that the debt had been reduced by \$2,300, and now amounted to \$447.04.

As to the Permanent Fund, a gift of \$1,000 had been added to the principal ; the year's income (\$1,181.25) had been paid to the Society, and the value of the Fund's investments April 24, 1886, was \$25,817.74.

The following resolutions were passed :—

“ *Resolved*, That the two one-thousand-dollar donations inspire the members with fresh zeal, and tend ‘ to hasten the day when the Society's musical policy shall be emancipated from the pecuniary limitations by which it is now constantly constrained,’ etc.

“ *Resolved*, That the Handel and Haydn Society, in common with many other public bodies in this city, sustained a great loss by the death of Henry P. Kidder, lately a trustee of its Permanent Fund.

"We, the members, desire to express our recognition of the important place which he filled in the community, as an ever-active and generous supporter of all useful and charitable enterprises."

The secretary reported that nothing was yet known about those wood-wind instruments.

The election of officers was as follows:—

President. — CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Vice-President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — MOSES GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — FRANCIS H. JENKS.

Directors. — JOHN D. ANDREWS, HORACE P. BLACKMAN, GEORGE T. BROWN, ALBERT K. HEBARD, ROGER S. RUNDLETT, JOHN S. SAWYER, JOHN H. STICKNEY, DAVID A. ALDEN.

CHORUS STATISTICS FOR 1885-86.

	No. of Tickets.	Average Attendance.	New Members.
Sopranos	170	107	29
Altos	148	97	19
Tenors	103	58	8
Basses	123	85	13
	544	347	69
Maximum attendance (Rehearsals and Concerts)	. . . . .		446
Minimum attendance (Rehearsals and Concerts)	. . . . .		211

From the annual address of President Perkins we again make large extracts, for these were his *last words* to the Society for which he had done so much, and which he had so much at heart!

"Friends and Fellow-Members of the Handel and Haydn Society:

"Let me congratulate you on the fact that this annual meeting takes place under more inspiring circumstances than those which attended that of last year, when we were burdened with the not inconsiderable residue of a heavy debt, resulting from untoward events in the past, and not a little anxious about the future. The new Board of Management then elected assumed office impressed with the necessity for strict economy, and aware that a programme must be prepared for the coming season worthy of the traditions of the Society, and at the same time likely to excite public interest. To frame such a programme was no easy task. Handel's *Belshazzar*, Bach's *B-minor Mass*, and a host of other masterpieces, never or but seldom performed, urged their royal claims for a hearing, and tempted enterprise. Admonitions were not wanting, from certain quarters, that our duty as directors of a musical society instituted for high ends was to disregard pecuniary interests. What

did it matter, said our distinguished advisers, if the Society perished, provided that it did so with the proud consciousness of having done its duty? Give oratorios on a grand scale, at cheap prices, and abide the issue. Better death and an honorable interment than life supported by a permanent fund acquired through an illiberal and narrow-minded policy. To this counsel your Board of Management turned a deaf ear, and being, like 'George Eliot,' open to conviction on all points 'save dinners and debts, holding that the one should be eaten and the other paid,' determined to conduct the campaign prudently by giving the *Messiah* at Christmas, *Mors et Vita* in January, and *Elijah* at Easter, with competent support. * The three concerts yielded a profit of \$2,764.24. . . .

"But what of the Triennial Festival, which should have been held in the spring of 1886? On this head, gentlemen, I have to say that, from what seemed to us good and sufficient reasons, we reluctantly renounced all idea of holding it. . . . I need hardly remind you that the last festival, that of 1883, obliged us to assess our guarantors ten per cent pro rata, and to apply the sum thus obtained, together with the income of the Permanent Fund and our profits on the concerts of the preceding season, to the payment of our debts. With these facts and figures staring us in the face, how could we have undertaken another festival? Where should we have found guaranty against loss, without which it would have been suicidal to attempt it? Whether our successors may take an opposite view, three years hence, is a matter which I will not undertake to discuss, though I may say that I hardly think it probable that they will. I think we must even now accept the fact that the day of festivals in Boston, excepting at long intervals, when some special anniversary occurs, is over. 'Circumstances alter cases,' as the saying goes, and musical circumstances have changed greatly with us of late years. In smaller cities and towns, where the winter has afforded but little opportunity for listening to music of the highest sort, even an annual festival may be held without risk of loss; but here, where we have forty-eight symphony concerts and rehearsals during the winter and spring, a dozen or more concerts given by the Apollo, the Cecilia, and the Boylston clubs, three or four oratorios performed by this Society, and a host of musical entertainments provided by minor associations — festivals, annual or triennial, stand but little chance of attracting sufficiently large audiences to cover the attendant outlay upon them.

"Much as this is to be regretted, on æsthetic grounds, there are reasons connected with the welfare of this Society which may somewhat reconcile us to the new state of things, chief among which are the exhausting labor which festivals entail upon the chorus singers, and the overwhelming amount of work which they require on the part of the secretary. I am not sure that even the present incumbent, with all his readiness to serve the Society at whatever inconvenience to himself, would have accepted the situation had we decided to hold a festival in this month of May, which comes to an end to-night. As for the chorus, I have no doubt that the members would have done their duty at it, as in the past, but we may well question whether we had a right to ask them to give the time and spend the strength which they must have given and spent had we taken a different course. With the prestige which the long and honorable career of the Society has given to it, with the unique opportunities which it affords for the study of the highest and

noblest music, and the pleasure which its performance brings to those who take part in it, we may safely count upon a never-failing supply of the best singers in the city to the chorus, provided we do not ask too much of those who have already joined it. We have a right to insist upon regular attendance at the Sunday evening rehearsals, and to ask for close attention to the conductor's instructions, in order that the works under study may be worthily performed; but more than this, except on extraordinary occasions, we cannot exact without risk of driving away many whom we should wish to keep in, or preventing some whom we should like to add to the chorus of our Society. Its foundations, securely laid on good ground many years ago, have enabled it to resist many an earthquake, and will yet give it strength to survive such stress of weather as may come upon it in the future, provided we and those who come after us are watchful and prudent in the management of its affairs. Indifferent as to the *quantity*, we should be more and more concerned as to the *quality* of our work — for it is the last consideration, and not the first, which will keep the Society in the van.

“What our work has been during the winter you all know. It began with the *Messiah* at Christmas, according to the time-honored custom, which up to 1850 had, I think, been disregarded but four times. The performance was especially interesting, as for the first time the version of the score as amended by Robert Franz was used, in which the additional accompaniments, really written by Mozart, are preserved, and from which those falsely attributed to him, though undoubtedly by Adam Hiller, have been eliminated by the distinguished composer of Halle, who, by his reverent filling up of harmonies indicated in Handel's figured bass, and by the addition of a complete organ part, has deserved and won the gratitude of musicians and music lovers throughout the world.

“That, as acknowledged by Dr. Franz in a letter sent with a copy of the score, he was induced to complete this work, which he regards as the most important of his life, by the Handel and Haydn Society, is a fact of which it has every reason to be proud. Certain changes suggested and adopted, such as the assigning of parts of ‘He shall purify,’ ‘For unto us,’ and ‘The yoke is easy,’ hitherto sung throughout by the chorus, to a quartet of single voices, seemed to many undesirable innovations; but it is possible that, on a second hearing, the gain in effect will be more generally admitted.

“The first performance of M. Gounod's new oratorio (?), *Mors et Vita*, took place on the afternoon and evening of *Jan. 24*, and the favor with which it was received seems to warrant the belief that it will be well to repeat it at no very distant period. It is the latest and most important sacred work of one of the most eminent composers of our day, and as such it represents one of the schools of oratorio music in modern times as completely as the *Messiah* does another which flourished in its golden age, and *Elijah*, which we sang at Easter, does still another, belonging to that silver age which lies more than midway between Handel's day and our own. By giving the three in one season, we have, then, illustrated the leading phases of thought in one of the chief forms of musical expression, and may claim that if our programme was short, it was comprehensive and catholic in spirit. . . .

“During the year we have received a legacy of \$1,000, left by our late and honored associate, Benj. B. Davis, who joined the Society May 2, 1816,

and died, at the age of eighty-three, Aug. 22, 1877. For this, and a recent gift of \$1,000 from an anonymous benefactor, one of those who are

“Resolved on scripture grounds to go :
What the right doth the left hand shall not know,

“you will, I am sure, desire to express your gratitude in suitable form. . . . The list of members deceased since the last annual meeting includes the names of Mr. Dexter Wiswell, who joined the Society in 1863, served on the Board of Directors from 1871 to 1873, and died Aug. 11, 1885; of Mr. Edward Faxon, who joined in 1851, served as director from 1854 to 1856, from 1863 to 1865, and from 1870 to 1872, and died Jan. 26, 1886; and of E. B. Dearborn, who joined in 1841, and died in the month of February last. To this list I may add the name of Frederick Ferdinand Müller, who was elected organist of this Society in 1852, Sept. 7, but never became a member.”

June 14. The Board of Government voted to give, during the season of 1886-87, three concerts: *Dec. 26*, the *Messiah*; *Feb. 20*, Bach's B-minor Mass (*Hohe Messe*), with necessary abridgement; *Easter, April 10*, the *Creation*.

The following reappointments were made: Carl Zerrahn, conductor, at a salary of \$750, besides such sum (not exceeding \$250) as may be warranted by the current receipts of the season, exclusive of gifts, legacies, and income of the fund; B. J. Lang, organist, at \$300; and S. M. Bedlington, assistant librarian, at \$100.

Aug. 25. We have reached now one of the darkest pages in the annals of the old Society. What loss could be greater than that which suddenly befell in the instantaneous death by accident of the honored president, Charles Callahan Perkins? On this day (Aug. 25, 1886), like a stroke of lightning out of a clear sky, the fatal blow fell. It was in the town of Windsor, Vt., near the farm and summer residence of U. S. Senator Evarts. Mr. Perkins was on a visit to his son, E. C. Perkins, who married Senator Evart's daughter. The senator, Mr. Perkins, and a young lady from Washington, daughter of Judge Stanley Matthews, of Cincinnati, were out riding, near sunset. While crossing a dike, one horse being restless, the coachman reined him up, when the bits parted, and the bridle came off, setting the horses into a run. The coachman jumped, and, in trying to catch the horses, was thrown down the embankment. The horses kept on at a fearful pace, and, while turning a sharp corner, all were thrown out. Mr. Perkins, striking a stone, was instantly killed. The others were slightly injured. “The young lady afterward spoke of his enthusiasm at the beauty of the country, and of his conversation on many lovely things. The last thing she remembers of him was the smile he gave her, as if to save her from alarm;

then the crash came." The following brief record of his life, by one of his friends, appeared in one of the papers of the day:—

"He came of a distinguished family, his grandfather (Thomas Handyside Perkins) having been a prominent old-time merchant in Boston. He graduated from Harvard in 1843, and some years afterward went abroad, where he remained twelve years, spending his winters principally at Rome, and devoting himself to the study of music and painting. He was the first American to be elected a member of the French Academy, in the section of inscriptions and belles-lettres. After his return home, Mr. Perkins published a number of works on art, his 'Tuscan Sculptors' appearing in 1864, and being republished in London the next year. This work was in two volumes, and was illustrated with forty-three etchings and twenty-three wood-engravings from original drawings and photographs. The work took high rank in art circles. In 1867 he published 'Italian Sculptors,' also profusely illustrated, the etchings in both works being done by the author. In 1878 he published a biographical and critical essay upon 'Raphael and Michael Angelo,' and at the time of his death he was engaged upon a comprehensive work, entitled 'The Cyclopædia of American Art.' Although Mr. Perkins was not a professional artist, few men were better fitted to discuss questions of art. His broad culture, technical training, and wide study eminently fitted him for a critic and patron of art. He was among the first to advocate and carry through the establishment of the Museum of Fine Arts. He was for many years president of the Art Club, resigning this office in 1880, but always maintaining an interest in its affairs.

"Perhaps the greatest single service which he did in this direction was the giving of the fine Beethoven statue to the Music Hall, the work of Thomas Crawford. The sculptor refused to accept any remuneration, but Mr. Perkins assumed all the expenses of casting, founding, and putting the whole work in place. On March 1, 1856, there was a Beethoven festival for the inauguration of the statue. Mr. W. W. Story wrote and recited an ode, and selections from Beethoven's music* were rendered.

"Among Mr. Perkins's other labors in the cause of art were several series of lectures delivered by him at the Lowell Institute. Another service which he rendered to the city was in connection with his term as a member of the School Committee†, in 1871, when, by his advice, the new system of drawing was inaugurated. . . .

"Mr. Perkins was equally devoted to music, and was one of the members of the original committee appointed by the Harvard Musical Association, in 1851, to consider the plan of a music hall in Boston. He was one of the largest subscribers to the building, which was erected during this and the following year, and in all the course of its history he took a lively interest. . . . He was a prominent member of Trinity Church, and a warm personal friend of Rev. Phillips Brooks. Also, he was honorary director of the Art Museum, a member of the Union and Saturday clubs, a member of the American Academy of Arts

* Among them, Beethoven's Choral Fantasia, in which the pianoforte part was played by the donor of the statue.

† He was many years a devoted member of the school committee, particularly interested in the teaching of music and drawing.

and Sciences and of the Massachusetts Historical Society, honorary member of the Metropolitan Art Museum, New York, corresponding member of the French Institute, and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He was a careful collector of works of art, and had gathered together a valuable gallery." . . .

Charles C. Perkins was a man of fine personal presence, who always wore a youthful, blooming, blonde complexion; of frank and winning manners; a gentleman in every sense; of a nature singularly refined and noble, with the look and air of a born artist. One of the truest friends of art he undoubtedly was. Born in easy circumstances, he gave his whole life unselfishly to public good, to the interests of culture and of art. In every relation of life, it may be truly said, he always did the best that he knew how. His life was a beautiful and an inspiring sacrifice. "There was nothing low or cheap in his composition." Always cheerful, always friendly, always ready to devote his best powers to a good cause, he seemed always happy. And was he not thus suddenly called away to yet happier and higher service? Of course, the whole community were appalled when the sad news came on that hot day of August; and his nearest friends were scattered and each had to muse upon the loss alone.

To the Handel and Haydn Society it was a severe affliction. At the first rehearsal of the season, *Oct. 3*, after a few words from the secretary, the chorus, in memory of their president, sang "Happy and blest are they who have endured," from Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*. A few weeks later, after several rehearsals of Bach's great Mass, which he had been so zealous to have studied and performed (but which he did not live even to hear rehearsed!), at a meeting of the Society specially called for the purpose (*Oct. 25*), Mr. George H. Chickering, the vice-president, being absent, Mr. Sawyer, the next senior member of the Board of Government, took the chair, when the secretary, Mr. Hagar, offered the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Charles C. Perkins, its late president, the Handel and Haydn Society has sustained a loss of no ordinary character. Stricken by death's arrow while in the enjoyment of perfect health, the victim of a catastrophe so swift and appalling as to fill all hearts with horror and dismay, there has passed from our midst a prudent guide and a devoted friend. At two widely separated periods president of the Society, the second time for a term of more than eleven years, he found many fields for the exercise of natural gifts of a high order in its service, and his loyal spirit neglected no opportunity for action in its behalf. Endowed with a refined taste, and equipped with an education which qualified him for the performance and even the composition of musical works of the highest class, his discriminating criticism was of constant value in shaping the musical policy of the Society and in promoting its efficient execution. 'Art for Art's

sake' never found a more unfaltering champion than in him, and his allegiance to the highest standards knew no abatement. The sacrifice of genuine merit to pecuniary gain or to popular applause ever encountered his unflinching resistance; and to stimulate the Society to an unceasing struggle for the attainment of the loftiest ideals was his constant aim. The esteem and affection of his associates were awakened by his uniform courtesy and affable manner, the just expression of a kind and pure spirit, and by his singular unselfishness, a virtue which adorned him in an eminent degree. The History of the Society, happily completed by him to the close of his first presidency, in 1851, a task to the performance of which no selfish motives could have actuated him, is a monument of infinite, but gratuitous and uncomplaining labor, a cheerful and graceful tribute to the Society which he loved. His regard and good-will were further evinced by the final disposition of the Beethoven statue, and by the gift to the Society of valuable scores—particularly that of the *Bach* Mass, the additions to which, transcribed by his own hand, involved so great personal labor to himself. His successful efforts to avert a threatened reconstruction of the Music Hall will not soon be forgotten as a conspicuous, though by no means isolated, instance of his friendly zeal.

“His purity of motive and forgetfulness of self, his patience and modesty, his gracious and genial manners, his refinement of nature, his honesty of thought and candor of speech, his undeviating pursuit of excellence, his fidelity to the cause of true art unmixed with base alloy,—these afford a rare example for his successors, and their memory will constitute a rich inheritance to a grateful Society.”

The reading of this resolution was followed by remarks in eulogy of the deceased by Messrs. Hagar, J. S. Sawyer, A. P. Browne, Nowell, Barnes, and Stone. It was then passed unanimously, all the members rising.

Resolutions in the same sense and spirit were also passed by the Harvard Musical Association, of which Mr. Perkins had long been vice-president, by the Massachusetts Historical Society, and by other societies of art and learning of which he was a member.

It may here be mentioned, in explanation of some things said above, that in a codicil to his will, dated April 27, 1881, “the statue of Beethoven, which has been in Music Hall ever since the hall was built, is to be given to the Handel and Haydn Society in case the hall is converted into an opera house, pulled down, or destroyed by fire.” He makes the gift in the hope that the Society will eventually own a hall especially devoted to its concerts and meetings.

At this meeting (*Oct. 25*) George H. Chickering was chosen president; and at a meeting held *Nov. 15*, A. Parker Browne was chosen vice-president.

The chorus then went on with its hard study on the *Hohe Messe* of Bach until near the Christmas season; when the *Messiah* was given

(for the seventy-ninth time) on Sunday evening, *Dec. 26*. The Franz instrumentation was again used, and on the whole more widely appreciated. The sale of tickets was immense. The orchestra consisted of forty-five musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The chorus of four hundred and twenty-one voices sang for the first time under the new sounding-board, which had been placed over the stage to improve the accoustics of the hall, and it was thought that the effect was somewhat heightened. The choruses were given in the Society's best style, the body of tenors being particularly strong. The soloists were: Miss Zippora Monteith, soprano (of the quartet of the church of Rev. Dr. R. Storrs, Brooklyn, N. Y.); Miss Gertrude Edmands, contralto; Mr. William J. Winch, tenor (his first appearance in oratorio since his return from England); and Mr. D. M. Babcock, bass (of the American Opera Company). Mr. Franz Kneisel headed the violins, and Mr. Richard Schuebruck played the trumpet solo. Miss Monteith had a voice of great power and wide range, moderate flexibility, not quite uniform in quality, nor always true. Miss Edmands sang with her usual conscientious care, good judgment, warm and earnest feeling. Mr. Winch was excellent, but hoarse at "Thou shalt break them." Mr. Babcock was hoarse throughout, yet he won applause. Receipts, \$2,933.42; expenses, \$1,553.22; profit, \$1,380.20.

1887. The year began with nearly two months of study and rehearsal on that most difficult of all great choral works, Bach's *Hohe Messe in H-moll* (High Mass in B minor) and of Hiller's *Song of Victory*, which had been sung here only once before, at the Festival of 1877, — a work wholly modern and in contrast with the Mass. On Sunday evening, *Feb. 27*, these two works came to public performance; that is to say, a considerable selection from the Mass, followed by Hiller's work entire. Of the former we borrow again from our own Festival "notes" :—

"Many regard this colossal Mass in B minor as Bach's greatest work, — at least as standing on an equal height with his St. Matthew Passion Music, although the two works are so entirely different that one marvels at the many-sided genius that could create them both. Bach, besides his almost innumerable church cantatas, written weekly for each Sunday's service, his motets, Christmas Oratorio, *Magnificat*, and five Passions, — all counted among the very richest treasures of church music, — also wrote, at various times, a number of 'short masses,' all intended for the Protestant (Lutheran) service; and in them are found a number of pieces transferred from some of his cantatas. Some instances of this are found even in this last and greatest effort in this form, the *Hohe Messe* in B minor. The *Kyrie*

and *Gloria*, which form a full half of the whole work, were composed in 1733 for his Catholic sovereign, Friedrich August II., of Saxony. These two parts, with all their themes developed on so extended a scale, were by Bach regarded as a whole Mass by themselves. It was some time afterwards that he composed the *Credo* and the other texts. Nor was the score ever completely and correctly published, after careful comparison of original manuscript and copies, until the Bach Gesellschaft, in Leipzig, commenced its noble enterprise of bringing out in uniform edition all the works of Bach that could be found in print or manuscript. This Mass had been selected for the first annual volume of the splendid series (1851); but various obstacles, the chief of which was a certain dog-in-the-manger disposition of the holder of the precious manuscript, were so slowly overcome that its publication was postponed till 1856. This noble edition of the score, just as Bach left it, now places it within reach of all musicians. Before that it had first been published part by Nägeli, of Zurich, part by Simrock, of Bonn, about 1830.

“As to public performances of the entire Mass, its great length, as well as the formidable difficulties of the music, almost exclude it from the service of the churches. The *Credo* was performed by Emanuel Bach, with an orchestral introduction of his own, at Hamburg, before 1788, the year of his death. The Sing-Akademie, of Berlin, gave both portions of it in 1835. In Frankfort it was given in part by the Cäcilien-Verein, under Schelble, who died in 1837, Mendelssohn taking his place in some of the rehearsals. It became one of the Frankfort Society's stock pieces, and was performed by them entire eight times between 1856 and 1875. Other performances are mentioned: By Riedel's Choir, at Leipzig, in April, 1859; by the Sternsche Gesang-Verein, at Berlin, in 1859, and by the Cäcilien-Verein, of Hamburg, in April, 1868; at Barmen, in March, 1872. The *Credo*, alone, was given by Hullah, in London, in 1851, and at the Lower Rhine Festivals of 1858 and 1873.

“To Otto Goldschmidt and his Bach Choir (amateurs) belongs the honor of first attempting this colossal task in London, where it was twice brought out publicly, in April and May, 1876, and again in 1881, producing a profound impression among truly musical people; but the expression thereof seems to have stopped short with general praise and wonder. Few, so far as we can find, have had the courage to attempt any detailed description or analysis of the Mass itself.

“Bach's manuscript is divided into four parts, with four separate title-pages, as follows:—

“No. I. (*Kyrie* and *Gloria*) is called ‘Mass for five voices’ (two sopranos), three trumpets, tympani, two flutes, two oboes, two violins, one viola, and continuo.

“No. II. *Symbolum Nicenum* (Nicene Creed), for the same voice-parts and instruments.

“No. III. *Sanctus*, for six voices (two soprano and two alto), three trumpets, tympani, three oboes, etc.

“No. IV. *Osanna, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, Dona nobis pacem*, for eight voices (each of the four being divided), three trumpets, tympani, two flutes two oboes, violins, etc.

“Mr. Goldschmidt, with a true Bach devotion (seconded by his noble wife, JENNY LIND, who sang in the chorus) and with immense labor, had rearranged much of the instrumentation according to the best Leipzig and Frankfort traditions, — supplying here and there a viola part, changing the three high trumpet parts (regarded as unplayable) for trumpets and clarinets, adding an organ part, expression marks, etc. The fruits of these labors will be availed of in to-day’s performance of the *Sanctus*, and, it is to be hoped, in future performances by the Handel and Haydn Society of the entire Mass.

“A writer in the London *Times* well remarks: ‘That the great musician could look back to the *Kyrie* and *Gloria* — which he had vouchsafed to his Catholic sovereign — and not desire to go on with the work thus nobly commenced would seem impossible; and the astonishing *Credo*, which is the division next following, showed with what fervor he set about resuming his task. It is remarked by C. H. Bitter (one of Bach’s biographers) that the phrase to the words “*Credo in unum Deum*,” led off by tenors and answered by the other voices in succession, is the melody of one of the old Gregorian church songs.’ The same writer says, ‘What Bach borrowed for his immediate purpose he borrowed invariably from his own stores, — not always the case with Handel. Enough, that the Mass in B minor is all that its most ardent admirers have pronounced, — a masterpiece of form, science, and religious expression; a thing not for a day, but for all time.’

“In the *Sanctus* all the fervor and the inspiration of this wonderful composition seems to reach its climax. Rightly presented, rightly heard and felt, it lifts us to the height of the sublime. In its musical motives and construction it is very different from the *Sanctus* in most Masses (for instance that of Cherubini, above mentioned), where the ‘Holy, holy!’ is commonly proclaimed in long tones separated by pauses. Here the six voices, which seem to represent a union of both human and angelic choirs, go circling off, as it were, through boundless space amid and beyond the planets, in answering and commingling triplet phrases (all in D major, 4-4 measure), while the oboes and strings fan the enthusiasm with strong, wing-like figures, and the trumpets intermittently flood all with a blaze of splendor. On and on the voices circle, higher and higher, soaring, climbing, as if to find the region of pure, perfect light, and lose themselves in the ineffable glory of the Divine. Twice, however, the five upper voices relax their speed and linger in long notes, while the masses descend, note by note, a full octave, with stately tread, the instruments still pursuing their unwearied flight. At the words *Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria ejus* the rhythm changes to 3-8, and a fugue sets out unaccompanied (except by the *basso continuo*), until all the voices have got in, when by degrees the instruments are drawn into the development, and it is all worked up with increasing splendor and excitement (the first trumpet soaring in high, bird-like trills) to the end. How far this impression can be realized in the detached performance of a miscellaneous concert remains to be tested.”

To the above it seems well to add the following statement from the printed programme of the concert: —

“During his last visit in London, the late Mr. CHARLES C. PERKINS, the president of the Handel and Haydn Society, was given access to Mr. Gold-

schmidt's score, and was presented with a manuscript copy of the organ part. Having procured a copy of the score published by the Bach Gesellschaft in Leipzig, with his own hand he transcribed into it, from Mr. Goldschmidt's score, all additions to and changes in the orchestra part, expression marks, practical hints for performance, and historical notes; and, from the manuscript presented to him, the organ part. The additional orchestra parts were first copied somewhat roughly, and were then copied a second time, on slips of paper carefully fitted to the available spaces in the score, and the slips were then pasted in. The organ part had likewise to be inserted on fitted slips of paper. The score thus amended, together with the memoranda used in the process, and the independent organ part, were then handsomely bound in two separate volumes, and presented by Mr. Perkins to the Society. For this invaluable gift, enriched by personal labor of Mr. Perkins that can have occupied no less than several weeks' time, public and grateful acknowledgment is here made.

"In default of printed orchestra parts, the Society has caused a complete set to be written out from this score, — excepting that the part of the *oboe d'amore* (now obsolete) has been assigned to the oboe instead of the clarinet; and certain high passages for the trumpet, transposed in the London score for clarinet, have been retained in the trumpet part. The extremely difficult part of the now obsolete *cornu di caccia* in the *Quoniam* will be played on the French horn; and the contra-basses will be doubled by the 'cellos throughout."

All this shows with what zealous, conscientious care, and in what reverent spirit, the Society approached the performance of this important work. It could not undertake to bring out the Mass entire; that would have been too much for a single effort, and the Mass would have been too long for any audience. Selections were made, not to exceed an hour and a half in time; to fill out a programme, and at the same time to afford relief from the intense mental strain of listening to music so elaborate and so severe, Ferdinand Hiller's short, more modern, and easily appreciable Cantata was made to follow it. Out of the twenty-four numbers of the Mass, six solo and six chorus numbers were performed, — a good half of the work. The numbers presented were: 1. Chorus, "Kyrie eleison!" 2. Duet (S. and A.), "Christe eleison!" 4. Chorus, "Gloria in excelsis"; 9. Aria (A.), "Qui sedes ad dexteram"; 10. Aria (B.), "Quoniam tu solus"; 13. Chorus, "Credo"; 14. Duet (S. and A.), "Et in unum Dominum"; 16. Chorus, "Crucifixus"; 20. Chorus, "Sanctus"; 22. Tenor Aria, "Benedictus"; 23. Alto Aria, "Agnus Dei"; 24. Chorus, "Dona nobis pacem."

The solo singers were: soprano, Miss Lilli Lehmann (of the Imperial Opera, Berlin); contralto, Miss Mary H. How; tenor, Mr. George J. Parker; bass, Mr. Jacob Benzing. In the solo music Miss How had the largest share and won most honor. Miss Lehmann

had no solo; in the two duets the beauty of her voice availed her, and she sang correctly, although somewhat coldly.

Mr. Parker sang his single solo, "Benedictus," with delightful purity and delicacy of taste and truth of feeling. Mr. Benzing's wrestling with his one bass aria, "Quoniam," betrayed nervousness and unsteadiness. Difficult in itself, his vocal path was hard to keep against the extremely difficult and florid French horn *obligato*, which, however, was marvellously well played by the phenomenal hornist, Mr. Reiter, of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The two bassoon parts also in that accompaniment were most elaborate, increasing the perplexity. Of the solo numbers generally it must be said, that the copied orchestral parts were not free from errors, and that the instrumentation called for completion by probably some abler, subtler hand at such work than Mr. Otto Goldschmidt. The chorns singing deserved great praise; only a little more rehearsal would perhaps have given it the crowning grace of clearness, ease, and eloquent expression. The most complete success was in the *Sanctus*, which they seemed to sing as if inspired, with greatest power and accuracy. In other choruses some indecision and weakness were betrayed. But the chorus work, upon the whole, was superior to the Society's first public trial of the *Passion Music*.

We cannot sympathize with those undoubtedly sincere and well-instructed lovers of Bach's music, who thought it a great pity to attempt the work at all under such circumstances. Even such glimpses of the glories of a sublime work are not without their influence as the impressions work on in the mind. We are nearer to an adequate performance of the *Hohe Messe* than we were before that attempt. And ever since, no doubt, a higher and more earnest aspiration has been stirring in the bosom of the old Society, and a more responsive audience has been ripening.

In the *Song of Victory* Miss Lehmann had all the solos, and she displayed more warmth, more interest in her task. The work had an enlivening effect, and was enjoyed and heartily applauded. Through its intervention it is easier to come down from the empyrean of the *Sanctus* to such practical details as these: The chorns numbered four hundred and twenty-three, the orchestra fifty. Receipts, \$1,949.57; expenses, \$2,037.66; loss, \$88.09 (not a very heavy forfeit to pay for so instructive an experiment)!

April 10. Easter Sunday was marked by a fine performance of Haydn's *Creation*. The solo artists were Mrs. Georg Henschel, whose voice had expanded, and who gave what could almost be called an ideal rendering of the soprano part; Mr. William J. Winch, who

sang with fine finish and appreciation, albeit not always quite sure of his higher notes; and Mr. Georg Henschel, who always sings with rare intelligence, though sometimes a bass rather than a baritone voice seemed called for here. The choruses went almost always well, at times finely. Mr. Hiram Tucker accompanied the recitatives on the pianoforte. Miss Nettie C. Foskett sang the alto in the final quartet. Chorus, four hundred and thirty-six; orchestra, forty-six. Receipts, \$2,851.58; expenses, \$1,659.12; profit, \$1,192.41.

April 29. The Board, considering the financial result of the season, voted to pay as salary to Mr. Zerrahn \$250 in addition to the \$750 before voted. It was voted to pay the Society's promissory note for \$447.04, due May 8, 1887, and to request the trustees of the Permanent Fund to pay over its income for the year to the Society.

Mr. B. J. Lang was unanimously (by a rising vote) elected an honorary member of the Society.

SEVENTY-THIRD SEASON.

MAY 30, 1887, TO MAY —, 1888.

May 30. Annual meeting. The treasurer reported:—

Balance on hand last May	\$413 30
Net profits three concerts	2,484 52
Interest Permanent Fund	1,241 33
Sundry receipts	271 72
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	\$4,410 87
Salaries	\$1,400 00
Bumstead Hall	585 00
New music	104 40
History No. 2,	217 61
Paid note	447 04
Sundry expenses	510 63
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	3,264 68
Balance on hand	\$1,146 19

The amount of the Permanent Fund at market prices, May 12, 1887, was stated to be \$28,869.50, including a second gift of \$1,000 from the same anonymous friend of the Society.

The president, Mr. G. H. Chickering, being abroad in search of health, the vice-president, A. P. Browne, presided, and presented the annual report. Beginning with grateful allusion to the late president, C. C. Perkins, after a comprehensive review of what the Society had

since done without the active presence, but only the inspiring memory of "the gentle man," he offered the following significant hint of something most important yet remaining to be done:—

"Several times has the Society been asked to pass an amendment to the by-laws which would give the Board of Government control over the chorus of the Society; but these propositions have never met with sufficient support to be adopted. You expect, and rightly, that your directors shall engage competent conductors, organists, orchestral players, and solo singers, and they have absolute power over the sopranos and altos; those they may suspend or discharge at their discretion; but when it comes to the tenors and basses, there your confidence in your Board ceases, and you limit their powers. Let a member avoid breaking rules of behavior, and he may break every rule of singing, and yet your directors have no power to silence him."

After the vice-president's address, officers for the ensuing year were elected (mostly re-elected) as follows:—

President. — GEORGE H. CHICKERING.

Vice-President. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — M. GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — CHARLES W. STONE.

Directors. — DAVID A. ALDEN, JOHN D. ANDREWS, WM. F. BRADBURY, GEORGE T. BROWN, NATHANIEL G. CHAPIN, GEORGE F. DANIELS, THOMAS W. PROCTOR, RICHARD S. WHITNEY.

During the balloting the vice-president read some extracts from a letter received from Mr. George H. Chickering, president of the Society, as follows:—

"FLORENCE, ITALY, May 13, 1887.

"You are doubtless aware that Rossini's remains were lately removed from Paris to Florence, and interred in Santa Croce. I arrived here just in time to take part in the ceremonies. I was invited, as president of the Handel and Haydn Society and vice-president of the Apollo Club, to join in the procession that accompanied the remains from the railroad station to Santa Croce. This I did, with Mr. Thomas Ball, and we were on our feet from half past one to five o'clock in the afternoon, waiting or walking in that section of the procession devoted to musicians, actors, and various other celebrities. Near us were Von Bülow, Sgambati, Buonamici, and other men of note. When we reached the square in front of Santa Croce we found assembled a chorus of six hundred voices and an orchestra of a hundred players. The coffin was taken from the catafalque and placed under a canopy. The chorus sang, magnificently, the prayer from *Moses in Egypt*, after which the coffin was conveyed into the church, and placed in a vault under the pavement. On it were laid many wreaths that had been sent by societies and cities, and which had been carried in the procession.

"I have since had made a large laurel wreath. The white silk ribbon

attached to it bears, on one end, in letters of gold, the words 'Homage to Rossini,' and on the other, 'The Handel and Haydn Society, Boston, U. S. A.' Mr. Ball and I took this to the house of the *Sindaco*, the Marchese Torrigiani, and left it with a note in which I requested permission to place it over Rossini's tomb. Next morning we called for a reply, and of course our request was granted. We took the wreath to Santa Croce and laid it over the place where the remains had been newly buried. All this we did in the name of the Society, and in my note to the Marchese I referred to myself as president of the Society.

"I have heard here a magnificent performance of the *Stabat Mater*, by a chorus of six hundred, an orchestra of two hundred, and Mmes. Durand and Barbara Marchisio and Messrs. Sani and Nannetti for solo singers."

After considerable amending and increasing of by-laws, still ignoring the significant hint above quoted from the vice-president's address, the annual meeting dissolved.

June 29. The Board decided to give four concerts for the season of 1887-88, namely: 1. *Messiah*, at Christmas; 2. *Te Deum*, by Berlioz, and Prof. Paine's *Nativity*, Jan. 29; 3. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*, before Easter; 4. *Judas Maccabæus*, at Easter, April 1.

Conductor, organist, and assistant librarian were reappointed on the same terms as before.

Dec. 25. Christmas fell on Sunday this time, and the *Messiah* was given for the eightieth time, with an overflowing house, as usual. The Franz edition was used again for the most part. The beautiful chorus, "And with his stripes," for several years omitted, was restored. The chorus throughout was clear, firm, steady, and effective, if the quality of tone was not of the best. The soprano solos were intrusted to Miss Gertrude Griswold, a young singer who had taken a first prize at the Paris Conservatoire, had sung in English oratorio with eminent artists, and several times in light opera, without marked success, after her return to this country. She had been trained in a more serious direction. Her performance drew extremes of criticism in opposite directions, praise and blame. Her voice, except in the lower portion, was full, pure, sweet, and mellow; her enunciation faulty; her *floriture* uncertain, colorless, and weak. She was better in *cantabile*, and her conception always good; yet she was accused of too much *portamento*, and a sentimental style in phrasing. Miss Gertrude Edmands, in the contralto arias, confirmed the good impression she had made before. The tenor, Mr. Albert Lester King, of New York, with a voice of great power and range, and fairly sympathetic, though not perhaps of such volume as his large physique and fine presence would suggest, made a very favorable impression.

Mr. M. W. Whitney was himself, improved perhaps, in some respects, by the experience he had had upon the light dramatic stage. The chorus numbered three hundred and eighty; the orchestra, of forty-four, was from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and led by Mr. Kneisel. The trumpet solo was played by Mr. E. N. Lafricain. Receipts, \$2,772.39; expenses, \$1,613.18; profit, \$1,159.21.

1888. The year began with six rehearsals of the music assigned for the second of the four concerts for the season: one a work portentous, French, by a composer of unquestioned genius but suspected sanity, Hector Berlioz, a formidable task to undertake, but hailed with gleeful triumph by the party of "the newness"; the other, to precede it as a milder, soothing introduction, the *Nativity*, by Prof. John K. Paine, which had already established itself in the sincere favor of this musical community.

Now this historian finds himself obliged to confess that, although he must have been a listener at that first and only performance here of the wildly lauded, loudly trumpeted *Te Deum* of Berlioz, he has not the slightest recollection of it, or of any point or feature in it. His mind, or memory, on that matter is absolutely blank. The daily and weekly local press of that date is full of it, seemingly marvelously excited about it, both before and after the performance, with most intensity and most verbosity *before*. In those "omnium-gatherum" Scrap-Books (*quoad* musical matters) which threaten, at the rate they keep accumulating, to burst the archives of the old Society, in which we are obliged to rummage for much of the miscellaneous material woven into these later chapters, we find enough to bewilder and appal a poor patient, conscientious annalist. We find the monster work announced in articles of several columns in the closest type, embodying long, critical analyses, or rather rhapsodies, by admiring countrymen of Berlioz; and we find the concert followed by briefer notices (*critiques*), which range through the whole scale of wonder, praise, and, downward, through all degrees of timid fault-finding, to outright condemnation and contempt. Now, if the alleged monstrosities of the work were so glaring as some have alleged, we surely should be likely to remember something of it; the wounded sensibilities would still wear some scars. And if it did abound in lovely, glorious things, we should have loved them, — and love fades not out so easily. As for the prefatory, perfunctory long articles referred to, we can give the gist of the matter, both descriptive and historical, as condensed in the words of the programme of the concert: —

“The *TE DEUM*, by Berlioz, dates from 1849, and stands as Op. 22 in the list of the master’s works. It was originally intended to form an episode in a grand epic-dramatic work, to commemorate the military fame of Napoleon Bonaparte, and to bear the title, *The Return of the First Consul from his Italian Campaign*. As the victorious general passed (in the drama) through the portals of Notre Dame the Ambrosian hymn of praise, as the *Te Deum* has been called, would resound from all sides. To produce the effect of a complete invasion of the cathedral by musical forces, Berlioz prescribes a triple chorus, composed of two choirs of three parts each, and a third of children’s voices, which sometimes double the sopranos and sometimes the tenors of the mixed choirs. The *Banner March*, which comes at the close of the hymn, was to be played as the flags of the victorious troops were brought to the high altar, and there consecrated by the attendant priests. Berlioz’s score is characteristic in the number and variety of instruments demanded. There are actually prescribed one hundred and one instruments of the violin family, twelve harps, sixteen each in wood-wind and brass-wind groups, and six percussion; in all, at least one hundred and fifty-one players being needed. There is also an organ part, *obligato*. The composer directs the orchestra and chorus to be placed at the end of the church opposite that occupied by the organ, and the choir of children’s voices to be set on a platform above the orchestra. The composer, however, concedes that not all these conditions are practicable in concert performances, and explicitly says that the choir of children may be altogether dispensed with.

“When, in 1855, the first international exhibition in Paris was about to be opened, the occasion seemed a fitting opportunity for a production of the work. It was accordingly brought out on a magnificent scale — orchestra of one hundred and sixty, six hundred children’s voices, two choirs of one hundred voices each, in all nine hundred and sixty performers, in the Church of Saint Eustache, under the direction of the composer. By chance, the work gave emphasis to the occasion, — a thanksgiving service in recognition of the escape of Napoleon III. from assassination two days before. Berlioz subsequently directed performances of portions of the hymn — *Tibi Omnes* in the Palais de l’Industrie, Paris, *Judex Crederis* at Baden-Baden, and several numbers at Bordeaux. The composition slumbered after the death of Berlioz (1869) until a revival was attempted at Bordeaux in 1883. On May 24, 1884, it was performed at Weimar, at the jubilee meeting of the Allgemeiner Deutscher Musikverein, and this was its first complete presentation in Germany. Mr. August Manns brought it out at a concert for his own benefit, in the Crystal Palace, London, on April 18, 1885. It has had but one performance in America, namely, by the Apollo Musical Club of Chicago, Dec. 1, 1887.”

Jan. 29. Second concert of the season. Paine’s *Nativity* (second time) preceded “a musical problem by Berlioz,” as one of the newspaper critics called the *Te Deum*, given by the Society for the first time. “Not being able to solve the problem,” continues the same critic (and many others seem to have been in the same predicament), “we took our enjoyment in the first half of the programme.” Mr. Paine’s beautiful setting of a large portion of Milton’s Christmas

hymn was heard with all the admiration that it won at its first hearing at the triennial festival for which it was composed. Miss Gertrude Franklin sang the solos. The chorus is said to have lacked volume, being somewhat obscured by the orchestra, enlarged for the *Te Deum*.

The latter work, it will be seen, was not given on the vast orchestral and choral scale intended by the composer. The orchestra, instead of one hundred and sixty, had sixty-five instruments. The chorus had three hundred and sixty-three voices; and the six hundred children's voices were represented by thirty-nine boys. The Banner March, after the hymn, had but a single harp to do duty in dumb show for the twelve harps prescribed by Berlioz. After the confession frankly made above, the historian cannot offer an opinion, either on the intrinsic merits of the work or on the quality of the performance. The opening number, *Te Deum laudamus* (for two three-part choirs, with a third in unison for boys), seems to have been sung fairly well; and the same is said of No. 2, *Tibi Omnes*. Nos. 3 and 4, *Dignare, Domine*, and *Christe, Rex Gloriæ*, went "admirably" on the part of the sopranos, but "execrably" on that of the tenors and basses. The prayer, for tenor solo, No. 5, *Te ergo quæsumus*, was sung by Mr. William H. Fessenden, "in a thoroughly artistic manner, and with admirable expressiveness." No. 6, the final chorus, *Judex crederis*, is reported to have been sung with spirit and with power.

Of the composition itself, one, after hearing, writes: "It is all so strong, manly, and noble; its effects are attained so easily, and it stands as so majestic a whole, that to pick it to pieces and analyze it were wellnigh-futile now." To another, "the work seemed noisy, blatant, vulgar, eccentric, and abounding in instrumental and vocal sensationalism, directed towards the production of mere color effect, sometimes grotesque, sometimes impressive, but seldom clear. Everywhere is heard the profound master of orchestral resources, but nowhere is heard a bar that seems to spring spontaneously from a sincere emotion." . . . "On one point we are not in the slightest doubt, and that is, that the work is supremely difficult, and that the chorus found it a very hard task to stagger under the load it was called upon to bear." So the experts differ. For our own part, may we not be allowed to take some comfort in our own negative experience on that occasion, and to think what a good thing it would be were all questionable music endowed with the quality of making itself so easily forgotten?

The hall, that evening, it seems, was not crowded, nor was the

applause liberal. Receipts, \$1,540.50; expenses, \$1,702.02; loss, \$161.52.

After this trying encounter with the much-mooted "problem" of Berlioz, the singers could comfort themselves with Dr. Holmes:—

"But hark! the air again is still,
The music is all ground;
And silence, like a poultice, comes
To heal the blows of sound."

But their poultice was sweeter even than silence. It came in the shape of Bach's *Matthew Passion Music*, which they were glad to rehearse again for several weeks, in view of an experimental *afternoon* performance. It was given (largely abridged, of course) on Sunday afternoon, *March 4*. But the public did not show a preference for afternoons. On Saturday afternoon only one third of the hall was sold, and the audience was eked out by admission tickets given to the chorus. The performance was generally conceded to be the best one which the work had yet received in Boston. The chorus was voluminous, sure and prompt in attack, and moved easily and steadily. The orchestral work was of extraordinary delicacy, with nice adjustment to the voices. Mrs. Henrietta Beebe-Lawton and Miss Mary H. How sang conscientiously and correctly, but with less warmth and vitality than they both had shown before. Miss How lacked physical force. Mrs. Lawton's voice had lost much of its brilliancy, and she had dropped into a style more sentimental. Mr. W. J. Winch, in the narrative tenor recitative, had to save himself too much, resorting to falsetto. Mr. M. W. Whitney's great bass voice was not always in tune; but he sang the music in the part of Jesus, and the beautiful "At eventide," with entire simplicity and with nobility of style. Other bass solos were sung by Mr. George Prehn (new to Boston, although he had sung in Worcester and New York), with a voice large in compass and in volume, in good tune, yet with a certain cloudiness, but with earnestness and vigor. The chorus numbered three hundred and sixty-seven (out of a possible four hundred and twenty-six), the orchestra sixty-seven. The choir of boys, fifty-four in number, were from several churches, and were trained by Mr. S. B. Whitney, organist and musical director at the Church of the Advent. Among the most important omissions was the great figured choral at the end of the First Part,—a much worthier conclusion than the exciting, brilliant chorus, "Ye lightnings, ye thunders." Expenses, \$2,236.95; receipts, \$1,845.20; loss, \$391.75.

The Sunday evenings of the month of March were given to

rehearsal of *Judas Maccabæus*, — too little rehearsal, it was thought, inasmuch as the work was new to about half the members of the chorus. It was the Society's seventeenth production of this oratorio, which it had left unsung for nine years. Written to commemorate the battle of Culloden, it is conceived in a happy and triumphant spirit (which perhaps was a little suppressed and solemnized in this performance); it has always ranked next to the *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt* in popular favor. If it awakens but a drowsy interest in our modern audiences, "harps of a thousand strings," which have been played upon by Verdi, Gounods, Berlioz, and all the later prophets, it is not altogether nor mainly because of its old and too familiar Handelian cut (which is intrinsically beautiful and noble) so much as it is because of the incomplete condition in which the accompaniments have been left, and in which they are given in every performance of the work to this day. Some Robert Franz has yet to do for them the pious work which has been done for the *Messiah* and for Bach's *Passion Music*.

The chorus sang remarkably well, and the solo singing was above the average. Notably so was that of the tenor, Mr. George J. Parker, and the bass, Mr. Max Heinrich, from New York. Their singing was the salient feature of the concert. Both were heartily admired; the former for "suavity and polish," the latter for vitality and vigor. "The musicianly quality of Mr. Heinrich's singing caused one to forget the rough dryness of his voice." Miss Emily Winant, in her one absolute solo, sang with noble voice and a majestic style. Mrs. Giulia Valda (new to Boston), who had the long and varied soprano part, showed a voice of extended range, but rather hard and unsympathetic, hollow in the lower register, not uniformly sweet in the higher. Her singing had no depth of expression, betrayed bad method, and was unsteady in roulades. In short, she could not be called a Handelian singer. Yet she won favor with the audience. Miss Louise Lainé's "sweet and ripe soprano voice came forth most pleasantly in the trio, 'See, the Conquering Hero Comes.'"

The chorus numbered three hundred and seventy-nine; the orchestra (still from the Boston Symphony), forty-four. Receipts, \$2,124.56; expenses, \$1,767.01; profit, \$357.55.

This was a period in the councils of the Society of agitation and suggestions of reform, — some only tentative, some (soon to be) practical and final. Already we have seen a trial, and a fruitless one, of a Sunday afternoon instead of evening for a concert. Conservative habit was too strong. Again (*April 24*) the Board of Government compared and counted answers received to circulars

sent out to all the members of the Society and chorus proposing a change of the weekly rehearsal night from Sunday to some week-day evening. It was a question of convenience and preference to the singers. In support of the proposed change were these considerations: That Sunday, with so many, was a day of rest; that many came to the rehearsal already much exhausted by their service in church choirs; that the railroad and other facilities for getting in and out of town were much curtailed on Sundays. On the other hand were urged: the force of habit; the comparative peace and leisure, freedom from care, on Sundays; the multitude of engagements and distractions, social, musical, and what not, to which week-day evenings were liable; and such other considerations as can be easily imagined. The answers to the circulars were as follows:—

Whole number sent out	481
In favor of change	153
Against change	221
Neutral	42

So it was wisely concluded to “let well enough alone.” Soon will come up, irrepressibly, a question which has ruffled the placid surface of this record several times already, the question, namely, of letting very bad alone,—that of “weeding out,” or “purifying” the chorus. The times are almost ripe!

CHAPTER XV.

SEVENTY-FOURTH SEASON.

MAY 28, 1888, TO MAY 26, 1889.

May 28. Annual meeting. President George H. Chickering in the chair. The treasurer reported:—

On hand May, 1887	\$1,146 19
Income Permanent Fund	1,275 78
Profits on concerts	963 49
Other receipts	328 85
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	\$3,714 31
Expense on season	\$2,385 08
Cost of History No. 3	330 05
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	2,715 13
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On hand	\$999 18

The Permanent Fund was valued at \$27,126.75.

In his address (which was accepted and a copy requested for the press) President Chickering declined a re-election and withdrew from the active service of the Society, after thirty-one years of connection with it on the Board of Government. He eulogized his predecessor, Charles C. Perkins, whose death removed one of the Society's most active and most honored members, and he presented to the library a bust of Mr. Perkins, modelled by Thomas Ball in Florence, an old member of the Society, which was accepted with a vote of thanks.

Remarks were made by some of the members, expressing their appreciation of the debt of the Society to the Chickering family, father and sons, who for forty of the seventy-three years of its existence had held the office of president, and had at all times been actively associated in all its affairs. The following resolutions were passed:—

“That the Handel and Haydn Society regret that their president, Mr. George H. Chickering, is unable to accept the re-election which they would have been so glad to give. That they rejoice to have had the privilege of doing honor both to his own personality and to a historic name. That they express anew their appreciation of the numberless courtesies and unflinching generosity which have made of the Chickering family their traditional tower of strength.”

The election of officers was as follows : —

President. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Vice-President. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — M. GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — CHARLES W. STONE.

Directors. — DAVID A. ALDEN, JOHN D. ANDREWS, WILLIAM F. BRADBURY, GEORGE T. BROWN, NATHANIEL G. CHAPIN, GEORGE F. DANIELS, THOMAS W. PROCTOR, RICHARD S. WHITNEY.

The secretary's amendment to Article XIX. of the By-Laws, adding : —

“The Board of Government may permanently retire from the chorus any members who are not, in the judgment of the Board, qualified to sing in the chorus,”

was *unanimously* adopted as amended by adding : —

“No member shall be so retired until he has been examined or has had an opportunity to be examined in such manner as the Board shall determine.”

Article XXII. was then amended, so as to read : —

“Any member who has belonged to the Society for twenty successive years, or who has been retired from the chorus by the Board of Government under Article XIX., shall be entitled to an honorary ticket instead of an active chorus ticket. An honorary ticket shall admit the holder to all rehearsals and concerts of the Society, but not to a seat in the chorus at concerts; and no attendance shall be required of him. A twenty-years' member, though having previously taken an honorary ticket, may at any time exchange it for a chorus ticket, unless he has been retired from the chorus by the Board of Government under Article XIX. Except as otherwise provided herein and in Articles XVIII. and XIX., a twenty-years' member shall retain all his former rights and privileges and be subject to all other liabilities of membership.”

Thus have the “ripples” of reform, which we have seen occasionally fleeting across the surface of the stream, gathered an irresistible force at last and grown, if not to a tempest, at least to an invigorating northern blast for the clearing up (purification) of the close choral atmosphere. Call it weeding out or ventilation, if you like, a better state of things is certainly at hand. The amendment will be put in force, with what commotion and what beneficial change of air we shall soon see. It remains to append to the record of this annual meeting the careful secretary's “chorus statistics” for 1887-88 : —

	Tickets.	New Members.
Sopranos	159	35
Altos	141	25
Tenors	100	14
Basses	114	13
	514	87
Average attendance at twenty-eight rehearsals		302
Average attendance at four concerts		372
Maximum attendance		380
Minimum attendance		87

A few extracts from the address of the retiring president will doubtless interest the reader. Speaking of his lamented predecessor he said :—

“In the tribute paid to the memory of Mr. Perkins in the last annual report by our vice-president he is alluded to as the ‘gentleman’ (gentle man). I recently read in Thackeray a description of a gentleman that seemed to me so applicable to Mr. Perkins that I shall quote it: ‘Perhaps these [gentlemen] are rarer personages than some of us think for. Which of us can point out many such in his circle—men whose aims are generous, whose truth is constant, and not only constant of its kind but elevated in its degree; whose want of meanness makes them simple; who can look the world honestly in the face with an equal manly sympathy for the great and the small? We all know a hundred whose coats are very well made, and a score who have excellent manners, and one or two happy beings who are what they call in the inner circle, and have shot into the very centre and bull’s-eye of the fashion; but of gentlemen, how many? Let us take a little scrap of paper and each make out his list.’

“I am sure, my friends, that your list and mine would be headed with the name of Charles C. Perkins. The death of Mr. Perkins gave me the office of president by inheritance, followed by the time in October, 1886, when you honored me by electing me president. This was done against my wishes, for at the time I was only a convalescent from a very long, painful, and dangerous illness, and one which compelled my absence in search of health. I accepted it, however, not only as an honor conferred on me but on those of my name who for so many years faithfully served the Society, at the same time, with the knowledge of those who elected me, that, owing to my illness and necessary absence, whilst I accepted the honor of the office, I could not perform its duties. I accepted also with the condition that at the end of that season my term of office should expire. I left my case and condition in the hands of a lawyer who is well known in this Society. What information he gave you about my condition, or what arguments he used at the caucus and election of 1887, I do not know, for at that time I was still absent. Whatever they were, he lost his case, for on my return in June last I found I had been re-elected. Whilst I appreciated and felt proud of this great honor and mark of your confidence, I regretted it, for I felt that the Society needed a president who possessed far more ability than I ever did, and whose

health was more to be relied on than mine. Hopeful, however, I decided to try to perform the duties devolving on me. I have only been partially successful, for, during most of the working season, I felt obliged to give up all calls of duty or pleasure that would expose me to the changes and chances of our climate. For this reason I was absent from the rehearsals and from some of the government meetings."

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"The following deaths of members have occurred since the last annual meeting: J. Q. Chace, Dec. 11, 1887, a member twenty-two years; George W. Hunnewell, Dec. 12, 1887, a member nearly forty-four years; John W. Proctor, March 5, 1888, a member thirty-eight years; Robert H. Clouston, March 23, 1888, a member forty-five years. The long memberships of the deceased are noteworthy. Also died, Oct. 7, 1887, George James Webb, aged eighty-four, a member from 1830 to 1842, but not a member at the time of his death. He was president of the Society in 1837, 1840, and 1841, during which time he was also conductor, a customary duty for the president to perform in those days, and which, from Mr. Webb's accomplishments as a musician, he was capable of doing in a most satisfactory manner."

The address closed with some cogent suggestions on the great and pressing topic of "the purification of the chorus," showing that cases parallel to that of the Society had recently existed in the choral societies of Birmingham and Norwich in England, and how the difficulty there was overcome by the adoption of the trenchant measures proposed here. This touched the heart of the problem of chorus reform; and the practical solution of that problem was destined to be the prominent and distinctive feature of the next year's history of the Handel and Haydn Society. Naturally the movement would and did cause some fluttering among some of the oldest and most devoted members of the old Society. There were not a few old men among the tenors and the basses who from their youth up had sung with zeal, if not discretion, in the ranks; to whom that membership was one of the dearest, proudest associations of their life; who clung to the connection with a determined loyalty; by whom no wound would be felt more sensitively than to have that connection severed. It had not been voted, nor proposed, that their connection with the Society should be severed. But what was to be done? There was no ignoring the notorious fact, patent at every concert and rehearsal, that the choral effects were sadly marred by the presence of out-worn and unpleasant voices; that the ranks contained so-called singers who really could not sing. These had to be eliminated! But the process was to be conducted in the gentlest way; all due consideration was to be paid to past services and to intrinsic character and loyalty. If their voices could no longer help in chorus, personally they were to

be welcomed, honored, cherished in the business and social intercourse of the Society. For this the latter clause of the amendment just passed amply and tenderly provides.

At a meeting of the Board of Government, *June 25*, the "retirement of singers" was practically discussed, surveying the field for action. It appeared that about one fifth of the active chorus had joined within five years (the Examining Committee for Membership having had their hands full during those five years), and that about one half had joined within ten years. Accordingly it was voted, that all who would have been members of the chorus at least ten years on the 1st of September, 1888, should be examined as to voice and musical capacity; that the examination should be conducted by a disinterested *professional musician*; that those accepted by him should be accepted, and that those rejected by him should have an appeal to the Board of Government.

Meanwhile the season's work in the way of rehearsal and concert-giving had been laid out accordingly, it would seem, on a limited and comparatively easy scale. Three concerts only were to be undertaken: the *Messiah*, as usual; the *Requiem* of Verdi; and *St. Paul* for Easter, *April 21*, 1889.

Sept. 28. At a meeting of the Board the Committee on Examination of Voices reported. They had appointed Mr. Henry M. Aiken, a musician and vocal teacher of great experience, to conduct the examination. In his comparison he had established four grades: 1. The exceptionally good. 2. Satisfactory and useful. 3. Of little value. 4. Bad. In the first grade he found fifty voices, in the second grade, sixteen, in the third, three, in the fourth, twenty-one. Many had not yet presented themselves for examination, and the work would be completed on the 15th of November, 1888. The Board then voted to accept all in grades 1 and 2. Those who paid no attention to the summons of the directors were treated as if they had failed to pass the examination, and were "retired."

The result of all this canvassing, examining, and "weeding" was, as stated in the secretary's prospectus for the Seventy-Fourth Season of concerts, the permanent retirement of about seventy-five singers from the chorus; while new members in large numbers had flocked to take their places.

The effect for a time was a sensible contraction of the chorus. Yet the rehearsals in October, on Verdi's *Requiem*, showed an average attendance of two hundred and eighty-three singers; and in November, on the *Messiah*, of three hundred and forty-two, showing that fresh air was rushing in to supply the vacuum.

At Christmas season, Sunday evening, *Dec. 23*, came the first fruits of the reform, in the performance of the *Messiah*, not, as we have so many times had occasion to say, "as usual," but, under the new conditions, with a chorus sifted, winnowed, weeded out, and replenished with fresh, young life and voices in their prime. For the seventy-six old members who had been "retired" between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty new ones had been added. The musical public were on the *qui vive* to test the improvement with their own ears, and many hundreds of would-be purchasers were turned away from the ticket-office. The Franz orchestration was used again, with a return to the old disposition of the entire vocal portion. An attractive quartet of solo singers was provided. For soprano, Miss Emma Juch, always a favorite in Boston, who sang "devotedly and well, in some of the less taxing numbers with admirable effect," though signs of fatigue and operatic wear and tear were noticed in her voice. Miss Winant and Mr. M. W. Whitney were hardly at their best. Mr. Charles A. Knorr, from Chicago ("the most eminent tenor in the West"), had "a sweet, pure, and well-trained voice," sang "with skill, ease, and smoothness," "phrased artistically," and was "delightfully finished" in style, but "not warm in expressiveness," — so we gather from the critics. The trumpet solo was played by Mr. Pierre Müller, on a genuine trumpet, not a cornet, "for the first time in a generation."

And what of the renovated chorus? The *Transcript* said:

"It was up to the emergency. . . . The improvement ran all through, in sharpness of attack, in clearness in the long roulades, in intonation, quality of tone, and light and shade. And the best of it is, that a chorus that can sing as well as that can be made to sing better still. The Handel and Haydn Society has put itself into a condition that makes constant improvement possible; its chorus is no longer an inert body."

A severer critic (in the *Gazette*) wrote:—

"The result is a splendid choral body, that gives forth a fresh, brilliant, and rich volume of tone, well balanced, and fine in its fulness and sonority. Its exacting work was done with steadiness, precision, and smoothness, and may be praised as mere chorus singing; but it was lacking in color and expressiveness. . . . A society with such aspirations should strive to be abreast of the highest contemporary development of musical progress. It has now the opportunity within its grasp. It has given us a fine choral organization, and now let it also give us that, with which it has hitherto failed to delight us in its choral performances — style, phrasing, color, and expressiveness; otherwise it will have reorganized its chorus in vain, for fresh voices used without art are only a shade better than worn voices used in the same manner; the difference being in degree, and not in quality."

It must be added that the chorus sang this time under one special disadvantage; they were practically unsupported by an organ. The rats and the November rains had made such havoc with the small instrument provided in place of the Great Organ that no part of it could be used at all except the pedal organ; no stop in the manuals was available. The orchestra was excellent, though eight first violins were hardly sufficient. The chorus numbered three hundred and ninety-four; the orchestra, forty-four. Receipts, \$2,925.42; expenses, \$1,952.17; profit, \$973.25.

1889. *Feb. 24*, Sunday evening. The second concert of the season was made to open with the genial and enjoyable motet of Mendelssohn, *Hear my Prayer*, for soprano solo and chorus. In the beautiful solo, "O for the wings of a dove," Miss Elizabeth C. Hamlin's pure and lovely voice gave great pleasure, though her intonation was not always true, and she was too much addicted to the use of the *portamento*. She was well supported by the chorus. *Verdi's Requiem* followed. As to the merits of the work itself, there was about the same difference of opinion as before. As to the performance, the chorus was thought to have improved upon the gain it had already shown — in the *Messiah*. The vigor of the new "departure" had by no means spent itself, but showed a hopeful onward impetus. The solos were sung by Miss Hamlin, less effectively than in the Mendelssohn motet; Miss Clara Poole, with a full and pleasing contralto voice, which sank below the key occasionally; Mr. A. L. King, the tenor, who took the high notes with steadiness, and was somewhat "throaty" in the *Ingemisco*, but was secure in intonation and adequate in power. Of Mr. Guiseppe Campanari, the Italian basso, "it was easy to see that his experience as an orchestral player (violinist) stood him in good stead in his singing; for no one who is merely a singer could feel the absolute security in such music as the *Requiem* that he evidently did. . . . His Italian instinct, too, led him to complete sympathy with the style of the music, and he sang it with admirable effect throughout. His phrasing, intonation, and expression were alike fine." Yet his voice was unequal to the lower part of the staff. The orchestra laid itself open to no fault-finding. Mr. Lang made the most of the poor wreck of an organ, which had been partially patched up. The audience filled the hall. Chorus, three hundred and eighty-seven; orchestra, sixty-five. Receipts, \$2,186.60; expenses, \$1,927.47; profit, \$259.13.

The remainder of the season was devoted to the rehearsal and performance at Easter (*April 21*) of Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*.

There was a great audience, eagerly attentive. The rejuvenation of the chorus was now complete. While seventy-five of the older and devoted members, with declining vocal powers, had been "retired" from active service, nearly two hundred new singers had been added. The chorus, of four hundred and one voices, never sang better. The performance from first to last was regarded as a triumph. Mr. Georg Henschel was the leading power among the solo singers. In spite of his defects in quality of voice, he sang with the greatest breadth of style, and true dramatic force. Mrs. Henschel's purity and refinement of voice and style won their way, in spite of the limited calibre of her tone. Her "Jerusalem" was marked by repose, dignity, and depth of sentiment. Mr. George J. Parker, tenor, sang "Be thou faithful unto death" with care and taste and beautiful expression. Miss Flora E. Finlayson, her first appearance in oratorio, had a sweet and uniform contralto voice of not great power, but an excellent vocal method. In "But the Lord is mindful of his own" she hushed the audience to absolute stillness. Mr. Gardner S. Lamson and Mr. Arthur B. Hitchcock, baritones, were excellent in the duet of false witnesses. The orchestra, of fifty-eight instruments, mainly of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, played superbly, while the ruined old organ, under the patient hands of Mr. Lang, was a drawback in spite of his mastery. Receipts, \$2,740.31; expenses, \$1,765.40; profit, \$974.91.

SEVENTY-FIFTH SEASON.

MAY 27, 1889, TO MAY 26, 1890.

May 27. Annual meeting. The usual reports were made and accepted, including the annual address of the president, A. Parker Browne, whose summary of the year's business may speak for all concerned. The following extracts cover the chief points. Of the purgation and renovation of the chorus, after enumerating the concerts, he speaks as follows:—

"The choral force was powerful, the parts well balanced, the voices fresh and bright, and the execution clear and firm. Much improvement in expression was also noted, and, in fact, the chorus singing was in most cases praised without stint. We may therefore congratulate ourselves that a difficult and delicate duty has been at last performed, and that the results have been so far satisfactory; but we must remember, what has been so often said during the winter, that these results will be valuable only so far as the efforts which have produced them may be continued. . . . Some of the most enthusiastic praises of your singing have come from the lips of those who have been retired. In the knowledge of this fact I take great pleasure, for

it emphasizes the loyalty and disinterestedness of our older members, and proves that, while we have been increasing the efficiency of the Society we all love, we have done no wrong to those old friends to whose faithfulness in the past we and the public owe so much.

“For the first time within my knowledge, our oratorios, this season, have been given with orchestral accompaniment alone, the small but sufficient organ which was placed in the Music Hall after the sale and removal of the Great Organ having been so nearly ruined, by leakage in the roof during the great storm of last November, that only the pedal organ could be used. Of course, not even Mr. Lang could make this sufficient, and indeed it is doubtful if many persons in the audience knew that an organ was being played at all. . . .

“The total strength of the chorus this year was five hundred and forty-six; that is, so many chorus tickets have been issued, though it is probable that not more than five hundred persons have at any one time held them. This chorus was divided thus: One hundred and seventy sopranos, one hundred and fifty-two altos, one hundred and fifteen tenors, one hundred and nine basses. We need to increase the proportion of basses. .

“The average attendance at twenty-nine rehearsals was three hundred and eleven; at three concerts, three hundred and ninety-four; and for all, three hundred and nineteen. The maximum was four hundred and eight, and the minimum ninety-seven, — the former being at a concert and the latter at a rehearsal on a very stormy evening. .

“Three members have died during the year: Philip F. Chase, joined March 20, 1877; died Aug. 28, 1888. Frank E. Upham, joined June 6, 1887; died Aug. 11, 1888. Benjamin F. Baker, joined April 16, 1837; died March 11, 1889. Professor Baker was vice-president from 1844 to 1849 inclusive.

“An unusual event in connection with our chorus and its discipline merits attention at this time. One of our sopranos, Miss Jane Rosenberger, joined the chorus in the spring of 1868. From November, 1868, to November, 1888, a period of full twenty years, she attended every meeting of the chorus, whether for rehearsal or for performance, and the Board, agreeing with you that such faithfulness merited very full acknowledgment, voted her a handsome gift, to be paid for from the Society's funds, and this gift — a marble clock — was sent to her at Christmas time, as well as a bouquet at the concert. Such an appropriation of the Society's money was unusual, but there is no danger that a similar expenditure on each similar occasion would seriously impair our finances.

“From your treasurer's report, which has been read, and from which you see clearly the present financial condition of the Society, I have extracted its leading features, which, for matters of record, I incorporate in this report: —

On hand last May	\$999 18
Profits of concerts (\$973.25, \$259.13, \$974.91)	2,207 29
Admission fees	280 00
Loan and sale of music and histories	84 00
Income Permanent Fund	1,154 53
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Carried forward	\$4,725 00

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$4,725 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Conductor	\$800 00
Organist	300 00
Librarian	100 00
Doorkeeper	46 50
Rent Bumstead Hall	580 00
Library	26 25
Insurance	81 00
Sundries (secretary, agent, history, etc.)	1,039 95
	<u>2,973 70</u>
Balance on hand	\$1,751 30

“The value of the Permanent Fund is \$27,088.50. During the past year a bequest has been made, by the will of the late Oliver Ditson, of \$1,000. This sum remains to be added to the Permanent Fund. Mr. Ditson had been, during all his long and useful life, a firm friend and helper in all good musical enterprises, and particularly in what concerned the Handel and Haydn Society. There are those among you who were leaders in the Society when it was less strong than now, and when Mr. Ditson was younger and took a more active part in public affairs than he has of late, and who can speak to you better than I can of his value to us and to music generally; but I came in early enough to speak of my own knowledge of his warm heart and open hand and purse, to which the Society was many times indebted for substantial help in time of need. His splendid public bequests, and particularly that of \$25,000 for the relief of poor and needy musicians, are a monument to his will and power for good, better than anything I can say to you.

“The Handel and Haydn Society was organized in 1815, the earliest recorded meeting thereof having been held on March 20 of that year. A constitution was adopted April 13, and on the 26th it was signed by forty-four members, and a Board of Government was elected, Thomas Smith Webb being the first president. Next year will bring the seventy-fifth anniversary, and I think you will agree with me that it is our duty to observe that occasion by a musical festival, which, if it is to be worthy of the history it commemorates, must present a great programme, greatly performed.

“To the Board of Government you to-night elect I recommend early and careful preparation for this celebration, and to the members of the Society I appeal to help on that work by every means in your power. The planning of such an enterprise must be done by a few, but its successful accomplishment can only be brought about by the hearty co-operation of the many. Whatever may be said about our abandonment of the scheme of Triennial Festivals, there can be but one opinion as to the propriety of giving one next spring.”

The Board of Government was then elected, as follows:—

President. — A. PARKER BROWNE.

Vice-President. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Secretary. — EUGENE B. HAGAR.

Treasurer. — M. GRANT DANIELL.

Librarian. — CHARLES W. STONE.

Directors. — WILLIAM F. BRADBURY, NATHANIEL G. CHAPIN, GEORGE F. DANIELS, HORACE B. FISHER, HENRY S. PRAY, THOMAS W. PROCTOR, RICHARD S. WHITNEY, SANFORD C. CHASE.

June 10. The Board of Government took up in earnest the recommendation above quoted from the president's annual address, and voted to give a Festival in the spring of 1890 (beginning with Easter Sunday, April 6), to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Society (1815).

Voted, To have no concert between Christmas, 1889, and the Festival.

Voted, That Carl Zerrahn be conductor, at \$1,250, for the season and Festival; B. J. Lang, organist for the same period, at \$500; and S. M. Bedington, assistant librarian, at \$200.

The scheme of the Festival gradually shaped itself in the councils of the Board of Government, and by the end of September was announced in substance to the members by circular. It was to begin on Easter Sunday, *April 6*, 1890, and extend into the following week, concerts probably *not occurring on successive evenings*. The works appointed to be given, in four concerts, were: *Elijah*, *Israel in Egypt*, *The Redemption*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (Parts I. and II.), and a cantata, *St. John*, written for the occasion by J. C. D. Parker. This scheme embraces the three periods of oratorio composition, as set forth in one of the annual addresses of the late president of the Society, C. C. Perkins, namely, 1. The Bach and Handel period; 2. The middle period, Mendelssohn; 3. The modern (*quasi Oratorio*), Gounod. And to this is added, as modestly representative of our own immediate present, and our own country, Mr. Parker's *St. John*.

It will be remarked, too, that the scheme avoids one fault, which, as we have hitherto suggested, was one main reason of the financial failure of the Triennial Festivals, — namely, the undertaking to give too great a quantity of music at one time, preoccupying a whole week, — more than any large number of a busy people can find time to attend, and more than they can listen to without exhausted interest, or satisfactorily absorb and digest. Now there are to be but four concerts, instead of seven or eight; and the feast is not to be continuous, but intermittent; a day of rest between each two sittings. The engagement of suitable solo-singers was not yet complete enough to be announced. But the work of chorus rehearsal began vigorously, and was carried on persistently throughout October and the first half of November, on the works above named. Meanwhile the *Messiah*

had to take its annual turn at Christmas, with several preceding Sunday evenings for rehearsal.

Dec. 22. On Sunday evening before Christmas Handel's *Messiah* was sung by the Society for the eighty-second time. As this is probably the last time that the present historian will be called upon to write about the *Messiah*, he has made it a point to carefully read all the newspaper criticisms upon that performance which he finds pasted into the ninth and last scrap-book so carefully preserved in the archives by the secretary. These criticisms coincide so essentially, and even so minutely, that it is not difficult to gather and compound from them a fair conclusion as to the merits of that evening's interpretation of the immortal work (at least as now regarded). The chorus, considerably augmented for the Festival so near at hand, sang never better, on the whole. With the exception of now and then slight weakness in attack, it was good in all respects, — far better than the solo singing, on the whole. Both the soprano, Miss Elene B. Kehew, and the contralto, Miss Lilian Carl Smith, were found inadequate in voice and in expression. The former, timid, uncertain, weak, seemed to have lost her large voice, while what of voice remained was often untrue. It was urged by her friends afterwards, however, in excuse for these short-comings, that just before the oratorio she had been suddenly attacked by the then prevailing form of influenza called "the grip." Miss Smith was pronounced a promising and ambitious young singer, but "too immature in art and in feeling for such music in such a place," "ill at ease and dryly monotonous" in "He was despised," "over-tame and insipid in the contralto solos, which were sung with much crudeness of style and general weakness in effect," and so on. Mr. William Denison, tenor (from New York), was generally accredited with a pure, sweet voice, of more than ordinary power, sure in the upper register, and with good phrasing and excellent method. In "Comfort ye" he was by some thought rather sentimental, but not so in "Thy Rebuke," which is a severer trial of a tenor singer. The honors of the evening (among soloists) were unanimously ascribed to the bass, Mr. D. Marks Babcock. His delivery of "Why do the nations so furiously rage" provoked storms of applause.

The orchestra, from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, was conducted by Mr. Charles M. Loeffler in the absence of Mr. Kneisel. Some said the accompaniment was "rather clumsy." The trumpet solo was by Mr. Lafricain, suddenly called upon in the place of Mr. Mueller. Touching the important and much-mooted matter of the orchestral accompaniment, some remarks by Mr. Apthorp in the *Transcript* seem to be worth reproducing here: —

“All internal and external evidence is against this sort of vague orchestral whispering which we are still called upon to accept as an *accompaniment* to Handel's airs; the only people who can logically approve it are the singers, who like it because it allows them to rule the roost, and make the fullest display of their Majesties Themselves, without orchestral competition. The whole relationship between voice-part and accompaniment which has obtained so long in modern music, especially in Italian opera, and in which the accompaniment is distinctly relegated to the second place, and the singer, as the saying is, has it all his own way, — this relationship, we say, hardly dates back farther than Gluck. It is diametrically opposed to the musical spirit of Handel's day. In his airs there is no question of ‘voice and accompaniment,’ in the modern sense; the voice-part, far from being the ruler whom the accompaniment was only to aid and abet, was, at most, ‘First among equals,’ — like the pope among the bishops. It was but a part in a contrapuntally organized whole, and of little more importance than the other parts; it was to be distinctly audible, to a certain extent it was to dominate, but not to the point of effacing or extinguishing the others. In Handel's airs the accompaniment has always something of definite importance to say, and should be made to say it with due clearness and emphasis; the very structure of the music demands this. But, as the fashion of our day goes, we have yet to hear a Handel air accompanied otherwise than if it were a Bellini *cavatina*, as if the accompaniment had nothing better to do than to ‘support the voice.’ A little firmness on the conductor's part might remedy this; singers would kick against the pricks for a while, but there is nothing either in the Ten Commandments or the Forty-nine Articles that necessarily implies that the omnipotence of singers need be eternal. They have had it their way for a century or so; now let Music, for once in a while, have it *her* way.

“It may well be doubted, however, whether the desirable result could be obtained by an altered style of *playing*, alone. A remodelled seating of the orchestra might be necessary. The regular constitution of the modern orchestra, with its hard-and-fast relation between the strings and wind, is admirably exemplified in the now traditional way of grouping the various classes of instruments on the stage. But Handel's orchestra was far differently constituted, and its peculiar character is not so well shown forth by the present seating of the players. The wind parts, which are often of prime structural importance in the music, are, as a rule, too nearly inaudible, especially the clarinets in Franz's favorite quartet of clarinets and bassoons. You find in the score that these instruments have exceedingly interesting things to say, but you cannot hear them. Now an experiment costs little; would it not be well, for once at least, to try the experiment of pushing the whole wooden-wind band farther forward on the stage, up to immediately behind the solo singers, so that they could play freely out into the hall, without being veiled by the strings? In Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, or Mendelssohn *they should* be veiled by the strings; but in Handel and Bach, *they should not*. The two styles of orchestral treatment are fundamentally different; and what is good for the one is not good for the other. Wooden-wind that is used chiefly for coloring is a different thing altogether from wooden-wind that is treated contrapuntally, in real parts.”

The chorus, in this performance of the *Messiah*, numbered four hundred and fifteen, the orchestra fifty-four. Receipts, \$2,804.04; expenses, \$1,466.69; profit, \$1,337.35.

1890. The year opens full of expectation and of preparation for the Festival with which the Society will celebrate the completion of its seventy-fifth year of choral life and work. For that now a clear field lies before it, with nothing to distract. The months of January, February, and March, with the first week in April, were devoted with enthusiasm to industrious rehearsal of the works to be presented upon that occasion. *Israel in Egypt*, the *Christmas Oratorio*, *Elijah*, *The Redemption*, and *St. John* share the hours among them in an unbroken and unflagging series of twenty-two rehearsals, often two in one week. The average number of voices present was between three hundred and forty and three hundred and fifty; and they were live voices; the dummies and the unmusical ones had been "weeded out," as we have seen. The chorus as a whole felt a new life in itself; the tuneful body felt clean, felt vigorous, and true to pitch.

And while the chorus were rehearsing, the managers, the president, the indefatigable secretary, on whose shoulders always rests the heaviest burden of responsibility and labor, and the whole Board of Government, had been shaping and arranging and providing. How much anxious forethought, how much courage and self-sacrifice an enterprise of that sort demands! In due time all was ready. All the difficult and puzzling problems had been solved; if not solved, tided over. For instance, that vexatious little question of the organ,—the persistent effort made by the Society to get that little makeshift instrument removed into a fitter place, the recess behind the Beethoven statue, had failed despite the willingness of the Society to defray a large part of the cost. The Music Hall proprietors repaired it, put it in decent, passible order where it stood. A new chorus stage was constructed, so that no seats faced each other across the hall from side to side, but all looked out toward the audience. What should be done with the recess back of Beethoven, to make that, and, so far as possible, the whole bald stage end of the hall, look more respectable? It was decorated after an artistic design by Ipsen, who also happily employed his well-known inventive taste upon the covers of the prospectus and the programmes. Then to fix the prices of admission? It was decided to have three grades of tickets: Season tickets (with reserved seats) at *ten*, *eight*, and *six* dollars; tickets for the single concert at \$2.50, \$2.00, and \$1.50; for admission (without seat) \$1.00. The orchestra (mainly from the Boston

Symphony concerts) was to be on the scale of twelve first and twelve second violins, eight violas, nine 'cellos, and eight double basses.

Hardest, most delicate, question of all to settle was that of solo singers. There was a strong desire to procure a new and first-class oratorio tenor; and the most distinguished English tenor of the day, Mr. Edward Lloyd, the worthy successor, in some respects superior, of Braham and Sims Reeves, was first approached with liberal offers. But after much correspondence the idea was reluctantly and all but finally dismissed as impracticable. At last, however, by a happy joint arrangement with festival managers in Canada and in the West, involving further negotiation with Mr. Lloyd, it was made for his interest to come to this country, and he was engaged to sing in each of the four concerts of the Festival. Edward Lloyd was born of musical parents, in London, March 7, 1845, and received his early musical education in the choir of Westminster Abbey, under James Turlé. In 1866 he was appointed tenor singer in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, which position he resigned in 1867 on being appointed a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, a post which he held about two years. From that time he devoted himself entirely to concert singing. He made his first great success at the Gloucester Festival, in 1871, in Bach's *St. Matthew Passion Music*, and in 1874 won universal admiration by his singing of "Love in her eyes sits playing," at the Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace. This is all that Grove has to tell us of him, except that his reputation has steadily increased, and that "his voice is a pure tenor of excellent quality, and his style musician-like and finished." But he was here to speak for himself, or, what is better, sing to us. He had already sung once in Cincinnati, fully vindicating the reputation he brought over with him. In his first rehearsal here we understand he placed himself at once in pleasantest relations with the chorus, singing all his part in full voice, and gracefully ready to oblige.

The other artists engaged to sing solos were already favorably known in Boston. Heading the list as "bright particular star" was Mrs. Lilli Lehmann-Kalisch, one of the first soprano artists of the day, not only distinguished in Wagnerian declamation, but also as a singer in the best sense in music of Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn. There were three other sopranos: Mrs. Lillian Nordica, Miss Clementine De Vere, and Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker. For altos there were Mrs. Walter C. Wyman, Miss Emily Winant, and Miss Clara Poole. For tenor (besides Mr. Lloyd), Mr. Herbert O. Johnson. For basses, Mr. Myron W. Whitney, Mr. William Ludwig, and Dr. George R. Clark.

The sale of season tickets was unprecedented, namely: six hundred and twenty-nine at \$10, one hundred and ninety-seven at \$3.00, one hundred and thirty-three at \$6.00, — nine hundred and fifty-nine in all. The possible chorus was stated at one hundred and fifty-six sopranos, one hundred and thirty-six contraltos, eighty-four tenors, and one hundred and ten basses, — total, four hundred and eighty-six voices. The *active chorus* was larger than ever before, though there had been sometimes nominal choruses of more than five hundred. Undoubtedly the chorus was better, more effective, than the Society could ever boast before. And now for the performance — Easter has arrived.

FIRST CONCERT.

April 6. Sunday evening. *Elijah* had lost nothing of its power to draw a crowd. Every seat in the hall was sold, besides four hundred mere admissions, and multitudes were turned away. So great was the crush that, at a hint from the Fire Commissioners, the admissions thereafter were limited to three hundred. The chorus seemed inspired by the occasion and the work they had been through. In all four-voice parts the power and quality of tone was admirable. The tenors, though comparatively small in number, won especial praise; every voice told, and all were musical and sweet and true. Mr. William Ludwig, in the part of *Elijah*, created wild enthusiasm by the spirit and vigor of his *impersonation*, for his singing was remarkably dramatic; he threw himself into the role as if he were an actor. His voice showed signs of wear and tear, sometimes requiring a little time to steady itself in a note. There was, moreover, a lack of fluency in his rapid passages. But the nobility and pathos of his rendering merited the applause he got.

Mr. Edward Lloyd sang with a high, pure, strong tenor voice, of quality refined and rich, and lovely *timbre*. So refined was his delivery, so easy and unforced, so quiet and sincere, that few seemed aware of the full power he was putting forth. He seemed wholly absorbed in the expression of the music; it was the music that possessed him; the voice was the willing and spontaneous servant. Both technically and artistically he showed the finest skill. He was not strong in the lowest register, and there was a hint of throatiness. Other blemish there was none. If he did not sing with passion, he did sing with a deep, strong, sustained power, and with a beautiful and rare *legato*. Some of the critics, to be sure, were rather disappointed. To them his tones were *very* throaty, his *portamento* “fearfully prominent,” and “his enunciation by no means so clear as we

expect from English singers." Another well suggested that "The leading tenor part in *Elijah* is not very long nor very grateful, that therefore the public did not have much opportunity to learn more of Mr. Lloyd than that he has a beautiful voice and that he is one of the most artistic singers who has ever been heard in this country." Said another: "His voice seemed a little husky at the opening, but as he reached 'If with all your hearts,' the beautiful mellow quality, the admirable phrasing was clearly manifest, and his 'Then shall the righteous shine' was the signal for prolonged applause." We must wait, to fairly know the singer.

But in speaking of the prophet and the new-comer in the oratorio we are postponing homage to the queen and chief soprano of the Festival, Lilli Lehmann. The power and beauty of her voice and her dramatic fire and majesty did not fail her. Yet there was disappointment felt in her singing; she had been heard here to better advantage before. The scene of the "Widow" was given with great vividness and force; but in "Hear ye, Israel," there was room for improvement in the matter of expression; it was not like Jenny Lind. Miss Clara Poole, the contralto, after a long illness, lacked strength. Her "Oh, rest in the Lord" was taken too fast for true effect. The secondary quartet of soloists (Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker, Mrs. Walter C. Wyman, Mr. Herbert O. Johnson, and Dr. George R. Clark) were wholly adequate. The Angel Trio, "Lift thine eyes," and the double quartet, were sung marvellously well.

The actual chorus in *Elijah* numbered four hundred and fifty-nine voices, the orchestra sixty-eight instruments. The receipts were \$4,504.30; the expenses (for that single concert), \$3,456.65; profit, \$1,047.65.

SECOND CONCERT.

Tuesday evening, *April 8*. After a day's rest there might have been a keener appetite for music. Yet that evening saw the smallest audience of the four. Two hundred and forty-one seats remained unsold, and the number of mere admissions was but sixty-nine. The attractions of the programme as originally announced had been increased by the interpolation, between Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (Parts I. and II.) and Mr. J. C. D. Parker's *Saint John*, of a couple of arias from Haydn's *Creation*, — one for Mrs. Lillian Nordica ("On mighty pens"), and one for Mr. Lloyd ("In native worth and honor clad").

In the *Christmas Oratorio*, Mrs. Nordica, Miss Winant, and Mr. M. W. Whitney sang for the first time. Mr. Lloyd was at home,

well seasoned, in the Bach music, and had now an opportunity to show his mastery in that most rare and difficult art, the art of recitative; and there is no recitative so beautiful, so full of pious feeling and expression, so full of art and soul and poetry, as that of Bach. Mr. Lloyd's delivery of the tenor recitatives made a beautiful and deep impression; it was perhaps more artistic, more appealing and expressive, than any recitative that had been heard in Boston. If his one terribly difficult aria, "Haste, ye shepherds," cost him a manly and visible struggle, he came out conqueror. The critic of the New York *Tribune* wrote: —

"I have never heard a specimen of Bach singing so perfect as his 'Haste, ye shepherds.' Boston has been a little sceptical about the righteousness of the claim to the great distinction which Mr. Lloyd enjoys, but his work to-night effected a complete conversion. Musical standards are growing more and more confused, as great singers become rarer, and I fancy that Mr. Lloyd's mission in America, just now, is to recall the old ideal of pure singing in the province of oratorio. Popular taste, fed on the virile method of dramatic or heroic tenors, may not find complete satisfaction in his voice or his essentially lyric treatment of the musical text; but it is impossible to escape the charm exerted by the delicious suavity of his manner, the consistent quality of his voice, the faultlessness of his phrasing, and, above all, the feeling of repose which is inspired by the impeccable symmetry of his performances."

Of the other soloists in the Bach work, Mrs. Nordica had but a single sentence to declaim; Miss Winant sang with apparent effort, yet with sympathetic expression, the beautiful "Slumber Song," and Mr. M. W. Whitney was all there, with voice unimpaired, magnificent power, sonority, security, and dignity. The jubilant opening chorus, "Christians, be joyful," moved steadily, and made excellent effect. The chorals, too, all sounded rich, reposeful, and refreshing. But the second of the great choruses, "Glory to God," was sung in a tone somewhat ghastly and uncertain, — was it owing to bad management of breath? Fortunately these two parts (out of the six composing the *Christmas Oratorio*) had been made whole in the matter of instrumentation by Robert Franz, so that they were in condition for performance. Moreover, the intrinsic beauty of the work, a certain pastoral, poetic charm about it, its fresh and hearty, jubilant appeal, made it one of the best among the hundreds of Bach's master works of choral music to bring before a public here. The exquisite Pastoral Symphony, which opens the second part, and which is hardly ever played as well as it ought to be, went much better than usual this time, and the accompaniments were at least respectable.

In the Intermezzo (so to say) of solos, Mrs. Nordica won great applause in "On mighty pens," although the style of it was "too sophisticated" for Haydn. Her voice, too, sounded rather hard when forced; but it was a voice of wide range, well trained and true. Mr. Lloyd, in "With native worth," was masterly at all points. He was recalled repeatedly with thunders of applause.

Mr. Parker conducted the performance of the Cantata he had written for the Festival — *Saint John* — calmly and gracefully, inspiring orchestra and singers with his own intentions. Mr. Parker, as a composer, has the merit, not too common in these days, of daring to be simple. His music wins a sympathetic hearing, without trying to astonish, without straining for effect. It is all genuine and sincere. And yet it has refinement, beauty, dignity, impressiveness, the sort of unction that comes from purity and depth of feeling. Even where it is most simple you must own originality. Thus the *choral recitative* with which it begins — a form of composition characteristic of the structure of the work more or less throughout, — seems at first a very humble style, and quite conventional and service-like; but it grows upon you; you find that there is meaning in it, that there is beauty, and a certain fine magnetic power. Moreover, in the instrumentation there is taste and judgment, there is a chaste refinement. It sounded worthy of the fine orchestra from the Symphony concerts, under the lead of Mr. Kneisel. It was choice, well blended, well contrasted. The composer seemed to move knowingly and easily among the instruments; nothing confused, or weak, or overdone; no bloated instrumentation *à la Wagner*. In several passages the trumpets speak "with no uncertain sound," spreading abroad a great light. Of the Cantata, and of its performance, the *Transcript* (W. F. A.) wrote:—

" . . . The composer has made one innovation, suggested perhaps by some things modern French composers have done, in giving such passages as would have been sung by 'The Evangelist' to the male chorus (and later on, to the female chorus) in unison. These passages of choral *quasi recitative* come in, apparently, almost at random, in the midst of beautifully melodious and poetically suggestive bits of orchestral writing, and with admirable effect, the chorus being supported by full harmony on the organ, while the orchestra goes its own way. The choruses proper are notable for purity of style, and for the just proportion in them between homophonic and contrapuntal writing; they are, too, especially and highly remarkable for a masterly treatment of the voices, for what might be called their 'vocal orchestration.' The quality of tone produced is invariably of the finest. This beauty is also noticeable to a high degree in the quartet, 'Now are we the sons of God.' If the solos are somewhat less inspiring than the choruses, they still impress one by their beauty of sentiment.

“ . . . This *Saint John* is one of the exceedingly few modern sacred works we know of that sound as if the composer thoroughly meant what he wrote. It impresses one distinctly as a free, spontaneous expression of individual religious feeling, profound, fervent, and thoroughly sincere. It sounds as if the composer had written it on his knees.

“The performance was very fine indeed, chorus and orchestra doing admirably, and Mrs. Nordica, Miss Winant, and Mr. Lloyd vieing with one another in doing full justice to the solos. Be it said, too, that Mr. Parker showed himself to be an excellent conductor, and held all his forces at the tip of his baton.”

There were sixty-nine in the orchestra and four hundred and twenty-eight in the chorus that evening. The receipts were \$3,728.77; expenses, \$3,277; profit, \$451.26.

THIRD CONCERT.

Thursday evening, *April 10*. Gounod's *Redemption* had its fifth hearing here as given by the old Society. It had not ceased to draw, although the secretary records “the general effect of the oratorio monotonous, in spite of individual moments and movements of beauty and power.” And such had been the growing impression for some time before as will be found already hinted in these pages. Nevertheless, every seat was sold, and two hundred and thirty mere admissions, — an audience almost as large as that of Sunday evening (*Elijah*). The chorus were credited with singing finely, although the tenors were accused of “the usual false intonation at certain dangerous places in Part II.” of the trilogy. The only soloist who had any real chance for display was the soprano, Miss Clementine De Vere. Her voice was pure and true, especially in the high notes, reaching the high C with ease; but her phrasing was not above reproach: there was too much *staccato*, too much disconnectedness in her style. Yet her bright voice and straightforward manner won her way with the audience. Mr. Lloyd again sang with consummate art, although his part afforded him no chance to stir his audience to enthusiasm. Mr. Ludwig sang the music allotted to Jesus with tenderness and pathos; and the other solos, by Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker, Miss Winant, and Mr. M. W. Whitney, were creditably rendered.

Chorus, four hundred and forty-one; orchestra, seventy-four. Receipts, \$4,338.58; expenses, \$3,258; profit, \$1,079.78.

FOURTH CONCERT.

Sunday evening, *April 13*. The Festival closed with a grand performance of Handel's grandest choral work, the oratorio *Israel in Egypt*, — "one mountain chain of colossal choruses and double choruses." All the seats were sold again, and there were two hundred and thirty-three admissions without seats. The solo singers were Miss Clementine De Vere, Miss Clara Poole, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. William Ludwig, and Mr. Myron W. Whitney. The work was presented entire, and with several arias from other works of Handel, contained in the "Appendix" of the usual editions, interpolated with a view to relieving the monotony of the long stretch of choruses, — a questionable policy at best. If it gave more opportunity to soloists, it marred the unity of style and character with which the work is woven; the interpolations are not of the same cloth, though written by the same man; he was not one who treated all themes, all characters, alike.

In such an oratorio the chorus claims the first and paramount attention. Some of the great chorus numbers, notably the double choruses, are the most difficult tasks which Handel has presented to singers. It seems agreed on all hands that this body of four hundred and forty-two voices, remarkably well balanced, trained with utmost zeal and care and energy by Mr. Carl Zerrahn, showed throughout good mettle and endurance; the volume and quality of tone were never better; the intonation always true; and there was promptness in attack, clearness and unflagging spirit in the development and carrying through of every theme. The choruses descriptive of the plagues of Egypt were made palpable and vivid, particularly the "Hailstorm" chorus, and "They loathed to drink," and "Darkness, which might be *felt*," were wonderfully impressive; in the latter, Mr. Lang did all that could be done with the damaged and depraved little organ to help out the groping and mysterious modulations. "The horse and his rider," especially where it returns, worked up with all the mastery of Handel, as the sublime finale of the oratorio, was magnificently sung.

Mr. Lloyd electrified the audience by his thoroughly artistic, well-nigh perfect rendering of "The enemy said: 'I will pursue.'" Not accustomed (in England) to the low French pitch, which has happily become established here, he had had the piece transposed a half-tone upward. In every point of technique and expression his delivery was masterly; every tone was pure and musical, every accent true and thrilling. Such singing carries all before it. One writer said: —

“The bravura passages were given out in a wonderfully clear, smooth, and even way, though the artist was at some disadvantage, owing to the inflexibility with which he was followed (?) by the conductor, who, instead of following the singer, in his earnest efforts to push the time in these prolonged and breath-trying figures, held him with a grip of iron to the strict tempo. It needed all of Mr. Lloyd’s art and science to prove equal to the rigid strain by which he was thus hampered; but he went through the ordeal successfully. He was rewarded with thunders of applause.”

Miss De Vere declaimed well the phrases leading in the final chorus (“Sing ye to the Lord,” etc.); but the other efforts of the two female soloists were dry, labored, ineffective (was it that the music was ungrateful?). Mr. Whitney was in all his glory in the air, “Wave from wave, congealed with wonder.” Mr. Ludwig was less successful in “He layeth the beams”; for he was not in his dramatic element. In the duet of basses, “The Lord is a man of war,” the two voices did not blend in *timbre*, and Mr. Ludwig was not always heard. Yet there was great applause, which fortunately for once failed to enforce a repetition. The orchestra of sixty-seven instruments, from the Boston Symphony concerts, led by Mr. Kneisel, did well what was given it to do. But the accompaniments were in a very imperfect state. It was “putting one’s faith to a pretty severe test to try to argue that that faint, pastoral squeaking of two oboes and a bassoon in many parts of ‘The Lord is a man of war’ would have satisfied Handel. Nothing could be more out of keeping with the massive and brilliant character of this mighty duet for two basses than this small piping on three reed instruments; it is simply comical.” Here again a Robert Franz was wanting to “make whole” the composition, before its full power could tell upon an audience.

The receipts of this fourth and last concert of the Festival were \$4,338.42; expenses, \$3,080.72; profit, \$1,257.70.

In the intermission between the two parts of the oratorio occurred a pleasant episode or intermezzo. Mr. Carl Zerrahn, the conductor, was presented, by the men of the chorus, with a superb edition of “Musical Instruments: Historic, Rare and Unique,” published by A. & C. Black, Edinburgh, costing \$50. Only ten hundred and forty copies were printed. It was an elegant volume in folio, having fifty plates, artists’ proofs, colored. The collection includes old English instruments, among which is a curious old harp; Chinese, Japanese, Siamese, and other instruments. There are old carved violins, spiuets, a guitar of tortoise-shell, with the colors richly shown; instruments with inlaid work of ivory or mother-of-pearl, all finely reproduced; and representatives of all the families of instruments.

Each instrument has one or more pages of letter-press, describing it, and giving its history and ownership. Afterwards, the ladies of the chorus presented Mr. Zerrahn with a large and elegant basket of flowers.

Soon after the Festival (*May 16*) the Board of Directors met; instructed the treasurer to pay over to the trustees of the Permanent Fund the legacy of \$1,000, received during the current season under the will of Oliver Ditson, besides \$2,000 out of funds in the treasury exclusive of said legacy; made provision for the preparation of a fifth number, completing Vol. I., of the History of the Society, bringing it down to the end of the seventy-fifth season (*May, 1890*); and voted to pay Mr. J. C. D. Parker an honorarium, with the thanks of the Society, for composing the cantata *St. John* for the Festival. The Committee on Examination of Voices reported that, from a total of two hundred and twenty-four voices examined, they had accepted one hundred and sixty-four, namely, sixty-three sopranos (of whom sixty joined the chorus), forty-five altos (of whom forty-four joined), twenty tenors (of whom fourteen joined), and thirty-six basses (of whom thirty joined).

May 26. Annual meeting, A. Parker Browne, president, in the chair. Reports were presented by the treasurer and by the trustees of the Permanent Fund; a clear summary of both will be found in the annual address of the president below. On motion of Mr. L. B. Barnes, thanks were presented to the retiring secretary, Eugene B. Hagar, Esq., "for his able, arduous, and impartial services for the past seven years; and that our best wishes go with him for his future prosperity and happiness"; to which resolution Mr. Hagar made grateful response.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

President. — A. PARKER BROWNE (unanimously).

Vice-President. — JOHN H. STICKNEY.

Secretary. — CHARLES WELLINGTON STONE.

Treasurer. — MOSES GRANT DANIELL (unanimously).

Librarian. — RICHARD S. WHITNEY.

Directors. — JOHN D. ANDREWS, HERBERT H. BATES, SANFORD C. CHASE, HORACE B. FISHER, EUGENE B. HAGAR, ISAAC F. KINGSBURY, FREDERICK E. LONG, and HENRY S. PRAY.

From President Browne's address, which was read by him, accepted, and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form for distribution, the following copious extracts contain all that is needed to complete the record of the Handel and Haydn Society for the first three quarters

of a century of its existence. After a glowing but judicial estimate of the success of the Festival, with due credit warmly given to Conductor Zerrahn, to the chorus, orchestra, and solo artists, the address proceeds:—

“Financially our Festival was a success, and it left a surplus of about \$1,500 to be added to our Permanent Fund. This was very gratifying; for we had laid our plans so liberally that full houses all the time were productive of a profit of only ten per cent on the expenditure, and we asked for no guarantee fund. If any music festival approaching ours in artistic importance has been given anywhere outside of Boston without such a fund, the fact has escaped my notice. I give here, in a very condensed form, the prominent items in the treasurer’s report for the year:—

On hand May 26, 1889	\$1,759 69
Receipts from five concerts	19,714 11
Oliver Ditson bequest	1,000 00
Admission fees	225 00
Sale of History	71 25
Loan of music	35 95
Interest	40 28
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	\$22,846 28
Cost of concerts	\$14,540 37
Cost of rehearsals	2,934 00
Printing History (No. 4)	301 90
Insurance of library	81 00
New music	536 03
Miscellaneous expenses	279 66
Paid to Permanent Fund	3,000 00
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	21,672 96
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Left in hands of treasurer	\$1,173 32
Value of Permanent Fund	31,047 37

“You observe here that the welcome bequest of the late Oliver Ditson, referred to in my last report, has since been received, and added to the Permanent Fund. In each of the years 1886 and 1887 the fund was increased by the gift of \$1,000 from an anonymous friend. The only condition accompanying those gifts was, that while the donor lived her name should be kept secret. By the death of Miss Rebecca Goddard, which occurred during the year 1889, that injunction was removed. It was not alone in these generous contributions that Miss Goddard’s interest in our work was shown. She was a great lover of oratorio music, and for many years a constant attendant at our concerts, where her evidently keen enjoyment was a source of great interest and pleasure to those subscribers who sat in her vicinity.

“The chorus during the season numbered five hundred and sixty-five, and at the time of the Festival had been reduced, by dismissals and resignations, to

four hundred and eighty-six, comprising one hundred and fifty-six sopranos, one hundred and thirty-six altos, eighty-four tenors, and one hundred and ten basses. There had been admitted during the year sixty-three sopranos, forty-five altos, fourteen tenors, and twenty-nine basses, a total of one hundred and fifty-one. The average attendance at thirty-eight rehearsals was three hundred and forty-three, and at five concerts four hundred and thirty-seven. The maximum attendance was four hundred and fifty-nine at one of the Festival concerts, and the minimum one hundred and seventy-one on one of the very few stormy rehearsal evenings.

“The necrology of the Society is as follows: John S. Farlow joined Nov. 17, 1839, died March 24, 1890. He was a director for several seasons, and president in 1855. John B. Pewtress joined Nov. 26, 1853, died Aug. 25, 1889. Martin Draper, Jr., joined Nov. 1, 1865, died Aug. 27, 1889. Ralph H. Sawyer joined May 5, 1883, died April 16, 1890. He was the son of Capt. J. S. Sawyer, who was for several years a director of the Society; and was a young man of fine character and promise, and universally esteemed. He took part in the performance of *Israel in Egypt* April 13, and was killed by a fall from his horse three days later. George William Given joined April 11, 1889, died June 30, 1889. William Staunton, D. D., elected honorary member Aug. 17, 1826, died, in New York, Sept. 29, 1889. He was at the time of his death the oldest honorary member.

“The determined refusal of our devoted and efficient secretary, Eugene B. Hagar, to be a candidate for re-election, must be regretted by every member of the Society. He has held the office seven years, during all of which time he has been your most prominent and active officer. I have been associated with him during nearly all that time, and, having a pretty intimate acquaintance with the duties of the secretaryship, I am able to give a tolerably intelligent opinion as to his discharge of those duties. There can be no question that he has been one of the most efficient officers the Society has ever had; and I take pleasure in making record here of my great esteem for him as a man, my appreciation of his conduct as your secretary, and my sincere regret for his retirement, though that regret is tempered by the knowledge that his experience is still to be at your service, though he will be in a less active position.”

Near its conclusion the address saves the present historian considerable labor by casting the following convenient and comprehensive bird's-eye view over the whole work of the Society, from its beginning, in 1815, to the end of its seventy-fifth year:—

“The Society has given six hundred and seventy-five concerts; never less than one, and as many as twenty-two, in one year. It has held nine Festivals in Boston, and taken part in three in New York, in two peace jubilees in Boston, and assisted at a great many public occasions, such as the World's Fair in New York, the dedication of Music Hall, in 1852, and the funeral memorial services in honor of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, and John A. Andrew.

	Total.
It has performed <i>The Messiah</i> eighty-two times; <i>Samson</i> , thirty-three; <i>Judas Maccabæus</i> , seventeen; <i>Israel in Egypt</i> , eight; other works of Handel, thirteen	153
Haydn's <i>The Creation</i> , sixty-three; <i>The Seasons</i> five; others, nineteen,	87
Mendelssohn's <i>Elijah</i> , forty-seven; <i>A Hymn of Praise</i> , nineteen; <i>St. Paul</i> , fourteen; other works, ten	90
Bach's <i>Passion Music</i> , eight; Christmas Oratorio, three; B Minor Mass (in part), one; <i>A Stronghold Sure</i> , one	13
Beethoven's <i>Mount of Olives</i> , thirteen; Ninth Symphony, seven; Choral Fantasia, one	21
Mozart's Requiem Mass, three; Twelfth Mass, one	4
Spoehr's <i>Last Judgment</i> , nine; <i>God, Thou Art Great</i> , one	10
Rossini's <i>Stabat Mater</i> , twenty-seven; <i>Moses in Egypt</i> , forty-five	72
Neukomm's <i>David</i>	57
Verdi's Requiem Mass	5
Gounod's <i>The Redemption</i>	5

The following important works once or twice each:—

- Bennett's *The Woman of Samaria*.
- Berlioz's *Te Deum* and *The Flight into Egypt*.
- Buck's *Forty-sixth Psalm*.
- Bruch's *Arminius*.
- Costa's *Eli* and *Naaman*.
- Graun's *The Death of Jesus*.
- Gounod's *Mors et Vita*.
- Hiller's *A Song of Victory*.
- Cherubini's Mass in D minor.
- Rubinstein's *The Tower of Babel*.
- Paine's *St. Peter* and *The Nativity*.
- Parker's *Redemption Hymn* and *St. John*.
- Saint-Saëns's *Noël* and *The Deluge*.
- Sullivan's *The Prodigal Son*."

"Surely this record is most honorable," adds the president, and 'who will not say Amen! And again heartily to his declaration of belief "that our fund will increase to such figures that we need never have to think of a work proposed for performance, 'Will it pay expenses?' but only, 'Is it the right thing to do?'"

Here ends this first volume of the "History of the Handel and Haydn Society." Its members "have now to make matter for use by the gentleman or lady of the future who shall write Volume II., which few if any of us will read."

CONCERTS

GIVEN BY THE

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY,

FROM ITS

FIRST THROUGH ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FIRST SEASON.

FROM MARCH 30, 1815 TO SEPT. 2, 1816.

1.	1815, Dec.	25.	Selections	Stone Chapel.
2.	1816, Jan.	18.	"	"
3.	May	30.	"	"

SECOND SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 2, 1816 TO SEPT. 1, 1817.

4.	1817, April	1.	1st Part of Messiah: Selections: 1st Part of Creation	Stone Chapel.
5.	April	3.	2nd Part of Messiah: Selections: 2nd Part of Creation	"
6.	April	4.	3rd Part of Messiah: Selections: 3rd Part of Creation	"
7.	April	8.	Selections	"
8.	July	5.	"	First Church.

THIRD SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 1, 1817 TO SEPT. 7, 1818.

9.	1818, Mar.	20.	Selections	Boylston Hall.
10.	April	2.	"	"
11.	April	28.	"	"
12.	May	1.	"	"
13.	June	2.	"	"
14.	July	1.	"	"

FOURTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 7, 1818 TO SEPT. 6, 1819.

15.	1818, Nov.	24.	Selections	Boylston Hall.
16.	Dec.	3.	"	"
17.	Dec.	25.	Messiah (first time complete)	"
18.	1819, Feb.	16.	Creation (first time complete)	"
19.	Feb.	23.	"	"
20.	Mar.	2.	"	"
21.	April	1.	<i>Dettingen Te Deum</i> : Selections	"
22.	June	22.	Selections	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

FIFTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 6, 1819 TO SEPT. 4, 1820.

23.	1819, Dec.	21.	Selections	Boylston Hall.
24.	1820, Feb.	3.	“	“
25.	Feb.	22.	“	“
26.	Mar.	31.	Messiah	“
27.	May	2.	Selections	“

SIXTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 4, 1820 TO SEPT. 3, 1821.

28.	1820, Nov.	14.	Selections	Boylston Hall
29.	Dec.	19.	“	“
30.	1821, Jan.	16.	“	“
31.	Feb.	6.	Selections : King's Intercession	“
32.	Mar.	15.	King's Intercession : Selections	“
33.	April	5.	Part of Messiah : Selections	“
34.	May	13.	Selections	“

SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 8, 1821 TO SEPT. 2, 1822.

35.	1821, Oct.	30.	Selections	Boylston Hall
36.	Dec.	11.	“	“
37.	Dec.	25.	“	“
38.	1822, Jan.	8.	“	“
39.	Jan.	15.	“	“
40.	Feb.	19.	“	“
41.	Mar.	12.	“	“
42.	Mar.	25.	“	“
43.	May	31.	“	“

EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 2, 1822 TO SEPT. 1, 1823.

44.	1822, Nov.	12.	Selections	Boylston Hall
45.	Dec.	10.	“	“
46.	1823, Jan.	28.	Creation	“
47.	Feb.	11.	“	“
48.	Mar.	25.	Selections	“
49.	May	27.	“	“

NINTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 1, 1823 TO SEPT. 8, 1824.

50.	1823, Nov.	11.	Selections	Boylston Hall
51.	1824, Jan.	20.	King's Intercession : Selections	“
52.	Feb.	24.	Selections	“
53.	Mar.	16.	Creation	“
54.	Mar.	23.	“	“
55.	May	25.	Selections	“

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TENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 6, 1824 TO SEPT. 5, 1825.

56.	1824, Dec.	21.	Creation	Boylston Hall.
57.	1825, Jan.	25.	King's Intercession: Selections	“
58.	Feb.	27.	<i>Dettingen Te Deum</i> : Selections	“
59.	Mar.	22.	Selections	“
60.	May	3.	Creation	“

ELEVENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 5, 1825 TO SEPT. 4, 1826.

61.	1826, Jan.	31.	Selections	Boylston Hall.
62.	April	23.	Selections from Messiah and Creation.	“
63.	June	4.	Selections	“
	Aug.	2.	Society assists in services, in Faneuil Hall, commemorating death of Adams and Jefferson.	

TWELFTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 4, 1826 TO SEPT. 3, 1827.

64.	1826, Nov.	12.	Selections	Boylston Hall
65.	Dec.	10.	“	“
66.	1827, Jan.	2.	“	“
67.	Mar.	25.	Creation	“
68.	May	13.	Selections	“

THIRTEENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 3, 1827 TO SEPT. 1, 1828.

69.	1827, Dec.	23.	Creation	Boylston Hall.
70.	1828, Feb.	10.	Selections from Messiah	“
71.	Mar.	9.	Selections	“
72.	April	13.	“	“
73.	May	25.	Selections from Creation	“

FOURTEENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 1, 1828 TO SEPT. 8, 1829.

74.	1829, Jan.	18.	Selections	Boylston Hall
75.	Jan.	25.	Selections: Haydn Mass in B-Flat	“
76.	Mar.	1.	Selections	“
77.	April	12.	Selections: Mozart Mass in C	

FIFTEENTH SEASON.

FROM SEPT. 8, 1829 TO AUG. 2, 1830.

78.	1829, Dec.	13.	Selections: Bühler Mass	Boylston Hall.
79.	1830, Jan.	24.	Selections	“
80.	Feb.	21.	“	“
81.	Mar.	21.	“	“
82.	April	4.	Creation	“
83.	June	20.	Selections	“

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SIXTEENTH SEASON.

FROM AUG. 2, 1830 TO AUG. 1, 1831.

1830, Sept. 17.	Society assists in celebration, in Old South Church, of 200th anniversary of first settlement of Boston.	
84.	Nov. 21. Selections	Boylston Hall.
85.	Dec. 26. "	"
86.	1831, Mar. 16. "	"
87.	Mar. 27. Selections: Böhler Mass	"
88.	June 5. Selections	"

SEVENTEENTH SEASON.

FROM AUG. 1, 1831 TO AUG. 6, 1832.

89.	1831, Oct. 2. Creation	Boylston Hall.
90.	Nov. 27. Selections: Haydn Mass	"
91.	1832, Jan. 15. Selections	"
92.	Feb. 26. Selections: Horn's Ode to Washington,	"
93.	May 20. Selections	"

EIGHTEENTH SEASON.

FROM AUG. 8, 1832 TO AUG. 5, 1833.

94.	1832, Nov. 4. Selections	Boylston Hall.
95.	Nov. 18. "	"
96.	Dec. 2. "	"
97.	Dec. 9. "	"
98.	Dec. 30. Messiah	"
99.	1833, Jan. 6. "	"
100.	Jan. 27. Creation	"
101.	Feb. 3. "	"
102.	Feb. 10. "	"
103.	Feb. 24. Messiah	"
104.	Mar. 24. Selections: Haydn Mass	"
105.	Mar. 31. " " "	"
106.	April 29. Selections	"
107.	May 12. Benefit of Mrs. Ostinelli. Selections	"
108.	June 23. Selections, in aid of completion of Bunker Hill Monument	"

NINETEENTH SEASON.

FROM AUG. 5, 1833 TO AUG. 4, 1834.

109.	1833, Oct. 27. Selections	Boylston Hall.
110.	Dec. 1. Creation	"
111.	Dec. 8. "	"
112.	Dec. 22. Selections from Mount of Olives: Haydn Mass	"

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113.	1834, Jan.	12.	Selections from Messiah	Boylston Hall.
114.	Jan.	19.	“ “ “	“
115.	Feb.	2.	Selections from Mount of Olives: Haydn Mass	“
116.	Feb.	9.	Selections	“
117.	Feb.	23.	“	“
118.	Mar.	2.	“	“
119.	Mar.	23.	“	“
120.	April	20.	“	“
121.	May	11.	“	“
122.	May	18.	“	“
123.	June	1.	“	“

TWENTIETH SEASON.

FROM AUG. 4, 1834 TO AUG. 3, 1835.

124.	1834, Oct.	5.	Creation	Boylston Hall.
125.	Oct.	12.	“	“
126.	Oct.	26.	Selections	“
127.	Nov.	2.	“	“
128.	Nov.	23.	Haydn Mass: Selections from Mount of Olives	“
129.	Dec.	28.	Messiah	“
130.	1835, Jan.	4.	“	“
131.	Jan.	18.	Creation	“
132.	Jan.	25.	“	“
133.	Feb.	22.	Horn's Ode to Washington: Selec- tions	“
134.	Mar.	8.	Selections	“
135.	Mar.	22.	“	“
136.	Mar.	29.	“	“
137.	April	12.	“	“
138.	May	17.	Selections from Creation and David .	“

TWENTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM AUG. 3, 1835 TO AUG. 1, 1836.

139.	1835, Oct.	11.	Creation	Boylston Hall
140.	Oct.	18.	“	“
141.	Nov.	15.	Haydn Mass: Selections from Mount of Olives	“
142.	Dec.	27.	Messiah	“
143.	1836, Jan.	10.	“	“
144.	Feb.	28.	David	“
145.	Mar.	6.	“	“
146.	Mar.	13.	“	“
147.	Mar.	20.	“	“
148.	Mar.	27.	“	“
149.	April	3.	“	“
150.	April	10.	“	“

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

TWENTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM AUG. 1, 1836 TO AUG. 7, 1837.

151.	1836, Oct.	2.	Horn's Remission of Sin	Boylston Hall.
152.	Oct.	9.	Creation	"
153.	Oct.	30.	David	"
154.	Nov.	6.	"	"
155.	Dec.	4.	"	"
156.	Dec.	11.	"	"
157.	Dec.	18.	"	"
158.	Dec.	25.	Messiah	"
159.	1837, Jan.	1.	"	"
160.	Jan.	8.	Selections	"
161.	Jan.	29.	"	"
162.	Feb.	5.	"	"
163.	Feb.	12.	David	"
164.	Feb.	26.	"	"
165.	Mar.	19.	Haydn Mass: Horn's Remission of Sin.	"
166.	April	9.	David	"
167.	May	28.	"	"

TWENTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM AUG. 7, 1837 TO MAY 23, 1838.

168.	1837, Oct.	1.	Neukomm's Hymn of the Night: Selections	Boylston Hall.
169.	Oct.	15.	Selections: Neukomm's Hymn of the Night	"
170.	Dec.	3.	David	"
171.	Dec.	10.	"	"
172.	Dec.	17.	"	"
173.	Dec.	31.	Messiah	"
174.	1838, Jan.	7.	"	"
175.	Feb.	18.	Creation	"
176.	Feb.	25.	"	"
177.	Mar.	11.	Selections	"
178.	April	1.	Selections: Hymn of the Night.	"

TWENTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1838 TO MAY 27, 1839.

179.	1838, Oct.	7.	Creation	Boylston Hall.
180.	Oct.	14.	"	"
181.	Nov.	4.	Romberg's Power of Song: Selections.	"
182.	Nov.	11.	" " " "	"
183.	Dec.	2.	Selections	"
184.	Dec.	30.	Messiah	"
185.	1839, Feb.	24.	David	"
186.	Mar.	8.	"	"
187.	Mar.	10.	"	"

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188.	1839, Mar.	17.	David	Boylston Hall.
189.	Mar.	24.	"	"
190.	Mar.	31.	"	"
191.	April	7.	"	"
192.	April	14.	"	"
193.	April	21.	"	"
194.	April	28.	"	"
195.	May	5.	"	"

TWENTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1839 TO MAY 27, 1840.

196.	1839, Sept.	29.	Selections	Boylston Hall.
197.	Oct.	6.	"	"
198.	Oct.	20.	David	"
199.	Oct.	27.	"	"
200.	Nov.	3.	"	"
201.	Dec.	29.	Messiah	Melodeon.
202.	1840, Jan.	5.	"	"
203.	Jan.	19.	Creation	"
204.	Jan.	26.	"	"
205.	Feb.	2.	"	"
206.	Feb.	16.	David	"
207.	Feb.	23.	"	"
208.	Mar.	1.	"	"
209.	Mar.	29.	Selections	"
210.	April	5.	"	"

TWENTY-SIXTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1840 TO MAY 31, 1841.

211.	1840, Oct.	4.	Mt. Sinai	Melodeon.
212.	Oct.	11.	"	"
213.	Oct.	18.	"	"
214.	Oct.	25.	"	"
215.	Nov.	1.	"	"
216.	Nov.	20.	Selections	"
217.	Nov.	22.	"	"
218.	Nov.	24.	"	"
219.	Nov.	26.	"	"
220.	Dec.	27.	Selections from Messiah	"
221.	1841, Jan.	3.	" " "	"
222.	Jan.	17.	David	"
223.	Jan.	24.	"	"
224.	Jan.	31.	Selections	"
225.	Feb.	7.	"	"
226.	Feb.	14.	Mt. Sinai	"
227.	Mar.	28.	Creation	"
228.	May	2.	David	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1841 TO MAY 30, 1842.

229.	1841, Aug.	21.	Mt. Sinai	Melodeon.
230.	Aug.	22.	Messiah	"
231.	Aug.	25.	Selections	"
232.	Aug.	27.	"	"
233.	Nov.	14.	Spoehr's cantata, God, Thou art Great: Romberg's Transient and Eternal	"
234.	Dec.	12.	Selections	"
235.	Dec.	19.	"	"
236.	Dec.	26.	Messiah	"
237.	1842, Feb.	6.	Selections	"
238.	Feb.	13.	"	"
239.	Mar.	20.	Spoehr's Last Judgment	"
240.	Mar.	27.	" "	"
241.	April	3.	" "	"
242.	April	10.	" "	"
243.	April	17.	" "	"
244.	April	24.	David	"
245.	May	1.	"	"

TWENTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1842 TO MAY 29, 1843.

246.	1842, Oct.	16.	David	Melodeon.
247.	Oct.	23.	"	"
248.	Nov.	6.	"	"
249.	Nov.	13.	"	"
250.	Dec.	11.	Selections	"
251.	Dec.	25.	Messiah	"
252.	1843, Jan.	1.	"	"
253.	Jan.	22.	St. Paul	"
254.	Jan.	29.	"	"
255.	Feb.	12.	"	"
256.	Feb.	26.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
257.	Mar.	5.	"	"
258.	Mar.	12.	"	"
259.	April	2.	"	"
260.	April	23.	Neukomm's Hymn of the Night: Rom- berg's Transient and Eternal	"
261.	May	7.	Transient and Eternal: Selections	"
262.	May	14.	" " "	"

TWENTY-NINTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 29, 1843 TO MAY 27, 1844.

263.	1843, June	18.	Selections	Melodeon.
264.	Sept.	24.	<i>Stabat Mater</i> : Selections	"
265.	Oct.	29.	Creation	"
266.	Dec.	3.	"	"

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267.	1843,	Dec. 10.	Creation	Melodeon.
268.		Dec. 25.	Messiah	"
269.		Dec. 31.	"	"
270.	1844,	Jan. 21.	David	"
271.		Jan. 28.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
272.		Feb. 4.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
273.		Feb. 11.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
274.		Mar. 3.	Last Judgment	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
275.		Mar. 10.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
276.		Mar. 17.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
277.		April 7.	<i>Stabat Mater: Selections</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
278.		April 14.	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	"
279.		April 21.	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	"

THIRTIETH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1844 TO MAY 26, 1845.

280.	1844,	Sept. 29.	Creation	.	.	.	.	.	.	Melodeon.
281.		Oct. 20.	Selections	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
282.		Oct. 27.	Creation	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
283.		Nov. 3.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
284.		Nov. 10.	Messiah	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
285.		Nov. 17.	Selections	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
286.		Dec. 8.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
287.		Dec. 15.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
288.	1845,	Jan. 26.	Samson	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
289.		Feb. 2.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
290.		Feb. 9.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
291.		Feb. 16.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
292.		Feb. 23.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
293.		Mar. 2.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
294.		Mar. 9.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
295.		Mar. 16.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
296.		Mar. 23.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
297.		Mar. 30.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
298.		April 6.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
299.		April 13.	David	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
300.		April 19.	Samson	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
301.		April 20.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"

THIRTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM MAY 26, 1845 TO MAY 25, 1846.

302.	1845,	Oct. 12.	Samson	.	.	.	.	.	.	Melodeon.
303.		Oct. 19.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
304.		Oct. 26.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
305.		Dec. 21.	Moses in Egypt	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
306.		Dec. 25.	Messiah	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
307.		Dec. 28.	Moses in Egypt	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
308.	1846,	Jan. 4.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
309.		Jan. 11.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

310.	1846,	Jan.	18.	Moses in Egypt	. . . . .	Melodeon.
311.		Jan.	25.	"	. . . . .	"
312.		Feb.	1.	"	. . . . .	"
313.		Feb.	8.	"	. . . . .	"
314.		Feb.	22.	"	. . . . .	"
315.		Mar.	1.	"	. . . . .	"
316.		Mar.	8.	"	. . . . .	"
317.		Mar.	22.	Samson	. . . . .	"
318.		Mar.	29.	"	. . . . .	"
319.		April	4.	Moses in Egypt	. . . . .	"
320.		April	5.	"	. . . . .	"
321.		April	12.	"	. . . . .	"

THIRTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM MAY 25, 1846 TO MAY 31, 1847.

322.	1846,	Oct.	11.	Creation	. . . . .	Melodeon.
323.		Oct.	18.	"	. . . . .	"
324.		Oct.	25.	"	. . . . .	"
325.		Nov.	8.	David	. . . . .	"
326.		Nov.	15.	"	. . . . .	"
327.		Dec.	6.	Moses in Egypt	. . . . .	"
328.		Dec.	13.	"	. . . . .	"
329.		Dec.	20.	"	. . . . .	"
330.		Dec.	27.	"	. . . . .	"
331.	1847,	Jan.	3.	"	. . . . .	"
332.		Jan.	10.	"	. . . . .	"
333.		Jan.	24.	Samson	. . . . .	"
334.		Jan.	31.	"	. . . . .	"
335.		Feb.	14.	"	. . . . .	"
336.		Feb.	28.	"	. . . . .	"
337.		Mar.	14.	Moses in Egypt	. . . . .	"
338.		Mar.	21.	"	. . . . .	"
339.		April	4.	"	. . . . .	"
340.		April	18.	"	. . . . .	"

THIRTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1847 TO MAY 29, 1848.

341.	1847,	Dec.	5.	Judas Maccabæus	. . . . .	Melodeon
342.		Dec.	12.	"	. . . . .	"
343.		Dec.	19.	"	. . . . .	"
344.		Dec.	26.	"	. . . . .	"
345.	1848,	Jan.	2.	"	"
346.		Feb.	13.	Elijah	"
347.		Feb.	20.	"	"
348.		Feb.	27.	"	"
349.		Mar.	5.	"	"
350.		Mar.	12.	"	"
351.		Mar.	19.	"	"

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352.	1848, Mar.	26.	Elijah	Melodeon.
353.	April	2.	"	"
354.	April	9.	"	"
355.	May	7.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
356.	May	14.	"	"

THIRTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 29, 1848 TO MAY 23, 1849.

357.	1848, Oct.	29.	Moses in Egypt	Melodeon.
358.	Nov.	12.	"	"
359.	Nov.	19.	"	"
360.	Nov.	26.	"	"
361.	Dec.	3.	"	"
362.	Dec.	24.	Messiah	"
363.	Dec.	31.	"	"
364.	1849, Jan.	7.	Selections	"
365.	Jan.	14.	"	"
366.	Jan.	28.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
367.	Feb.	11.	Elijah	"
368.	Feb.	18.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
369.	Feb.	25.	Elijah	"
370.	Mar.	18.	Selections	"

THIRTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 23, 1849 TO MAY 27, 1850.

371.	1849, Dec.	16.	The Martyrs	Melodeon.
372.	Dec.	23.	"	"
373.	Dec.	30.	"	"
374.	1850, Jan.	6.	"	"
375.	Jan.	13.	"	"
376.	Jan.	20.	"	"
377.	Jan.	27.	"	"
378.	April	7.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
379.	April	21.	"	"

THIRTY-SIXTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1850 TO MAY 26, 1851.

380.	1850, Dec	22.	Creation	Melodeon.
381.	Dec.	29.	"	"
382.	1851, Jan.	5.	"	"
383.	Mar.	2.	Elijah	"
384.	Mar.	9.	"	"
385.	Mar.	16.	"	"
386.	Mar.	23.	"	"
387.	April	6.	Creation	"
388.	April	27.	"	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 26, 1851 TO MAY 31, 1852.

389.	1851, Oct. 26.	Selections	Melodeon.
390.	Dec. 14.	David	"
391.	Dec. 21.	"	"
392.	Dec. 28.	"	"
393.	1852, Feb. 8.	Samson	"
394.	Feb. 15.	"	"
395.	Feb. 22.	"	"
396.	Mar. 28.	Selections	"
397.	April 4.	"	"

THIRTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1852 TO MAY 30, 1853.

	1852, Nov. 20.	Society assists in dedication of Boston Music Hall	Music Hall.
398.	Nov. 21.	Selections: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
	Nov. 30.	Society assists in services, in Faneuil Hall, commemorating death of Webster.	
399.	Dec. 19.	Judas Maccabæus	"
400.	Dec. 26.	" "	"
401.	1853, Jan. 2.	" "	"
402.	Feb. 6.	Selections. <i>Engedi</i>	"
403.	Feb. 13.	" "	"
404.	Feb. 20.	" "	"
405.	Feb. 27.	" "	"
406.	Mar. 6.	Judas Maccabæus	"
407.	April 2.	Ninth Symphony	"
408.	April 3.	Creation	"
409.	May 1.	Selections: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	"

THIRTY-NINTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1853 TO MAY 29, 1854.

410.	1853, Nov. 27.	Samson	Music Hall.
411.	Dec. 4.	Selections	"
412.	Dec. 11.	Creation	"
413.	1854, Jan. 1.	Samson	"
414.	Jan. 8.	"	"
415.	Jan. 29.	Moses in Egypt	"
416.	Feb. 5.	" " "	"
417.	Feb. 12.	" " "	"
418.	Feb. 19.	" " "	"
419.	Mar. 5.	" " "	"

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420.	1854, Mar. 12.	Moses in Egypt	Music Hall.
421.	Mar. 19.	“ “ “	“
422.	April 6.	“ “ “	“

FORTIETH SEASON.

FROM MAY 29, 1854 TO MAY 28, 1855.

423.	1854, Dec. 3.	Elijah	Music Hall.
424.	Dec. 10.	“	“
425.	Dec. 17.	“	“
426.	Dec. 24.	Messiah	“
427.	1855, Jan. 7.	Selections	“
428.	Jan. 14.	“	“
429.	Feb. 11.	<i>Stabat Mater</i>	“
430.	Feb. 18.	Moses in Egypt	“
431.	Feb. 25.	“ “ “	“
432.	Mar. 4.	“ “ “	“

FORTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1855 TO MAY 26, 1856.

433.	1855, Nov. 18.	Solomon	Music Hall.
434.	Nov. 25.	“	“
435.	Dec. 2.	“	“
436.	Dec. 9.	“	“
437.	Dec. 23.	Messiah	“
438.	Dec. 30.	“	“
439.	1856, Feb. 10.	Creation	“
440.	Feb. 17.	Selections from <i>Stabat Mater</i> and Moses in Egypt	“
441.	Mar. 30.	Moses in Egypt	“
442.	April 6.	“ “ “	“
443.	April 10.	“ “ “	“

FORTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM MAY 26, 1856 TO JUNE 3, 1857.

444.	1856, Dec. 28.	Messiah	Music Hall.
445.	1857, Jan. 18.	Mozart Requiem: Selections	“
446.	Feb. 15.	Eli	“
447.	Feb. 22.	“	“
448.	Mar. 29.	Mozart Requiem: Selections	“

FESTIVAL.

449.	May 21.	Creation	Music Hall.
450.	May 21.	Selections	“
451.	May 22.	Elijah	“
452.	May 22.	Selections	“
453.	May 23.	“	“
454.	May 23.	Messiah	“

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

FORTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM JUNE 3, 1857 TO MAY 31, 1858.

	1857, June 17.	Society assists in ceremonies of inaugurating statue of Gen. Joseph Warren on Bunker Hill.	
455.	Dec. 26.	Messiah	Music Hall.
456.	1858, Jan. 23.	Elijah	"
457.	Jan. 24.	Creation	"
458.	April 3.	Elijah	"
459.	April 4.	Messiah	"
460.	April 10.	Selections: Hymn of Praise	"
461.	April 11.	Creation.	"

FORTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1858 TO MAY 30, 1859.

462.	1858, Oct. 10.	Selections: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	Music Hall.
463.	Dec. 19.	Selections	"
464.	Dec. 26.	Messiah	Boston Theatre
465.	1859, Feb. 13.	Israel in Egypt	Music Hall.
	Feb. 22.	Society, under auspices of Mercantile Library Association, assists in celebration of birth of Washington	"
466.	April 3.	David	"
467.	April 10.	"	"
468.	May 14.	Hymn of Praise: Selections	"

FORTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1859 TO MAY 28, 1860.

469.	1859, Nov. 27.	Samson	Music Hall.
470.	Dec. 11.	"	"
471.	Dec. 25.	Messiah	"
	1860, Jan. 17.	Society assists in anniversary celebration of Franklin Typographical Association.	

FORTY-SIXTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1860 TO MAY 27, 1861.

472.	1860, Dec. 30.	Messiah	Music Hall.
473.	1861, Feb. 10.	Selections	"
474.	Mar. 17.	Selections: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	Boston Theatre
475.	Mar. 31.	Messiah	Music Hall.
476.	April 27.	In aid of the Government. Selections.	"

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FORTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1861 TO MAY 26, 1862.

477.	1861, Dec.	29.	Messiah	Music Hall.
478.	1862, Jan.	1.	For benefit of Sanitary Commission. Messiah	"
479.	Mar.	1.	<i>Dettingen Te Deum</i> : Hymn of Praise .	"
480.	April	20.	Creation	"

FORTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 26, 1862 TO MAY 25, 1863.

481.	1862, Oct.	25.	For benefit of Forty-First Regiment. Selections	Music Hall.
482.	Dec.	28.	Messiah	"
483.	1863, Mar.	15.	Elijah	"
484.	Mar.	22.	"	"

FORTY-NINTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 25, 1863 TO MAY 30, 1864.

485.	1863, Nov.	28.	Inauguration of great organ in Music Hall. Ode on St. Cecilia's Day: Hymn of Praise	Music Hall.
486.	Dec.	6.	Ode on St. Cecilia's Day: Hymn of Praise	"
487.	Dec.	27.	Messiah	"
488.	1864, Feb.	21.	Eli	"
489.	Mar.	27.	Messiah	"
490.	May	8.	Elijah	"

FIFTIETH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1864 TO JUNE 16, 1865.

491.	1864, Nov.	27.	Eli	Music Hall.
492.	Dec.	24.	Messiah	"
493.	Dec.	25.	"	"

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

494.	1865, May	23.	Hymn of Praise	Music Hall.
495.	May	23.	Creation	"
496.	May	24.	Selections	"
497.	May	25.	"	"
498.	May	25.	Selections from Israel in Egypt: Hymn of Praise	"
499.	May	26.	Selections	"
500.	May	27.	Organ concert	"
501.	May	27.	Selections	"
502.	May	27.	Elijah	"
503.	May	28.	Messiah	"

June 1. Society, under auspices of city of Boston, assists in memorial services in honor of Abraham Lincoln "

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

FIFTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM JUNE 16, 1865 TO MAY 28, 1866.

504.	1865, Oct. 15.	Creation	Music Hall.
505.	Nov. 19.	Judas Maccabæus	"
506.	Dec. 23.	" "	"
507.	Dec. 24.	Messiah	"
508.	Dec. 31.	Elijah	"
509.	1866, April 1.	St. Paul	"
510.	May 13.	Mendelssohn's Forty-Second Psalm and Hymn of Praise	"

FIFTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1866 TO MAY 27, 1867.

511.	1866, Nov. 25.	St. Paul	Music Hall.
512.	Dec. 23.	Messiah	"
513.	1867, Feb. 17.	Jephtha	"
514.	Feb. 24.	Creation	"
515.	April 20.	<i>Stabat Mater</i> : Hymn of Praise	"
516.	April 21.	Elijah	"

FIFTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1867 TO JUNE 3, 1868.

517.	1867, Nov. 23.	Selections: Mendelssohn's Forty-Second Psalm	Music Hall.
518.	Nov. 24.	Samson	"
	Nov. 26.	Society assists in memorial services in honor of John Albion Andrew	"
519.	Dec. 21.	Messiah	"
520.	Dec. 22.	"	"
521.	1868, Feb. 29.	Moses in Egypt	"
522.	Mar. 1.	Elijah	"

FIRST TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

523.	1868, May 5.	Mendelssohn's Ninety-Fifth Psalm and Hymn of Praise	Music Hall.
524.	May 5.	Samson	"
525.	May 6.	Selections	"
526.	May 7.	"	"
527.	May 7.	St. Paul	"
528.	May 8.	Selections: Ninth Symphony	"
529.	May 9.	Organ concert	"
530.	May 9.	Selections	"
531.	May 9.	Creation	"
532.	May 10.	Messiah	"

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FIFTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM JUNE 3, 1868 TO MAY 31, 1869.

533.	1868, Nov. 28.	Judas Maccabæus	Music Hall..
534.	Nov. 29.	Elijah	"
535.	Dec. 26.	Messiah	"
536.	Dec. 27.	Elijah	"
537.	1869, Mar. 27.	Naaman	"
538.	Mar. 28.	St. Paul	"
539.	May 20.	Selections: Hymn of Praise	"
	May 21.	Society assists in concert complimentary to Adelaide Phillipps. <i>Stabat Mater</i>	"

FIFTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1869 TO MAY 30, 1870.

	1869, June 15-19.	Society assists in National Peace Jubilee; and, on June 20 and 29, in concerts supplemental thereto	Coliseum..
540.	Dec. 25.	Messiah	Music Hall.
541.	Dec. 26.	Naamau	"
	1870, Mar. 11.	Society assists in celebration of fiftieth anniversary of Mercantile Library Association	"
542.	April 16.	Creation	"
543.	April 17.	Elijah	"

FIFTY-SIXTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1870 TO MAY 29, 1871.

	1870, June 16.	Society assists in concert in Beethoven Centennial. First part of Elijah: Selections	New York..
544.	Dec. 19.	Celebration of one hundredth anniversary of birth of Beethoven. Selections: Ninth Symphony	Music Hall..
545.	Dec. 24.	Messiah	"
546.	Dec. 25.	"	"
547.	1871, April 1.	"	"
548.	April 2.	Creation	"

SECOND TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

549.	May 9.	Selections: Hymn of Praise	Music Hall..
550.	May 10.	Selections	"
551.	May 10.	Elijah	"
552.	May 11.	Selections	"
553.	May 11.	Israel in Egypt	"
554.	May 12.	Selections: Ninth Symphony	"
555.	May 13.	Organ concert	"
556.	May 13.	Selections	"
557.	May 13.	Selections from Bach St. Matthew Passion Music: Woman of Samaria	"
558.	May 14.	Messiah	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 20, 1871 TO MAY 27, 1872.

	1871, Oct. 20.	Society assists in concert in aid of Chicago sufferers	Music Hall.
559.	Nov. 25.	Elijah	"
560.	Nov. 26.	Judas Maccabæus	"
	Dec. 10.	Society assists in concert in honor of Grand Duke Alexis of Russia . .	"
561.	Dec. 24.	St. Paul	"
562.	Dec. 25.	Messiah	"
563.	1872, Jan. 13.	<i>Stabat Mater</i> : Selections	"
564.	Jan. 14.	Elijah	"

FIFTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1872 TO JUNE 2, 1873.

	1872, June 16.	Society assists in anniversary services of American Peace Society	Music Hall.
	June 17-July 4.	Society assists in World's Peace Jubilee and International Musical Festival; and particularly, on June 24, in performance of Israel in Egypt, Handel and Haydn Society forming first chorus, and Salem, Lynn, and West Roxbury Societies united forming second chorus	Coliseum.
565.	Dec. 22.	Messiah	Music Hall.
566.	1873, Feb. 8.	Elijah	"
567.	Feb. 9.	Judas Maccabæus	"
568.	April 22.	Elijah	Steinway Hall, New York.
569.	April 23.	Selections from Israel in Egypt: Hymn of Praise	" "
570.	April 24.	Elijah	Academy of Music, Brooklyn.
	April 26.	Society assists in Theodore Thomas Symphony concert. Selections: Ninth Symphony	Steinway Hall, New York.

FIFTY-NINTH SEASON.

FROM JUNE 2, 1873 TO MAY 25, 1874.

571.	1873, Dec. 21.	Messiah	Music Hall.
572.	1874, April 5.	Elijah	"

THIRD TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

573.	May 5.	Judas Maccabæus	Music Hall.
574.	May 6.	Selections	"
575.	May 6.	First Part of The Seasons: Ninth Symphony	"

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576.	1874, May	7.	Selections, including Mendelssohn's Hear my Prayer and <i>Christus</i> , and Buck's Forty-Sixth Psalm	Music Hall.
577.	May	8.	Selections	"
578.	May	8.	St. Matthew Passion Music	"
579.	May	9.	Organ concert	"
580.	May	9.	Selections	"
581.	May	9.	St. Peter	"
582.	May	10.	Messiah	"

583.	May	11.	Elijah	"

SIXTIETH SEASON.

FROM MAY 25, 1874 TO MAY 31, 1875.

584.	1874, Dec.	26.	Messiah	Music Hall.
585.	Dec.	27.	St. Paul	"
586.	1875, Feb.	6.	To associate members. Selections, including Buck's Forty-Sixth Psalm and Mendelssohn's Hear my Prayer and Hymn of Praise	"
587.	Mar.	28.	Creation	"
588.	April	28.	The Seasons	"

SIXTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1875 TO MAY 29, 1876.

589.	1875, Nov.	8.	Elijah	Music Hall.
590.	Dec.	25.	Messiah	"
591.	Dec.	26.	Creation	"
592.	1876, April	9.	St. Matthew Passion Music	"
593.	April	12.	Hymn of Praise: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
594.	April	16.	Joshua	"

SIXTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM MAY 29, 1876 TO MAY 28, 1877.

595.	1876, Dec.	24.	Messiah, with additional accompaniments written for Society by Robert Franz	Music Hall.
596.	1877, April	1.	Joshua	"

FOURTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

597.	May	16.	Elijah	Music Hall.
598.	May	17.	Selections, including Noël	"
599.	May	17.	First two parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio: Redemption Hymn: Song of Victory	"
600.	May	18.	Samson	"
601.	May	19.	Selections	"
602.	May	20.	Israel in Egypt	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

SIXTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1877 TO MAY 27, 1878.

603.	1877, June	5.	Elijah	Tabernacle
604.	June	20.	Messiah	"
605.	Oct.	10.	Elijah	"
606.	Oct.	28.	Selections, including Hear My Prayer: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	Music Hall.
607.	Dec.	23.	First two parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio: Redemption Hymn: Noël,	"
608.	Dec.	25.	Messiah	"
609.	1878, Mar.	6.	St. Paul	"
610.	April	21.	Creation	"
611.	May	5.	Verdi Requiem	"

SIXTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1878 TO MAY 28, 1879.

612.	1878, Nov.	24.	Verdi Requiem	Music Hall.
613.	Dec.	22.	Messiah	"
614.	1879, Feb.	9.	Selections, including Redemption Hymn and Berlioz's The Flight into Egypt: Hymn of Praise	"
615.	April	11.	St. Matthew Passion Music (entire, in two concerts)	"
616.	April	13.	Judas Maccabæus	"
617.	May	2.	Complimentary to Carl Zerrahn at close of his twenty-fifth season as con- ductor. Elijah	"

SIXTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1879 TO MAY 31, 1880.

618.	1879, Nov.	23.	Selections, including The Flight into Egypt: The Prodigal Son	Music Hall.
619.	Dec.	28.	Messiah	"
620.	1880, Mar.	28.	Israel in Egypt	"

FIFTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

621.	1880, May	4.	St. Paul	Music Hall.
622.	May	5.	The Last Judgment: <i>Stabat Mater</i>	"
623.	May	6.	Selections, including Mendelssohn's Forty-Third Psalm: Ninth Symphony.	"
624.	May	6.	Verdi Requiem	"
625.	May	7.	First two parts of The Seasons: The Deluge	"
626.	May	8.	Selections, including Utrecht <i>Jubilate</i>	"
627.	May	9.	Solomon	"

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SIXTY-SIXTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1880 TO MAY 30, 1881.

628.	1880, Oct.	11.	Dedication of Tremont Temple. Messiah	Tremont Temple.
629.	Oct.	13.	Dedication of Tremont Temple. Elijah	"
630.	Dec.	26.	Messiah	Music Hall.
631.	1881, Jan.	30.	Mozart Requiem: Mount of Olives	"
632.	April	15.	St. Matthew Passion Music (not entire).	"
633.	April	17.	St Paul	"

SIXTY-SEVENTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1881 TO MAY 29, 1882.

634.	1881, Dec.	25.	Messiah	Music Hall.
635.	1882, Feb.	5.	Graun's The Death of Jesus: Hymn of Praise	"
	Mar.	27.	Society assists in concert in aid of op- pressed Jews fleeing from Russia.	Mechanics Hall.
636.	April	7.	St. Matthew Passion Music (entire, in two concerts)	Music Hall.
637.	April	9.	Creation	"
	May	5.	Society assists in performance of Israel in Egypt with societies from New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, under Theodore Thomas. 7th Regiment Armory, New York.	

SIXTY-EIGHTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 29, 1882 TO MAY 28, 1883.

638.	1882, Nov.	13.	Creation	Mechanics Hall.
639.	Dec.	24.	Messiah	Music Hall.
640.	1883, Jan.	29.	The Redemption	"
641.	Mar.	23.	" "	"
642.	Mar.	25.	Elijah	"

SIXTH TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL.

643.	1883, May	1.	Ode on St. Cecilia's Day: Tower of Babel	Music Hall.
644.	May	2.	The Nativity: Cherubini Mass in D minor	"
645.	May	3.	Selections, including Choral Fantasia	"
646.	May	3.	The Redemption	"
647.	May	4.	Arminius	"
648.	May	5.	Selections	"
649.	May	6.	Messiah	"

CONCERTS GIVEN BY THE

SIXTY-NINTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1883 TO MAY 26, 1884.

650.	1883, Ncv.	11.	Celebration of four hundredth anniversary of birth of Martin Luther. Bach's A Stronghold Sure: Hymn of Praise	Music Hall
651.	Dec.	25.	Messiah	"
652.	1884, Feb.	26.	The Redcmption	Mechanics Hall.
653.	April	11.	St. Matthew Passion Music (not entire).	Music Hall.
654.	April	13.	St. Paul	"

SEVENTIETH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1884 TO MAY 25, 1885.

Season devoted to works of Handel, in observance of bi-centenary of his birth, Feb. 23, 1885.

655.	1884, Dec.	21.	Messiah	Music Hall.
656.	1885, Feb.	22.	Handel Selections	"
657.	April	5.	Israel in Egypt	"

SEVENTY-FIRST SEASON.

FROM MAY 25, 1885 TO MAY 31, 1886.

658.	1885, Dec.	27.	Messiah (Franz edition)	Music Hall.
659.	1886, Jan.	24.	<i>Mors et Vita</i> (entire, in two concerts).	"
660.	April	25.	Elijah	"

SEVENTY-SECOND SEASON.

FROM MAY 31, 1886 TO MAY 30, 1887.

661.	1886, Dec.	26.	Messiah	Music Hall.
662.	1887, Feb.	27.	Selections from Bach Mass in B minor: Song of Victory	"
663.	April	10.	Creation	"

SEVENTY-THIRD SEASON.

FROM MAY 30, 1887 TO MAY 28, 1888.

664.	1887, Dec.	25.	Messiah	Music Hall.
665.	1888, Jan.	29.	Berlioz's <i>Te Deum</i> : The Nativity	"
666.	Mar.	4.	St. Matthew Passion Music (not entire).	"
667.	April	1.	Judas Maccabæus	"

SEVENTY-FOURTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 28, 1888 TO MAY 27, 1889.

668.	1888, Dec.	23.	Messiah	Music Hall.
669.	1889, Feb.	24.	Verdi Requiem: Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer	"
670.	April	21.	St. Paul	"

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SEVENTY-FIFTH SEASON.

FROM MAY 27, 1889 TO MAY 26, 1890.

671. 1889, Dec. 22. Messiah Music Hall.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

672. 1890, April 6. Elijah Music Hall.

673. April 8. First two parts of Bach's Christmas

Oratorio: Selections: Parker's St.

John "

674. April 10. The Redemption "

675. April 13. Israel in Egypt "

CHARTER

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Thomas Smith Webb, Amasa Wiochester, Nathaniel Tucker, and Matthew Stanley Parker, together with such as may become associated with them, and their successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic and Corporation, for the purpose of extending the knowledge and improving the style of performance of Church music, by the name of the Handel and Haydn Society; and by that name they may sue and be sued, have a common seal, and the same at pleasure alter, and be entitled to all the powers and privileges incident to aggregate Corporations.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation shall at their first or some subsequent meeting choose a President, Treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary or convenient for the government and regulation of said Corporation and its property. They shall have the power to make standing rules or by-laws for prescribing the terms of office and duties of their officers, for regulating the terms on which persons may be admitted and continue members of the Corporation, and generally for the regulation of their affairs.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation shall be capable of taking and holding real estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, which estate shall never be divided among the members of the Corporation, but shall descend to their successors, subject only to the payment of the just debts to be incurred by said Corporation.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That Thomas Smith Webb shall have power to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by appointing a time and place therefor, and giving notice thereof to the other persons named and incorporated by this act.

In the House of Representatives, February 7, 1816. This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

In Senate, February 9, 1816. This bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

JOHN PHILLIPS, *President.*

February 9th, 1816.

Approved.

CALEB STRONG.

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ARTICLE I.

THE Government of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and eight Directors, who shall together constitute a Board of Management, to be denominated "The Board of Government of the Handel and Haydn Society."

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society for the choice of officers and for the transaction of business, on the fourth Monday in May; notice of such meeting, or any adjournment thereof, being given by publication in two or more daily papers published in Boston, and also by personal notification of members where deemed advisable.

The election shall be by ballot, and all the Directors may be voted for on one ticket. No person shall serve as a Director for more than three years in succession. In case the Society should fail to choose any of its officers on the aforesaid day, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time, until such election is completed, provided, however, that no more than two weeks shall intervene from one adjournment to another.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Government may be filled by the Society at any business meeting, notice that such vacancy is to be filled being advertised in the same manner as herein provided for calling annual or special meetings.

ARTICLE III.

Twenty members shall constitute a quorum of the Society for the transaction of business; but a less number shall be competent to adjourn for business to a day certain.

ARTICLE IV.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Government. At all meetings for the performance of music, the President may conduct the same, or a suitable Musical Director may be appointed at the discretion of the Board.

It shall be the duty of the President, or of the Secretary if the

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President shall so direct, to make a report in writing, at the Annual Meeting, of the operations of the Society for the preceding year, with such suggestions and comments as the best interests of the Society may seem to require.

ARTICLE V.

In case of the death, resignation, disability, or absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties; in case of the death, resignation, disability, or absence of both these officers, the senior Director shall succeed to the same duties; and, in the absence of both President and Vice-President at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Government, the senior Director present shall preside. Senior, as here used, shall mean earliest in office in point of time; and, if at any time this definition shall apply equally to two or more Directors, then as among such Directors seniority in age shall govern.

ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Government shall superintend the prudential affairs of the Society; they shall have power to judge of the qualifications of candidates; to select music for performances; to provide suitable accommodations for the Society; to remit arrearages due from members, when, in their opinion, the circumstances of such members require it, or the best interests of the Society will be promoted thereby; they shall, for the purposes of the agreement between the Handel and Haydn Society of the one part, and J. Baxter Upham, John P. Putnam, and Nathaniel Harris of the other part, dated May 28, 1866, and creating a Permanent Fund, constitute the Board of Trustees of the Corporation, and shall have power to transfer such surplus moneys of the Society as may not be needed for current expenses to the Trustees of said Permanent Fund, to be by them held and disposed of in accordance with the terms of said agreement; and shall generally transact, manage, and direct everything which the interests of the Society may in their judgment demand, which is not specially provided for in these articles. It shall be their duty to assemble together as often as occasion may require, and the necessary expenses incurred at such meetings shall be defrayed from the funds of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Government, give all necessary notices of meetings, receive all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and, when required by the Board of Government, shall report the amount of such payments.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall take charge of the Society's funds, and whenever required shall render an account to the Board of Government of all moneys received, and of the state of the treasury. He shall, at the Annual Meeting, make a report of his receipts and disbursements as Treasurer, which report, duly audited, shall be placed on the files of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a catalogue of the music and musical instruments belonging to the Society, and to have the general care and superintendence of the library. He shall, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, make a report of the condition of the property under his care.

ARTICLE X.

The right to assess or tax members of the Society for any purpose whatever shall rest exclusively with the Society, and the Board of Government shall in no case exercise this power, unless authorized so to do by a special resolution of the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

Public performances of sacred music may be given whenever the Board of Government shall determine.

ARTICLE XII.

Meetings of the Society for business shall be holden whenever it is deemed expedient by the President, or a majority of the Board of Government, or whenever twenty or more members shall make a request in writing to the President therefor; notice of such business or special meeting to be given as provided in Article II. There shall be weekly meetings for the practice of music; but one or more of them may be omitted, or additional ones appointed, whenever the Board of Government shall so order. Rehearsal may be suspended during the months of May, June, July, August, and September, at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

No debate or discussion of any question shall be allowed at any meeting held for the practice of music.

ARTICLE XIV.

No person shall be admitted a member of the Society, unless he be approved by the Board of Government, and receive at least three fourths of the votes of all the members present and voting at the time he is balloted for ; and no person shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society until he shall have signed the by-laws and paid an admission fee of five dollars ; and, if he shall, without satisfactory excuse, neglect so to qualify for thirty days from the time of his election, he shall be considered as having declined to become a member.

ARTICLE XV.

Two thirds of the members present at any business meeting shall be competent to expel any member who shall be guilty of a breach of the by-laws of the Society, or of any misconduct or disorderly behavior.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member desirous of withdrawing from the Society shall make known his desire, in writing, to the Board of Government, and they shall grant his request, provided he shall first discharge and pay all debts that may be due from him to the Society.

ARTICLE XVII.

Any member refusing or neglecting for the space of three months to pay money due from him to the Society, shall, at the discretion of the Board of Government, forfeit his membership, but shall, nevertheless, be liable to pay all such arrears.

ARTICLE XVIII.

No member of the Society, except an officer, or member of twenty years' standing, or member retired from the chorus by the Board of Government under Article XIX, when present at any public performance or rehearsal, shall absent himself from his seat in the choir, on penalty of forfeiture of his membership.

ARTICLE XIX.

Any member, except one of twenty years' standing, or one retired from the chorus by the Board of Government as hereinafter provided, who shall absent himself from the meetings of the Society for two successive regular rehearsals, and who fails to give to the Board of

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Government, through the Secretary, or the Superintendent of his part of the chorus, a satisfactory excuse for his absence, may be suspended from his rights and privileges by a vote of the Board of Government.

The Secretary shall, if practicable, notify such member of his suspension; and the member so suspended may, upon application to the Board of Government, be reinstated, if his reasons for absence are deemed sufficient. If they are deemed insufficient, the Board may give such applicant a final discharge, either honorable or dishonorable, as the circumstances of the case may warrant.

The Board of Government may, previous to any concert in which the Society is advertised to take part, suspend from participation in such concert such members as are, in their opinion, incompetent to sing the music to be performed.

The Board of Government may permanently retire from the chorus any members that are not, in the judgment of the Board, qualified to sing in the chorus. No member shall be so retired until he has been examined or had an opportunity to be examined in such manner as the Board shall determine.

ARTICLE XX.

No forfeiture of membership shall take place under the XVIIth, XVIIIth, or XIXth Articles, without the concurrence of a majority of the whole Board of Government; and in each case of forfeiture, the member shall be notified thereof by the Secretary in writing.

ARTICLE XXI.

Any member of the Board of Government who shall be absent from three successive meetings of the Board, without giving a satisfactory excuse, may be reported to the Society at any regular meeting, and the Society may declare his seat at the Board vacant.

ARTICLE XXII.

Any member who has belonged to the Society for twenty successive years, or who has been retired from the chorus by the Board of Government under Article XIX, shall be entitled to an honorary ticket instead of an active chorus ticket. An honorary ticket shall admit the holder to all rehearsals and concerts of the Society, but not to a seat in the chorus at concerts; and no attendance shall be required of him. A twenty years' member, though having previously taken an honorary ticket, may at any time exchange it for a chorus ticket, unless he has been retired from the chorus by the Board of Government under Article XIX. Except as otherwise provided herein and

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in Articles XVIII and XIX, a twenty years' member or a retired member shall retain all his former rights and privileges, and be subject to all other liabilities of membership.

ARTICLE XXIII.

The Board of Government may admit as honorary members of the Society such persons as are distinguished for their love of music, or their zeal for the promotion of the objects of this institution; which honorary members shall be entitled to attend all the Society's rehearsals and public performances, but shall have no other rights or privileges of membership.

ARTICLE XXIV.

These articles may be altered or amended by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting thereon at any legal meeting of the Society; the proposed amendments or alterations having been read at a previous meeting, and notice of the same having been given in the call for the meeting.

DEED OF TRUST

CREATING A PERMANENT FUND

This agreement, made this 28th. day of May A. D. 1866, by and between the Handel and Haydn Society, a Corporation created by and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the one part, and J. Baxter Upham and John P. Putnam, of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and Nath'l Harris, of Brookline in the County of Norfolk, in said Commonwealth, of the second part, witnesseth: —

That, whereas the said Corporation is desirous of creating for its benefit a "Permanent Fund," the foundation of which shall be the net proceeds from the Great Festival of May, 1865, to be increased from the profits of future concerts and festivals and from the donations and legacies of their friends and patrons, or otherwise;

And whereas the parties of the second part have agreed to hold the said Fund, with its future income and increase, for the benefit of the said Corporation, in the manner hereinafter specified:

Now, therefore, the said Corporation do hereby give and transfer to the said Upham, Putnam, and Harris the sum of *two thousand dollars*, being the net proceeds, to the Society, of said Festival, and its increase up to this present time, to be held by them, the said Upham, Putnam, and Harris and their successors, *in trust*, for the following uses and purposes, to wit: —

1st. They shall invest and at their discretion sell and re-invest the said sum of two thousand dollars in such manner and at such times as they shall deem judicious.

2nd. They shall pay over the annual income from said Fund to the said Corporation, if the said Corporation shall notify them in writing, ten days at least before the date of their annual meeting in each year, of their wish so to receive it, and a majority of the Trustees shall assent thereto; otherwise they shall add such income from year to year to the "Permanent Fund," and shall invest it and re-invest it in the same manner as is above provided in reference to the principal.

3rd. They shall in the same manner invest and re-invest and dispose of the income of any future contributions to the said "Permanent Fund" which shall be made from time to time, by the said Society, by donations from its friends and patrons, by legacies, or otherwise.

4th. They shall make a written report to the said Corporation, at its annual meeting, of the condition of said Fund, with such details as to its management as the said Corporation shall direct. They shall, if required by the said Corporation, give satisfactory bonds for the faithful discharge of their trust.

5th. The President of the said Corporation, for the time being, shall at all times be one of the said Trustees, and the said J. Baxter Upham,

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the now President of the Corporation, shall continue one of said Trustees so long as he shall continue to be such President, and whenever he shall cease to be such President, his duties and obligations as one of the said Trustees shall cease, and whoever shall be chosen in his place as President of the said Corporation, shall be his successor in said Trust, and shall continue such until another shall be chosen such President, — and so on, so long as this Trust shall exist.

The other two Trustees shall continue such until the decease or resignation of either of them, and in case of such decease or resignation the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Trustees of said Corporation; — provided that no person shall be elected to fill such vacancy who is a member of the Corporation other than the President aforesaid.

6th. During the time that any vacancy exists in the Board of Trustees the remaining Trustee or Trustees shall have the same power as though the Board was full.

7th. This Trust shall continue until such time as the said Corporation, by the unanimous vote of its Board of Trustees for the time being, and a majority of the Trustees of the "Permanent Fund" shall revoke it: — and, in such event, the said Trustees shall transfer and convey to the said Corporation all the property, of every kind, held by them in trust, — the same to be thereafter held by the said Corporation absolutely, for its own use and benefit, free and discharged from all trusts, — provided, that in no case shall this Fund ever be divided among the members of said Corporation; — and by such action the said Trustees, and each of them, shall be released and discharged from all further duties or liabilities in the premises.

8th. And the said Trustees, parties of the second part, hereby signify their acceptance of said Trust and hereby agree with the said Corporation to discharge all their duties and obligations herein contained, to the best of their judgment and discretion, being responsible only, each one, for his own wilful neglect, and not for the default or neglect of either of his associates.

In Testimony of all which, the said parties have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written, the said Corporation acting herein by Loring B. Barnes, its Secretary, thereto duly authorized by a vote of the Corporation.

[Seal of the
Handel and Haydn
Society.]

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY,
By LORING B. BARNES, *Secy.*

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J. BAXTER UPHAM }
J. P. PUTNAM } *Trustees.*
NATH'L HARRIS }

SUBSEQUENT TRUSTEES.

May 16, 1881. HENRY P. KIDDER, *vice* Nathaniel Harris, deceased.

Sept. 11, 1882. HENRY L. HIGGINSON, *vice* John P. Putnam, deceased.

April 15, 1886. OLIVER W. PEABODY, *vice* Henry P. Kidder, deceased.

OFFICERS

1815 (April)

Pres. THOMAS SMITH WEBB. | *Sec.* MATTHEW S. PARKER.
V. Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER. | *Treas.* NATHANIEL TUCKER.

Trustees. Elnathan Duren, Benjamin Holt, Joseph Bailey, Charles Nolen, Ebenezer Withington, John Dodd, Jacob Guild, William K. Phipps, Samuel H. Parker.

1815 (September)

Pres. THOMAS SMITH WEBB. | *Sec.* MATTHEW S. PARKER.
V. Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER. | *Treas.* NATHANIEL TUCKER.

Trustees. Elnathan Duren, Benjamin Holt, Joseph Bailey, Charles Nolen, John Dodd, Ebenezer Withington, Jacob Guild, William K. Phipps, Jonathan Huntington.

1816

Pres. THOMAS SMITH WEBB. | *Sec.* MATTHEW S. PARKER.
V. Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER. | *Treas.* NATHANIEL TUCKER.

Trustees. Elnathan Duren, Benjamin Holt, Joseph Bailey, John Dodd, Ebenezer Withington, Jacob Guild, Jonathan Huntington, William Rowson, Otis Everett.

1817

Pres. BENJAMIN HOLT. | *Sec.* MATTHEW S. PARKER.
V. Pres. JOSEPH BAILEY. | *Treas.* NATHANIEL TUCKER.

Trustees. Amasa Winchester, John Dodd, Jacob Guild, Jonathan Huntington, William Rowson, Otis Everett, Ebenezer Frothingham, Luke Hemmenway, William Coffin, Jr.

1818

Pres. BENJAMIN HOLT. | *Sec.* MATTHEW S. PARKER.
V. Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER. | *Treas.* NATHANIEL TUCKER.

Trustees. Joseph Bailey, John Dodd, Jacob Guild, Jonathan Huntington, William Rowson, Otis Everett, Luke Hemmenway, William Coffin, Jr., Ebenezer Frothingham.

1819

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER. | *Sec.* JOSEPH LEWIS.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD. | *Treas.* EBENEZER FROTHINGHAM.

Trustees. Benjamin Holt, Jacob Guild, Nathaniel Tucker, Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Huntington, William Rowson, Otis Everett, William Coffin, Jr., Robert Rogerson.

OFFICERS.

1820

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. EBENEZER FROTHINGHAM.

Trustees. Benjamin Holt, Jacob Guild, Nathaniel Tucker, Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Huntington, William Rowson, Otis Everett, William Coffin, Jr., Robert Rogerson.

1821

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. EBENEZER FROTHINGHAM.

Trustees. Benjamin Holt, Jacob Guild, Nathaniel Tucker, Matthew S. Parker, William Rowson, Otis Everett, William Coffin, Jr., Robert Rogerson, Allen Whitman.

1822

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. EBENEZER FROTHINGHAM.

Trustees. Benjamin Holt, Jacob Guild, Matthew S. Parker, William Rowson, Otis Everett, William Coffin, Jr., Robert Rogerson, Allen Whitman, Nathaniel Ford.

1823

Pres. ROBERT ROGERSON.
V. Pres. JOSEPH BAILEY.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN, JR.

Trustees. Amasa Winchester, John Dodd, Benjamin Holt, Matthew S. Parker, William Rowson, Otis Everett, Allen Whitman, Nathaniel Ford, Ebenezer Frothingham.

1824

**Pres.* ———.
V. Pres. JOSHUA STONE.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN, JR.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, Otis Everett, William Rowson, Allen Whitman, Nathaniel Ford, Ebenezer Frothingham, James Sharp, Joshua Vose, Samuel Sanger.

1825

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER.
V. Pres. JOSHUA STONE.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN, JR.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, John Dodd, Otis Everett, Allen Whitman, Samuel Sanger, James Sharp, Joshua Vose, Nathaniel Ford, Bela Hunting.

1826

Pres. AMASA WINCHESTER.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, Otis Everett, Allen Whitman, Nathaniel Ford, Samuel Sanger, James Sharp, Joshua Vose, Bela Hunting, Samuel Richardson.

* Amasa Winchester was elected, but he declined, and the vacancy was not filled.

1827

Pres. LOWELL MASON.
V. Pres. JOHN DODD.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Amasa Winchester, James Sharp, Samuel Richardson, Matthew S. Parker, Bela Hunting, Allen Whitman, Joshua Vose, Samuel Topliff, Samuel Sanger.

1828

Pres. LOWELL MASON.
V. Pres. JAMES SHARP.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, Increase S. Withington, Allen Whitman, Bela Hunting, Christopher Gore, Samuel H. Jenks, James Clark, John H. Pray, Jubal Howe.

1829

Pres. LOWELL MASON.
V. Pres. SAMUEL RICHARDSON.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. James Sharp, Matthew S. Parker, Increase S. Withington, Samuel H. Jenks, Bela Hunting, James Clark, John H. Pray, Jubal Howe, George W. Edmands.

1830

Pres. LOWELL MASON.
V. Pres. SAMUEL RICHARDSON.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. James Sharp, Matthew S. Parker, Increase S. Withington, Samuel H. Jenks, James Clark, Bela Hunting, John H. Pray, Jeremiah Washburn, George W. Edmands.

1831

Pres. LOWELL MASON.
V. Pres. INCREASE S. WITHINGTON.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. James Sharp, Jeremiah Washburn, George W. Edmands, John G. Brown, John G. Roberts, Jonas Chickering, George Bacon, Francis C. Whiston, Lorenzo S. Cragin.

1832

Pres. SAMUEL RICHARDSON.
V. Pres. CHARLES W. LOVETT.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Lowell Mason, Jeremiah Washburn, Jonas Chickering, John G. Roberts, George Bacon, Nathaniel Clark, John G. Brown, Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Bowditch, Jr.

1833

Pres. SAMUEL RICHARDSON.
V. Pres. CHARLES W. LOVETT.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Jonas Chickering, John G. Roberts, George Bacon, Nathaniel Clark, John G. Brown, Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Bowditch, Jr., George W. Edmands, John H. Pray.

OFFICERS.

1834

Pres. CHARLES W. LOVETT.
V. Pres. JONAS CHICKERING.

Sec. JOSEPH LEWIS.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Bowditch, Jr., Nathaniel Clark, Abner Bourne, James Sharp, James Clark, Martin Wilder, Calvin Bullard, Jubal Howe.

1835

Pres. CHARLES W. LOVETT.
V. Pres. JONAS CHICKERING.

Sec. ALLEN WHITMAN.
Treas. WILLIAM COFFIN.

**Trustees.* James Sharp, James Clark, Calvin Bullard, Martin Wilder, Silas P. Meriam, William Learnard, Isaac K. Wise, John Bigelow.

1836

Pres. BARTHOLOMEW BROWN.
V. Pres. GEORGE JAMES WEBB.

Sec. J. HILL BELCHER.
Treas. ABNER BOURNE.

Trustees. John Dodd, William Coffin, Jeremiah Washburn, John G. Roberts, Silas P. Meriam, Nathaniel Clark, Jonathan Bowditch, Jr., Calvin Bullard, Isaac K. Wise.

1837

Pres. GEORGE JAMES WEBB.
V. Pres. JONAS CHICKERING.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
Treas. ABNER BOURNE.

Trustees. John Dodd, James Clark, William Coffin, Jeremiah Washburn, George W. Edmands, Silas P. Meriam, Nathaniel Clark, John G. Roberts, Jubal Howe.

1838

Pres. CHARLES ZEUNER.
V. Pres. EPHRAIM L. FROTHINGHAM.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
Treas. ABNER BOURNE.

Trustees. John Dodd, Nathaniel Clark, Jeremiah Washburn, William Coffin, Matthew S. Parker, John H. Pray, George W. Edmands, George Hews, John G. Roberts.

1839

Pres. INCREASE S. WITHINGTON.
V. Pres. GEORGE HEWS.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
Treas. ABNER BOURNE.

Trustees. Matthew S. Parker, John H. Pray, George W. Edmands, John Bigelow, Benjamin C. Harris, David Tillson, Ezra Weston, Jr., Silas P. Meriam, Isaac Cary.

1840

Pres. GEORGE JAMES WEBB.
V. Pres. GEORGE HEWS.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
†*Treas.* ABNER BOURNE.

‡*Trustees.* Increase S. Withington, Matthew S. Parker, John H. Pray, John Bigelow, Benjamin C. Harris, David Tillson, Ezra Weston, Jr., Silas P. Meriam, Isaac Cary.

* Joseph Clark was elected, but he declined acting, and never met with the board.

† July 21, 1840, Matthew S. Parker was elected in place of Abner Bourne, deceased.

‡ July 21, 1840, John F. Payson was elected in place of Matthew S. Parker, elected treasurer.

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1841

Pres. GEORGE JAMES WEBB.
V. Pres. GEORGE HEWS.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
Treas. MATTHEW S. PARKER.

Trustees. Increase S. Withington, David Tillson, Silas P. Meriam, Isaac Cary, John F. Payson, Samuel Topliff, Eber Taylor, Dexter W. Wiswell, Lorenzo S. Cragin.

1842

Pres. JAMES CLARK.
V. Pres. GEORGE HEWS.

Sec. WILLIAM LEARNARD.
Treas. MATTHEW S. PARKER.

Trustees. Lorenzo S. Cragin, John F. Payson, Samuel Topliff, Eber Taylor, Dexter W. Wiswell, Abraham O. Bigelow, George W. Lloyd, George W. Edmands, Jonathan E. Hazelton.

1843

Pres. JONAS CHICKERING.
V. Pres. JOSIAH Q. WETHERBEE.

Sec. ABRAHAM O. BIGELOW.
Treas. MATTHEW S. PARKER.

Trustees. Lorenzo S. Cragin, Samuel Topliff, Eber Taylor, Dexter W. Wiswell, George W. Edmands, Jonathan E. Hazelton, N. Cushing Byram, John G. Faxon, Silas P. Meriam.

1844

Pres. JONAS CHICKERING.
V. Pres. BENJAMIN F. BAKER.

Sec. ABRAHAM O. BIGELOW.
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* indicates that membership was terminated by death; *r*, by resignation; *d*, by discharge.

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2	Amasa Winchester	*	25	Ebenezer Frothingham	*
3	Samuel H. Parker	*	26	E. T. F. Richardson . * . . .	*
4	Elnathan Duren	r	27	George Cushing	r
5	William Rowson	*	28	Ebenezer Goodrich	d
6	Nathaniel Tucker	*	29	Peter Osgood	d
7	Benjamin Holt	*	30	John Mackay	*
8	Charles Nolen	*	31	Abner Bourne	*
9	John Dodd	*	32	Thomas Marshall	*
10	Joseph Bailey	*	33	William Simmons	*
11	George Singleton	*	34	Samuel Floyd	*
12	Luke Eastman	r	35	Aaron Peabody	d
13	Samuel Richardson	*	36	Elisha Baker	*
14	Matthew S. Parker	*	37	Ebenezer Withington	*
15	Otis Everett	*	38	Abel Duren	d
16	Charles French	d	39	James Pierce	*
17	Chester Stebbins	*	40	Luke Hemenway	r
18	Jacob Guild	d	41	Isaac Davis	*
19	Gottlieb Graupner	*	42	Stephen Childs	*
20	Jonathan Huntington	*	43	Moody Park	d
21	Nathaniel Meriam	*	44	William K. Phipps	d
22	James Clark	*	45	Joseph Mulliken	*
23	Christopher Lincoln	d	46	Alexi Eustaphieve	*

1815-16

47	Christopher Gore	June 1, 1815	*
48	John F. Payson	"	*
49	Jonathan Loring, Jr.	"	r
50	Melvin Lord	"	d
51	Silas Barrett	"	*
52	Samuel H. Jenks	"	r

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53	Joshua Vose	June	1, 1815	*
54	Thomas L. Paine		"	d
55	William Dillaway		"	r
56	William T. Eustis		"	r
57	Thomas V. Dillaway		"	r
58	William Jepson		"	*
59	Elijah Thayer		"	r
60	Elijah Mears		"	*
61	James Coolidge		"	*
62	John Hart		"	d
63	William Coffin, Jr.	July	6, 1815	*
64	Bela Hunting		"	r
65	Samuel Stockwell		"	*
66	William Wright		"	*
67	John H. Pray		"	*
68	Edward Horsman		"	*
69	Levi Meriam		"	*
70	Noah Hill		"	*
71	Francis W. Waldo	Aug.	3, 1815	*
72	James McAllaster		"	r
73	Edward Jewett		"	d
74	Joseph Adams		"	r
75	Gershom Cobb		"	*
76	William Learnard		"	*
77	George Pollock	Sept.	7, 1815	*
78	Pliny Hayes		"	d
79	George Bawn		"	r
80	Nahum Mitchell	Oct.	5, 1815	*
81	Bartholomew Brown		"	*
82	Jerome Nichols	"	26 "	d
83	Nathaniel Clark		"	*
84	John Bridge		"	r
85	George Warren		"	*
86	Ebenezer Hunt		"	*
87	Lewis Wood	Nov.	9, 1815	*
88	Caleb Andrews		"	r
89	Tristram Vose		"	*
90	Francis Jackson		"	r
91	J. Smallidge		"	*
92	Frederick Lincoln	"	23 "	r
93	Boardman Williams		"	*
94	Thomas Badger, Jr.		"	*
95	Joseph Lewis		"	*
96	Benjamin Pitman		"	d
97	Ebenezer Newcomb		"	d
98	Lewis Leland	"	30 "	d
99	Peter Wainwright, Jr.	Dec.	7, 1815	d
100	Joseph Clark		"	*

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101	Sidney Merrill	Dec. 7, 1815	*
102	Daniel Staniford	"	*
103	William A. Codman	March 7, 1816	*
104	Jonathan Fowle, Jr. . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
105	Joshua Stone . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
106	Benjamin P. Williams . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
107	William Denton . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
108	Ralph Smith . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
109	Allen Whitman . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
110	Hervey Nolen . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
111	Samuel Jewett . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
112	David Reed . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
113	Jonathan French . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
114	John L. Phillips . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
115	John W. Hyde	Apr. 2, 1816	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
116	Nathaniel Munro . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
117	Nathaniel B. Homer . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
118	Elijah Nevers . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
119	Jonathan Hagar . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
120	Benjamin Barnes, Jr. . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
121	Neil Pollock . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
122	Thomas Mason . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
123	Nathan Fiske . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
124	Caleb Hartshorn . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
125	E. Shaw, 3d	May 2, 1816	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
126	N. Lovejoy . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
127	William Fracker . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
128	Torrey Hancock . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
129	Thomas Park . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
130	Benjamin B. Davis . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
131	Asa Warren . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
132	Charles Beck . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
133	Ezra Hawkes . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
134	Thomas G. Bangs . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
135	D. Messinger, Jr. . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
136	Calvin Washburne	Aug. 6, 1816	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
137	Benjamin Huntington . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	*

1816-17

138	Henry Pomroy	Oct. 1, 1816	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
139	Joshua Cheever . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
140	Addison Searle . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
141	James Sharp	" 15 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
142	Aaron Holbrook . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
143	John G. Brown	"	d
144	Thaddeus Baldwin	Nov. 19, 1816	r
145	Richard G. Cole	"	d
146	Aaron Rice	"	r

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147	Ebenezer B. Nichols	Nov. 19, 1816	*
148	Silas Dodd	Dec. 3, 1816	d
149	John Glynn	Jan. 28, 1817	d

1817-18

150	Joseph W. Newell	Oct. 7, 1817	*
151	Thomas G. Farnsworth	"	d
152	Samuel Topliff	"	r
153	William Blake	"	r
154	Benjamin Rouse	"	r
155	Isaac S. Tompkins	"	d
156	Jonathan Bingham	"	r
157	Thomas Whittemore	"	d
158	Henry Davis	"	d
159	Horace Fox	"	d
160	Thomas H. White	"	d
161	Charles Brintnall	"	r
162	Jacob R. White	"	d
163	Zeba Cushing	"	d
164	Jedediah Barker	" 14 "	d
165	John Chadwick	"	*
166	John Ewell	Nov. 18, 1817	*
167	Isaac Bird	"	*
168	John Cushing	"	d
169	R. Webster	"	r
170	Joseph H. Eayrs	Dec. 9, 1817	d
171	Seth B. Cook	"	d
172	John Leonard	"	d
173	Joseph W. Welch	"	*
174	George W. Welsh	" 30 "	d
175	John Fuller	"	d
176	Luther Priest	"	d
177	Isaac Kendall	"	d
178	Marshal Keith	Feb. 3, 1818	*
179	Allan Pollock	Mar. 10, 1818	*
180	Samuel Smith	"	d
181	Hodges Reed	"	d
182	Isaac S. Coffin	"	d
183	John Ware	"	d
184	Abel W. Bruce	June 16, 1818	d
185	Thomas V. Dillaway	"	r
186	Theodore D. Parker	"	d
187	Benjamin Pray	"	r

1818-19

188	George R. M. Withington	Sept. 1, 1818	d
189	John Holman	"	*
190	Jonas Chickering	Oct. 4, 1818	*

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191	John Whitney	Oct. 6, 1818	d
192	John T. Brigham	"	d
193	Samuel Sanger	"	d
194	Thomas Vose	Nov. 10, 1818	*
195	Isaac Adams	"	r
196	John Cheever	"	*
197	Henry Bowen	"	d
198	John Spring	"	r
199	N. B. Mountfort	"	d
200	Nathaniel Hayden, Jr.	"	d
201	Robert Rogerson	" 26 "	d
202	Henry Burnett	"	d
203	Ralph B. Holland	Dec. 6, 1818	d
204	Charles Everett	" 15 "	d
205	Nathaniel Griggs	"	d
206	Isaac Learnerd, Jr.	"	d
207	Justus Lincoln	"	d
208	Lemuel Clark	"	d
209	Charles H. Carroll	Feb. 9, 1819	d
210	David R. Griggs	"	d
211	James Hooton	Apr. 20, 1819	d

1819-20

212	Stephen Parker, Jr.	Dec. 9, 1819	d
213	Isaac K. Wise	"	*
214	Lewis Pierce	Jan. 14, 1820	*
215	Nathaniel Ford	"	r
216	Barney Clap	"	d
217	N. C. Martin	"	r
218	Eliphalet Thayer	"	r
219	Moses Mandell	"	d
220	John H. Belcher	Mar. 16, 1820	d

1820-21

221	Martin Wilder	Oct. 3, 1820	*
222	David Child	"	d
223	James Averill	"	d
224	James G. Bacon	"	r
225	Peter Hern	"	d
226	John Farrie, Jr.	"	*
227	George Denny	"	r
228	Samuel Moody	"	*
229	Ephraim L. Frothingham	"	r
230	Elijah Cobb, Jr.	"	r
231	N. D. Gould	"	r
232	Joseph Eustis, Jr.	" 31 "	d
233	Henry Jones	Nov. 10, 1820	*
234	A. H. Haskell	"	d

MEMBERS.

235	Moses W. Copeland	Jan. 2, 1821	d
236	Josiah Wheelwright	"	r
237	Increase S. Withington	"	*
238	Lorenzo S. Cragin	"	*
239	George W. Edmands	"	d
240	Elisha Horton	"	r
241	Isaac Chamberlin	"	*
242	Charles Guild	"	d
243	Charles Bicknell	"	d
244	Abner Ball	Feb. 2, 1821	d
245	Shepherd Leach	"	*
246	Jonathan Bowditch, Jr.	Mar. 6, 1821	d
247	Asa Gowen	"	d
248	Sidney Mandell	May 1, 1821	d
249	Oliver Chandler	June 5, 1821	d
250	Benjamin C. Harris	"	*

1821-22

251	William Gragg	Oct. 2, 1821	d
252	Lowell Mason	" 17 "	*
253	Jeremiah P. Smith	Nov. 27, 1821	*
254	Ephraim Buck	"	d
255	Daniel Gould, Jr.	"	*
256	Jonathan A. Richards	"	d
257	Michael Whittmore, Jr.	"	d
258	David W. Child, Jr.	Dec. 4, 1821	*
259	Samuel S. Reynolds	Jan. 1, 1822	d
260	John M. Robertson	"	*
261	Elbridge Brown	"	d
262	Samuel S. Miles	"	d
263	Joseph Hayward	"	d
264	Samuel Tidd	"	*
265	Edward Haskell	"	*
266	Benjamin G. Hill	Feb. 5, 1822	d
267	William H. Richardson	"	d
268	James Pierce, Jr.	"	d
269	Aaron Capen	" 26 "	r
270	Edward H. Fessenden	May 7, 1822	r
271	William Stearns	Aug. 6, 1822 . . . . .	.
272	William Nichols	"	r
273	Dexter C. Force	" 17 "	r

1822-23

274	Francis Jennison	Sept. 17, 1822	*
275	Jubal Howe	"	*
276	Francis C. Whiston	"	d
277	Robert French	Dec. 3, 1822	d
278	John Roberts	"	*

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279	Amasa G. Smith	Dec. 3, 1822	d
280	William Howe	"	d
281	Nahum Ball	"	d
282	Charles Nolen, Jr.	Jan. 7, 1823	*
283	Calvin Bullard	Feb. 4, 1823	*
284	Nathaniel Brackett	"	d
285	Derastus Clapp	"	r
286	David J. Badger	Mar. 13, 1823	d
287	George H. Holbrook	"	d
288	Elisha Wood, Jr.	Apr. 1, 1823	d

1823-24

289	Jeremiah Washburn	Nov. 4, 1823	*
290	George H. Lane	"	*

1824-25

291	James Fenno	Sept. 7, 1824	d
292	Emery Alexander	"	d
293	Ehenezer Alexander, Jr.	Dec. 7, 1824	*
294	Charles P. Allen	"	d
295	Joseph Leonard	"	*
296	Charles L. Force	Apr. 5, 1825	*
297	Hosea Bartlett	"	d
298	Samuel Davis, Jr.	June 7, 1825	r
299	Lyman Biglow	Aug. 2, 1825	d

1825-26

300	Ephraim Willy	Oct. 4, 1825	d
301	Ziba Cary	"	*
302	Charles W. Lovett . . . . .	" . . . . .	.
303	Nathaniel H. G. Oliver	" 8 "	*
304	Marcus Coburn	Dec. 6, 1825	d
305	John Bartlett	"	*
306	Abraham Bickford	" 20 "	d
307	M. B. Hunting	"	r
308	J. M. Dodd	"	r
309	William B. Oliver	"	d
310	Luther B. Wyman	Jan. 3, 1826	r
311	Thomas B. Hawkes	Mar. 6, 1826	r

1826-27

312	Jonathan E. Hazelton	Oct. 17, 1826	d
313	Joseph Dowe	"	d
314	William Small	"	r
315	S. S. Rice	"	d
316	William H. Henderson	Dec. 5, 1826	d
317	Reuben Gerry	"	d

MEMBERS.

318	Warren Fisher	Feb. 6, 1827	*
319	John Stratton	Feb. 6, 1827	d

1827-28

320	Nathan F. Kingsley	Nov. 6, 1827	
321	Eber Taylor	"	*
322	Edward H. Holbrook	Dec. 4, 1827	d
323	Isaac Hall	Jan. 1, 1828	*
324	Samuel H. Jenks	"	
325	James J. Fullerton	"	r
326	P. P. Pond	Mar. 4, 1828	d

1828-29

327	Seth J. Thomas	Jan. 11, 1829	d
328	Erastus F. Brigham	"	d
329	Joseph Brown	"	d
330	George Meriam	Aug. 4, 1829	*
331	Silas P. Meriam	"	*
332	Charles Harlow	"	*

1829-30

333	Edward R. Adams	Oct. 6, 1829	r
334	Isaac Cary	Nov. 15, 1829	*
335	Josiah E. Challis	"	r
336	William Johnson	Mar. 9, 1830	*
337	George W. Lewis	"	*

1830-31

338	Edward J. Long	Oct. 5, 1830	*
339	George James Webb	"	r
340	George Hews	Dec. 12, 1830	*
341	James Harrod	Feb. 6, 1831	*
342	George F. Gwinn	Mar. 20, 1831	d
343	Thomas Comer	Aug. 14, 1831	d
344	John Bigelow	"	*
345	Joseph N. Pierce	"	r

1831-32

346	E. R. Hansen	Oct. 23, 1831	
347	Eben F. Gay	Nov. 1, 1831	r
348	Henry Card	"	d
349	J. B. Kimball	Jan. 22, 1832	
350	Charles Stedman	"	r
351	James Hooton	"	d
352	Silas Allen, Jr.	Aug. 7, 1832	d
353	Daniel Wilder	"	r

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1832-33

354	Volney Wilder	Oct. 21, 1832	r
355	J. W. Webster	" 28 "	*
356	Dexter W. Wiswell	Jan. 1, 1833	*
357	S. R. Blaney	" 13 "	d
358	David C. Long	" 20 "	*
359	Henry F. Alexander	"	*

1833-34

360	David Tillson	Feb. 4, 1834	*
361	Lucius D. Alexander	"	d
362	G. William T. Jones	"	r
363	Theodore A. Gore	"	d

1834-35

364	Timothy Brown	Sept. 28, 1834	d
365	Lewis Wilder	"	r
366	James R. Aikin	Nov. 4, 1834	*
367	Edward H. Aiken	"	d
368	Marshall Johnson, Jr.	"	*
369	Charles Henderson	" 9 "	*

1835-36

370	Alfred H. Pratt	Nov. 1, 1835	d
371	Gilbert Cutting	Apr. 17, 1836	*
372	Solomon B. Cushing	"	*
373	Theodore Hach	Aug. 16, 1836	r
374	Abraham O. Bigelow	"	*

1836-37

375	Anselm Lothrop	Sept. 24, 1836	d
376	N. Cushing Byram	Nov. 13, 1836	*
377	William R. Bradford	"	r
378	Mark Googin	"	d
379	Allston Allen	Jan. 15, 1837	r
380	George W. Lloyd	"	d
381	Leonard Marshall	Apr. 16, 1837	d
382	Benjamin F. Baker	"	*
383	Albert G. Barker	"	r
384	George W. Ellis	May 21, 1837	*
385	Jarvis Lothrop	"	*
386	Isaiah D. Richards	"	r
387	Hiram Swift	"	r

1837-38

388	Isaac Spear	Sept. 17, 1837	d
389	John D. Labree	Oct. 3, 1837	*

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390	James B. Nason	Oct. 3, 1837	d
391	Ephraim Wildes	" "	*
392	Ezekiel W. Pike	" 14 "	d
393	Sumner Hill	Feb. 4, 1838	d
394	Alexander S. Lincoln	"	d

1838-39

395	Converse Hill	Oct. 21, 1838	d
396	E. Weston, Jr.	"	r
397	Thomas Ball	"	d
398	James Dyer	"	*
399	Samuel P. Tuckerman	"	r
400	William M. Byrnes	Jan. 20, 1839	*
401	Charles Young	Feb. 3, 1839	r
402	Horace G. Barrus	" 17 "	d

1839-40

403	Philip W. Goodridge	Sept. 15, 1839	*
404	Peleg Strong	"	d
405	John S. Farlow	Nov. 17, 1839	*
406	Aaron Butler	"	d
407	Elijah W. Palmer	"	*
408	James Prideaux	"	*
409	Edmund Bates	Dec. 22, 1839	d
410	William G. Moody	"	r
411	Henry Schmidt	" 28 "	d
412	David F. Felt	Feb. 14, 1840	*
413	George B. Jones	Apr. 19, 1840	r
414	J. W. Wright	"	d
415	William H. Wellington	May 25, 1840	*
416	Samuel C. Ware	June 28, 1840	*
417	Josiah Q. Wetherbee	"	*
418	Josiah L. Fairbanks	"	*
419	O. C. B. Carter	"	d
420	W. Treubeck	July 5, 1840	*

1840-41

421	L. Lemaire	Nov. 8, 1840	d
422	Tilden H. Keen	"	d
423	William H. Jones	"	d
424	Jonathan E. Hazelton	"	d
425	James Lloyd Oliver	Dec. 20, 1840	d
425	Davis Howard	"	*
427	E. B. Dearborn	July 18, 1841	*
428	H. W. Greatorex	Aug. 10, 1841	d

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1841-42

429	Oren J. Faxon	Sept. 12, 1841	d
430	Otis Clapp	" 19 "	*
431	George W. Palmer	"	d
432	Wymond Bradbury	"	d
433	George Minot	Oct. 24, 1841	d
434	Joel H. Walker	Jan. 2, 1842	d
435	James E. Dodd	"	r
436	David Carter	"	*
437	Osgood Eaton	"	d
438	Denison Kimberly	" 9 "	r
439	Joseph Morrill, Jr.	" 16 "	d
440	Edwin Brown	" 23 "	*
441	Joseph J. Whiting	"	*
442	John G. Faxon	Mar. 6, 1842	*
443	Henry Allen	Apr. 10, 1842	*
444	Lorenzo P. Leeds	"	*

1842-43

445	Joel Clapp	Sept. 6, 1842	d
446	Charles H. Safford	Oct. 4, 1842	*
447	John A. Nowell	"	*
448	Benjamin T. Roath	"	d
449	Edward Denny	"	d
450	Leverett A. Lull	Nov. 1, 1842	d
451	Edwin Tilden	"	d
452	Aaron P. Richardson	"	*
453	David A. Granger	"	d
454	Mark Worthley	Dec. 6, 1842	*
455	Charles P. Adams	"	r
456	John G. Hovey	"	*
457	Joseph H. Ward	"	d
458	George P. Carter	"	*
459	Reuben Howard	"	*
460	William D. Clark	"	d
461	James T. Bicknell	"	*
462	Henry Pierce	Jan. 3, 1843	d
463	John T. Lyon	Feb. 7, 1843	d
464	Robert H. Clouston	"	*
465	James W. Patterson	"	d
465a	R. S. Denny	Mar. 7, 1843	*
465b	Barney Cory	"	*
465c	James S. Sweet	Apr. 4, 1843	*
465d	John Dearborn	May 2, 1843	*

1843-44

466	Horace Leland	Oct. 3, 1843	d
467	James J. Fullerton	"	r

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468	Leonard Marshall	Oct. 10, 1842	*
469	Henry L. Dean	Nov. 9, 1843	d
470	Augustus K. Gardner	" 11 "	r
471	Daniel Ruggles	" 13 "	
472	Martin Wilder, 2d	"	
473	John F. Fellows	Dec. 8, 1843	r
474	William Parkman	" 13 "	r
475	James G. Swan	" 20 "	d
476	Warren White	" 25 "	d
477	George W. Hunnewell	Jan. 3, 1844	*
478	James Alexander	" 6 "	d
479	Theodore T. Barker	"	d
480	Frederic Davis	" 15 "	d
481	Henry M. Aiken	"	r
482	Henry S. Cutler	Feb. 10, 1844	d
483	David Paine	"	d
484	George P. Cox	"	d
485	F. F. Farwell	" 25 "	*
486	Lewis Hall	Mar. 7, 1844	d
487	Joseph W. Cox	Apr. 6, 1844	d
488	Albert Eaton	" 13 "	d
489	Hiram Fogg	" 23 "	d

1844-45

490	Thomas B. Frothingham	Oct. 3, 1844	r
491	Harvey Jewell	"	r
492	Bridge Wheat	" 4 "	*
493	Joachim Gervasio (Jos. G. Oakes)	"	*
494	John E. Gould	" 5 "	d
495	Pliny Jewell, Jr.	"	r
496	Caleb T. Curtis	Nov. 7, 1844	d
497	D. T. Haraden	"	d
498	E. J. Titcomb.	"	
499	Alfred Whitney	" 8 "	d
500	Joseph P. Moulton	"	
501	Ebenezer Smith	" 9 "	d
502	L. P. Homer	"	d
503	Benjamin Butler	"	d
504	William Daniels	" 11 "	
505	J. H. Adams, Jr.	"	
506	I. D. Brewer	" 16 "	d
507	Samuel S. Chase	" 17 "	d
508	George S. Parker	"	
509	Osgood Bradbury	"	d
510	Alexander W. Thayer	Jan. 10, 1845	
511	Joseph S. Eastman	" 11 "	*
512	S. P. Brooks	" 18 "	d
513	L. S. Frost	" 24 "	d
514	J. A. Pray	Feb. 3, 1845	

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515	Edwin Faxon	Feb. 4, 1845	
516	Samuel H. Millard	"	
517	Enoch B. Morse	"	d
518	Daniel B. Newhall	" 8 "	*
519	Charles A. Tufts	" 17 "	
520	Reuben Kingsbury	"	
521	Luther G. Rice	May 8, 1845	d
522	Charles B. Morton	June 5, 1845	*

1845-46

523	Edward Frothingham	Dec. 5, 1845	r
524	Abner C. Kidder	" 6 "	*
525	B. W. Field	Dec. 6, 1845	d
526	Edwin Bruce	"	d
527	M. S. Johnson	" 16 "	
528	Thomas Ball	Apr. 3, 1846	

1846-47

529	Joseph A. Keller	Oct. 24, 1846	d
530	Nathaniel Reeves	Nov. 5, 1846	d
531	Dexter Bowker	"	*
532	James Draper	" 6 "	d
533	George F. Hayter	"	*
533a	B. E. DeLand	" 7 "	d
534	Charles W. Smith	"	r
535	John Butler	" 9 "	r
536	Henry T. Lincoln	" 13 "	
537	Henry N. Stone	" 20 "	r
538	Samuel H. Barnes	Feb. 4, 1847	d
539	T. H. Emmons	" 12 "	d
540	John W. Odiorne	"	*
541	Andrew N. Burton	"	
542	James B. Richards	" 18 "	d
543	R. H. Hooper	" 20 "	
544	George Phippen	Mar. 1, 1847	d
545	John H. Titcomb	Apr. 19, 1847	d
546	H. L. Hazelton	June 16, 1847	

1847-48

547	George W. Bird	Nov. 2, 1847	*
548	N. A. H. Ball	"	d
549	John E. Clark	Jan. 5, 1848	
550	John W. Bartlett	" 6 "	d
551	W. R. Babcock	" 11 "	d
552	C. H. Webb	" 22 "	
553	Elton R. Smille	"	
554	I. Louis Brackett	Mar. 16, 1848	d
555	H. W. Fairbanks	"	d

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1848-49

556	Henry C. Freeman	Sept. 5, 1848	
557	William Hawes	" 16 "	
558	Isaac T. Safford	" 26 "	
559	Gustavus V. Hall	" 27 "	d
560	Peter S. Gilman	"	*
561	William H. Wadleigh	Dec. 9, 1848	
562	Samuel S. Tuckerman	" 11 "	d
563	Simeon S. Ames	" 14 "	d
564	Joseph A. Leonard	Jan. 1, 1849	
565	Henry S. Thomson	"	

1849-50

566	William B. Bothamly	Sept. 29, 1849	d
567	Gilbert Clark,	Nov. 6, 1849	d
568	Joseph W. Foster	" 15 "	d
569	John H. Proctor	"	*
570	Charles C. Perkins	May 27, 1850	*

1850-51

571	Eben H. Frost	Sept. 6, 1850	d
572	George C. Richards	Nov. 3, 1850	d

1851-52

573	Lyman B. Meston	Sept. 12, 1851	d
574	George Fisher	" 20 "	
575	James W. Rollins	" 29 "	d
576	Joel F. Larrabee	"	d
577	Charles C. Wentworth	Oct. 23, 1851	d
578	J. Haskell Long	" 24 "	r
579	Edward Faxon	Nov. 1, 1851	*
580	Edward Hamilton	"	*
581	S. B. Ball	Dec. 11, 1851	*
582	Loring B. Barnes	"	*
583	George W. C. Washburn	" 18 "	
584	J. H. Low	" 29 "	
585	Irving I. Harwood	Jan. 6, 1852	
586	S. S. Clement	"	*

1852-53

587	Edward L. Balch	Sept. 14, 1852	r
588	Charles T. Sylvester	"	
589	Charles H. Seaverns	" 18 "	d
590	Louis N. Tucker	" 21 "	d
591	George W. Garland	" 23 "	d
592	C. Judson Merrill	Oct. 1, 1852	*
593	Hiram S. Mathews	" 4 "	d
594	C. A. Perry	" 5 "	r
595	William Kurtz	" 7 "	*

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596	Stephen Somes	Oct. 9, 1852	*
596a	W. F. Twitchell	" 11 "	d
597	Samuel H. Gregory	" 12 "	d
598	John C. Woods	" 25 "	d
599	Elisha Turner	" 27 "	d
600	Samuel M. Newhall	" 30 "	d
601	Charles Butler	Nov. 2, 1852	d
602	William Langley	" 4 "	*
603	Anselm Lothrop	"	*
604	William Dustin	" 6 "	d
605	Charles S. Park	"	*
606	D. B. Clements	" 14 "	d
607	Robert Kemp	" 16 "	d
608	John Newell	"	d
609	George E. Gamage	Dec. 15, 1852	d
610	G. William Hill	"	d
611	John J. Dyer	" 16 "	d
612	S. Nolen	"	d
613	Theophilus Stover	" 28 "	*
614	Tilon Robinson	Jan. 6, 1853	*
615	Edward B. Gurney	" 15 "	d
616	J. P. Draper	"	d
617	J. W. Munroe	Feb. 1, 1853	d
618	Henry Stone	" 9 "	*
619	Robert M. Lowell	"	d
620	Edwin Brown	"	r
621	Edward C. Guild	" 11 "	d
622	Samuel S. Chase	" 14 "	d
623	Samuel Carter	" 16 "	d
624	A. W. Woodward	" 24 "	*
625	Daniel M. Adams	" 25 "	d
626	Nathan Sanborn	" 26 "	d
627	George H. Coney	Mar. 5, 1853	d
628	Charles H. Chase	" 9 "	d
629	T. A. Upham	" 22 "	d
630	Alvan Kingman	" 26 "	d
631	Josiah Hobart	"	r
632	John B. Edmands	June 27, 1853	d
633	E. A. Newman	July 4, 1853	*

1853-54

634	William D. Brewer	Sept. 10, 1853	d
635	William L. Elliot	" 16 "	d
636	Charles E. Hill	" 22 "	d
637	John A. Peabody	"	d
638	Thomas D. Morris	"	*
639	C. P. Weeks	Oct. 8, 1853	d
640	J. H. L. Slayton	" 22 "	d
641	Leonard O. Grover	Nov. 5, 1853	d

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642	Gardner Gove	Nov. 5, 1853	d
643	Levi E. Day	"	d
644	John N. Danforth	"	d
645	William Garrett	" 17 "	r
646	David Alden	" 18 "	d
647	Asa Hull	" 22 "	d
648	George P. Cox	" 26 "	d
649	John B. Pewtress	"	*
650	Frank N. Scott	Dec. 31, 1853	d
651	S. N. Watson	Jan. 7, 1854	r
652	I. Henry K. Downes	" 10 "	r
653	George B. Melvin	" 12 "	d
654	George E. Hodge	"	d
655	Jonathan C. Woodman	"	d
656	Henry Leeds, Jr.	" 14 "	d
657	Nathan Lincoln	"	d
658	J. J. Perkins	Mar. 6, 1854	d
659	J. H. Shaw	"	d

1854-55

660	Hubert Stone	Oct. 6, 1854	d
661	William H. Pray	" 7 "	d
662	Alfred Andrews	" 10 "	d
663	H. W. Carstens	" 12 "	d
664	John T. Lyon	" 17 "	d
665	Alfred N. Proctor	Nov. 4, 1854	d
666	Joseph W. Boynton	"	d
667	Josceph M. Shattuck	"	d
668	James Williams	"	d
669	James Rice	"	d
670	Ransom F. Evans	" 17 "	d
671	Franklin J. Brazier	"	*
672	J. C. Page	"	d
673	George W. Heywood	" 25 "	d
674	I. B. Benton	"	d

1855-56

675	D. Lyman Laws	Oct. 3, 1855	*
676	S. F. Carter	" 6 "	*
677	George Dimond	" 7 "	d
678	Charles C. Poole	"	d
679	William H. Gerrish	" 8 "	d
680	C. R. Hatch	" 9 "	d
681	George Patten	" 11 "	d
682	John Appleton	" 12 "	d
683	Marcus Morton	" 13 "	d
684	J. R. Miller	" 20 "	d
685	D. P. Lincoln	" 22 "	d
686	O. Frank Clark	" 27 "	d

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687	C. T. Lang	Nov. 1, 1855	d
688	Oliver B. Lothrop	" 10 "	
689	Horace W. Barry	" 12 "	
690	E. G. Shaw	" 14 "	d
691	Benjamin C. Vose	"	r
692	R. C. Metcalf	"	d
693	William Anderson	"	d
694	Charles R. Adams	"	
695	L. B. Hanaford	Dec. 14, 1855	d
696	C. Francis Chickering	May 26, 1856	*
697	Henry T. Bryant	June 16, 1856	d

1856-57

698	Isaac Woodward	Sept. 25, 1856	*
699	Ansel Pendergrass	" 27 "	*
700	Simeon Fuller	Oct. 25, 1856	d
701	Charles H. Johnson	"	
702	A. T. Bennett	"	d
703	James D. Kent	"	*
704	H. Farnam Smith	"	d
705	George M. Thacher	"	*
706	Charles P. Emerson	"	d
707	Frederick A. Searle	"	d
708	Curtis Brown	"	*
709	Charles W. Simmons	"	d
710	A. B. Brown	"	d
711	Frank Howard	"	d
712	Theron J. Dale	"	r
713	Hiram Wilde	"	
714	E. S. Howe	"	d
715	Arthur Hall	Dec. 22, 1856	d
716	William H. Johnson	"	d
717	Edmund T. Eastman	"	d
718	Thomas Pritchett (Chas. F. King)	"	*
719	Nelson Mann	"	d
720	William B. Merrill	"	r
721	James M. F. Howard	"	d
722	C. E. Whiting	"	d
723	John W. Leatherbee	Mar. 16, 1857	d
724	H. C. Barnabee	May 5, 1857	r
725	George D. Capen	" 7 "	d
726	George H. Chickering	May 16, 1857	
727	Charles F. Browne	June 3, 1857	d
728	Lyman B. Meston	"	d

1857-58

729	Stillman J. Quimby	Dec. 16, 1857	d
730	George W. Garland	"	
731	Dexter Reeves, Jr.	"	

MEMBERS.

732	Samuel G. Parsons	Dec. 16, 1857	d
733	George W. Ware	"	d
734	William M. Goodridge	"	d
735	Augustus G. Greenwood	"	d
736	A. W. Brown	"	*
737	W. L. Wakefield	"	d
738	B. L. Cushing	"	d
739	William S. Pelletier	"	r
740	Sebastian B. Schlessinger	"	d
741	W. Frank Mullin	"	r
742	Frederic Dame	"	*
743	E. W. White	"	d
744	L. W. Johnson	"	*
745	O. B. Brown	"	r
746	Reuben Dimond	"	d
747	Edward L. Balch	"	*
748	S. Lothrop Thorndike	"	r
749	Frederick O. Ellis	"	
750	George W. Hinds	"	d
751	G. B. Pearson	"	*
752	Charles A. Gage	"	d
753	George H. Nason	"	
754	Chandler Wright	"	d
755	Alanson Bigelow, Jr.	Mar. 19, 1858	r
756	W. H. Daniels	"	d
757	Charles P. Daniell	"	d
758	F. J. Whittemore . . (759)	"	d
759	George G. Colman . . (758)	" 24 "	d
760	William C. Eustis	Apr. 3, 1858	
761	D. E. Washburn	" 5 "	d
762	Isaac Morehouse	May 3, 1858	d
763	F. K. Simonds	"	d
764	Oliver Edwards	" 17 "	r
765	Thomas E. Chickering	" 31 "	*

1858-59

766	Alfred W. Bates	Dec. 7, 1858	r
767	Caleb E. Niebuhr	"	
768	A. B. Lincoln	"	r
768a	Albert N. Daniels	"	
769	H. Townsend	"	d
770	Charles W. Smith	"	r
771	Charles C. Ewer	"	d
772	Gideon T. Mansfield	Feb. 4, 1859	d
773	George S. Cheney	"	d
774	O. L. Fuller	"	d
775	W. S. Ring	"	r

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1859-60

776	J. A. Rising	Oct. 27, 1859	d
777	Barlow Hall	"	d
778	H. A. Cook	"	d
779	John G. Duffy	"	d
780	Henry J. Sweny	"	d
781	Edwin Holmes	"	d
782	Royal Keth	"	d
783	John G. Tompson, Jr.	"	d
784	John D. Long	"	d
785	Joseph Borrowscale	"	d
786	William H. Blood	"	d
787	George H. Bradford	"	d
788	John Haskins, Jr.	"	*
789	J. C. Wilson	"	*
790	Francis V. B. Kern	"	r
791	Clinton V. Mason	"	d
792	Joseph H. Smalley	Jan. 7, 1860	d
793	Leonard Denham	"	d
794	George W. Lawrence	"	d
795	John W. Kinnicutt	"	r
796	S. A. Howland	"	d
797	C. E. Howland	"	d
798	George O. Brigham	"	d
799	A. F. Poole	"	d
800	N. R. Andersen	Mar. 8, 1860	d
801	Daniel Nowlan	July 23, 1860	d

1860-61

802	J. T. Croft	Oct. 23, 1860	d
803	Alfred E. Ausorge	Nov. 23, 1860	d
804	W. F. Gale	"	d
805	Alonzo Leavitt (809)	"	d
806	W. O. Perkins (805)	Dec. 29, 1860	d
807	H. S. Perkins (806)	"	d
808	Robert G. Perry (807)	"	d
809	S. D. Bassett (808)	"	d
810	John S. Sawyer	"	d
811	N. B. Boutwell	Apr. 6, 1861	d
812	J. Baxter Upham	June 4, 1861	d

1861-62

813	Edwin Clapp	Nov. 7, 1861	d
814	John H. Stickney	"	*
815	Thomas Atkinson, Jr.	"	d
816	Edward T. Cowdrey	"	d
817	John J. Henry	" 14 "	d
818	D. B. Whittier	Dec. 8, 1861	d

MEMBERS.

1862-63

819	Edwin A. Kimball	Oct. 12, 1862	d
820	S. Frank Crockett	Feb. 18, 1863	r
821	S. M. Downs	"	d
822	H. H. Beach	"	r
823	G. Francis Topliff	"	d
824	J. Kennedy	"	d
825	Nathaniel Head	"	d
826	S. B. Colburn	"	d

1863-64

827	C. H. W. Wood	Nov. 1, 1863	r
828	William H. Randall	"	r
829	Samuel P. Prentiss	"	d
830	John W. Porter	"	r
831	William P. Butler	"	r
832	William D. Wiswell	"	*
833	M. Grant Daniell	"	
834	W. Trask Barry	"	d
835	William J. Hyde	" 8 "	
836	Charles T. Plimpton	"	d
837	Albert B. Cole	"	d
838	George P. Lasselle	"	d
839	Alfred H. McKenney	"	d
840	Francis T. Irish	"	d
841	Arthur Reed	"	
842	Charles E. Homer	"	d
843	J. F. Goddard	"	d
844	W. A. Richards	"	
845	George W. Jackson	"	d
846	H. O. Apthorp	"	r
847	J. B. Fiske	"	d
848	John B. Goodrich	"	d
849	J. G. Smith	"	d
850	B. F. Bennett	"	r
851	Thomas H. Holland	"	d
852	S. W. Trowbridge	"	d
853	George Ilsley	"	d
854	Joseph Bird	"	r
855	Horace Bird	"	d
856	Jacob Chany	"	d

1864-65

857	James J. Putnam	Nov. 10, 1864	d
858	G. W. Lindsey	"	
859	John C. Warren	"	r
860	George C. Wiswell	"	
861	E. D. Faulkner	"	

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862	George W. Spaulding	Nov. 10, 1864	d
863	L. G. Sylvester	"	d
864	James L. Hunt	"	d
865	William F. Bradbury	"	d
866	T. W. Trowbridge	"	d
867	Charles A. Burditt	"	r
868	James W. Jones	"	d
869	George H. Wentworth	"	d
870	L. H. Gurney	"	d
871	Charles Howard	"	d
872	S. H. O. Hadley	"	d
873	H. E. Holt	"	d
874	J. R. Hopkins	"	d
875	H. H. Mansfield	"	d
876	Charles P. Putnam	March 2, 1865	d
877	George N. Spear	"	d
878	Charles E. Hodgkins	"	d
879	George M. Brown	"	d
880	Harrison Conkey	"	d

1865-66

881	James Perley	Nov. 1, 1865	d
882	Charles Edwin Fuller	"	*
883	J. M. Lincoln	"	*
884	George H. S. Driver	"	d
885	H. E. Valentine	"	d
886	S. H. Spaulding	"	d
887	T. C. Webb	"	*
888	J. Q. Chace	"	*
889	Samuel A. Angier	"	d
890	William W. Bemis	"	r
891	J. A. Houston	"	r
892	Francis H. Underwood	"	r
893	Ellery C. Daniell	"	d
894	J. R. Winch	"	r
895	C. G. Dana	"	d
896	Martin Draper, Jr.	"	*
897	A. J. Hadley	"	*
898	J. H. Badger	"	r
899	H. H. Boardman	"	d
900	J. Haven Hanson	"	d
901	James P. Rice	"	d
902	W. N. Lovering	"	d
903	L. W. Mason	"	d
904	J. F. Winch	"	r
905	Reuben Ring	"	d
906	G. H. Wood	"	d
907	Thomas B. Fitts	"	d
908	S. C. Harris	"	d

MEMBERS.

909	M. T. Eayrs	Nov. 1, 1865	r
910	H. B. Farley	"	d
911	John D. Andrews	"	d
912	James W. Cheney	"	d
913	Francis H. Jenks	"	d
914	Porter S. Allen	"	d
915	Henry A. Coffin	" 21 "	*
916	George H. Newell	"	d
917	John A. Tompson	"	d
918	D. B. Lyman	"	d
919	Edward Y. White	"	d
920	R. Bourne	"	d
921	Samuel Jennison	"	d
922	John Wilson	"	d
923	C. C. Bourne	"	d
924	Regis Chauvenet	"	d
925	Lewis B. Monroe	"	d
926	F. Henry Chadwick	"	d
927	George P. Raymond	"	d
928	A. Parker Browne	"	d
929	F. H. Raymond	"	r
930	G. Gravenhorst	"	r
931	James T. Drown	"	r
932	William H. Wilson	"	d
933	Charles W. Goddard	"	d
934	E. A. Burbank	Mar. 14, 1866	d
935	M. J. Mandell	"	d
936	O. F. Wadsworth	"	r
937	J. P. Estabrook	"	d
938	Frank H. Lee	"	d
939	T. Frank Reed	"	*
940	Leonard B. Adams	"	r
941	Roger S. Rundlett	"	d
942	William W. Richards	"	d
943	William N. Eayrs	" 15 "	d
944	Henry R. Stone	"	d
945	Frank A. Carpenter	"	d
946	Charles F. King	"	*
1866-67			
947	Henry J. Perkins	Oct. 14, 1866	d
948	F. C. Loring, Jr.	Nov. 4, 1866	r
949	H. Loewe	" 7 "	d
950	George W. West	"	d
951	Edward L. Norris	"	d
952	Dwight M. Turner	"	d
953	E. G. Gardner	"	d
954	Henry B. Williams	"	d
955	Joseph E. Keates	"	d

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956	John Robertson	Nov. 7, 1866	d
957	Henry F. Wight	"	d
958	Charles H. Danforth	"	
959	E. S. Metcalf	"	d
960	Thomas G. Ford	"	d
961	John N. Morse	"	d
962	Samuel F. Williams	"	d
963	F. K. Drake, Jr.	"	d
964	J. E. Perkins	"	*
965	Sewall A. Faunce	Jan. 28, 1867	r
966	E. F. Lowe	"	d
967	Frank T. Eustis	"	d
968	James P. Lewis	"	d
969	C. A. Moor	"	d
970	A. W. Edmands	"	d
971	Charles R. Abell	"	r
972	Joseph S. Robinson	"	d
973	Frederic Dodge	"	r
974	Rollin B. Fisher	"	r
975	John A. Burrows	"	d
976	W. A. Webber	"	d
977	Albert K. Hebard	"	
978	George H. Meader	"	
979	Henry D. Putnam	May 9, 1867	d

1867-68

980	Richard W. Smith	Nov. 13, 1867	
981	George L. Gardner	"	d
982	J. Q. Henry	"	r
983	William Dodd	"	d
984	J. R. Baldwin	"	r
985	Edmund S. Clark	"	r
986	Edward Stanwood	"	d
987	Ozias Goodwin	"	*
988	N. O. Whitcomb	"	
989	Lebbeus Leach, Jr.	"	
990	William A. Packard	"	d
991	Amos M. Leonard	"	d
992	P. A. Butler	"	d
993	Charles M. Bassett	"	d
994	R. P. Wright	"	
995	James M. Atwood	"	d
996	B. W. Hayes	"	d
997	Francis C. Ropes	Mar. 26, 1868	d
998	George C. Mann	"	r
999	Moses Carpenter	"	d
1000	H. K. White, Jr.	"	d
1001	Benjamin F. Dymond (1002)	"	r
1002	George W. Warren (1001)	June 3, 1868	*

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1868-69

1003	L. P. Williams	Nov. 19, 1868	d
1004	W. H. Freeman	"	d
1005	George C. Beckwith	"	d
1006	James E. R. Hill	"	
1007	John E. Hobbs	"	
1008	A. J. Tenney	"	*
1009	C. B. Bradbury	"	r
1010	A. F. Perkins	"	
1011	Richard S. Whitney	"	
1012	William Lynch	"	d
1013	A. T. Tuttle	"	d
1014	A. M. Davis	"	r
1015	George T. Brown	"	
1016	E. H. Higley	"	r
1017	Edwin L. Haley	"	d
1018	Joseph W. Green, Jr.	"	r
1019	W. I. G. Hayward	"	d
1020	Warren H. Gay	"	d
1021	Wilfrid A. Emery	"	d
1022	Jerome C. Hosmer	"	r
1023	H. M. Brown	"	r
1024	W. B. Rice	"	d
1025	Walter Deane	"	r
1026	Charles F. Folsom	"	r
1027	N. S. Shattuck	"	d
1028	Thomas Hall	"	
1029	Frederick E. Paine	"	d
1030	James Hamblet, Jr.	"	d
1031	Lewis B. Guyer	Feb. 8, 1869	
1032	J. C. Bartlett	"	d
1033	E. E. Adams	"	d
1034	William Liddell	"	d
1035	William R. Tarbell	"	d
1036	Granville J. Hobbs	"	d
1037	Albert M. Barnes	"	d
1038	J. W. Webster	"	d
1039	A. W. Merriam	"	r
1040	J. H. Woods	"	d
1041	Charles T. Sylvester	"	

1869-70

1042	Francis A. Kemp	Nov. 24, 1869	r
1043	George H. Munroe	"	
1044	Arthur H. Wilson	"	d
1045	William S. Weymouth	"	d
1046	Horace B. Fisher	"	
1047	F. A. Leonard	"	
1048	James L. Taylor	"	d

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1049	Laban Sawyer	Nov. 24, 1869	d
1050	Walter Shepard	"	r
1051	W. W. Spaulding	"	d
1052	Edward F. Chapin	"	r
1053	Otis E. Waitt	"	d
1054	W. E. Holden	"	*
1055	Frank W. Lewis	"	d
1056	C. P. Spaulding	"	d
1057	W. E. Wood	"	r
1058	A. B. Chandler	"	*
1059	C. P. Metcalf	"	r
1060	H. C. Andrews	"	d
1061	Henry T. Mansfield	"	d
1062	D. Gilbert Dexter	"	d
1063	R. J. Chute	"	d
1064	Josiah Wheelwright	"	d
1065	Charles K. Cutter	"	r
1066	E. D. Bradford	"	d
1067	John Rogers	"	r
1068	George A. Denham	"	d
1069	Selim Frost	"	d
1070	Abbott S. Coffin	"	d
1071	Henry M. Howe	"	d
1072	Thomas Gurney	"	d
1073	Fred Senior	"	d
1074	Francis O. Lyman	Apr. 9, 1870	r
1075	Eben N. Phinney	"	d
1076	Albert J. West	"	d
1077	Joseph E. Ballou	"	d
1078	Nathan K. Bacon	"	*
1079	Thomas Leslie	"	d

1870-71

1080	Charles C. Noyes	Oct. 2, 1870	*
1081	D. W. Noyes	"	d
1082	H. C. Lyon	"	r
1083	Henry C. Kendall	Nov. 29, 1870	r
1084	S. Walter Wales	"	d
1085	H. P. Blackman	"	d
1086	E. H. Aiken	"	r
1087	Thomas W. Campbell	"	d
1088	W. H. M. Austin	"	r
1089	Edward E. Allen	"	d
1090	Henry S. Pray	"	*
1091	George C. Appleton	"	r
1092	George S. Wheelwright	"	d
1093	Arthur T. Cutler	"	d
1094	Edwin Merrick	"	d
1095	Edwin K. Rand	"	d

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1096	A. F. Roberts	Nov. 29, 1870	d
1097	D. S. Brigham	"	d
1098	Justin D. Litchfield	"	r
1099	William Crosswell	"	d
1100	W. H. Proudfoot	"	r
1101	F. M. French	"	r
1102	W. Bradford	"	d
1103	W. George Alden	"	r
1104	Andrew J. Lloyd	"	r
1105	George H. Rugg	"	r
1106	Franklin G. Fessenden	"	r
1107	Edward S. Dodge	"	d
1108	Edward H. Jones	"	
1109	James A. Wentworth	"	d
1110	Moses P. Horne	"	d
1111	Harry Benson	"	
1112	Frank B. Wilder	"	d
1113	E. F. Ballou	"	d
1114	F. G. Reynolds	"	r
1115	Isaac K. Proctor	"	d
1116	G. W. Oakman	"	r
1117	A. B. Smalley	"	d
1118	Charles S. Stone	"	d
1119	Charles B. Coddling	"	d
1120	George B. Frothingham	"	d
1121	Gustavus A. Puffer	"	*
1122	Thomas Grieves	"	*
1123	J. E. Randall	"	d
1124	J. B. Shaw	"	d
1125	E. P. Miller	"	d
1126	Maurice H. Richardson	"	d
1127	Isaac H. Putnam	"	r
1128	H. F. Cary	"	d
1129	Frank H. Hathorne	"	d
1130	David Dilley	"	d
1131	Benjamin Conant	"	d
1132	T. H. B. Witter	"	r
1133	C. B. Fillebrown	"	r
1134	A. A. McFarlane	"	d
1135	J. Q. A. Brackett	"	r
1136	Eli A. Sawtelle	"	d
1137	C. W. Chase	"	d
1138	Benjamin H. Fabens	"	d
1139	Daniel L. Tower	"	d
1140	William M. Lawrence	"	r
1141	J. W. Foster	Apr. 20, 1871	d
1142	Benjamin F. Gilbert	"	d
1143	I. C. Collins	"	d
1144	W. W. Davis	"	d

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1871-72

1145	Richard H Soule	Nov. 12, 1871	d
1146	D. A. Alden	"	
1147	S. S. Morgan	"	d
1148	Clarence E. Hay	"	r
1149	John R. Lander	"	r
1150	Charles O. Brooks	"	d
1151	A. F. Belcher	"	d
1152	J. C. Inches	"	r
1153	Richard Beeching	"	
1154	William H. Bunton	"	
1155	George A. Bunton	"	r
1156	Robert W. Willson	"	d
1157	Atkins N. Cooke	"	d
1158	H. C. Hopkins	"	d
1159	Austin C. Wellington	"	r
1160	William A. Holmes	"	
1161	C. F. Piper	"	d
1162	John W. Bird	"	r
1163	James L. Hillard	"	
1164	Theodore Sutro	"	d
1165	E. C. Waterman	"	d
1166	W. K. Webb	"	r
1167	J. R. Leeson	"	r
1168	Carlos Nudd	"	r
1169	Frank H. Pierce	" 19 "	d
1170	Monroe W. Hatch	"	d
1171	Samuel S. Waterman	"	d
1172	Joseph H. Alden	"	d
1173			
1174	Louis H. Parkhurst	Dec. 9, 1871	d
1175	Charles K. Hinkley	Feb. 25, 1872	d
1176	Kimbal J. Fenno	"	r
1177	J. S. Abbott	"	r
1178	Seth W. Kelley	Mar. 3, 1872	d
1179	E. O. Young	"	d
1180	Charles A. Cox	"	r
1181	E. R. Morse	" 10 "	d
1182	R. J. Elder	"	
1183	N. E. Saville	"	d
1184	William H. Elliott	" 17 "	r
1185	W. T. Barker	"	d
1186	W. H. Lyou	May 5, 1872	d
1187	Frank W. Kuowles	"	d
1188	A. L. Bearse	"	r
1189	George E. Henry	"	
1190	A. G. Dow	"	d
1191	George H. Hull, Jr.	"	r
1192	A. S. Dabney	"	d

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1193	G. W. Brett	May 5, 1872	d
1194	H. J. Hallgrien	"	d
1195	J. W. Webster	"	d
1196	H. S. Foster	"	d
1197	G. I. Favor	"	d
1198	Walter S. Swan	"	d
1199	T. F. Bigelow	"	d
1200	George F. Milliken	"	r
1201	John P. Lyman, Jr.	"	r
1202	Lawrence L. Wagner	"	d
1203	George D. Emerson	" 12 "	r
1204	Charles E. Clark	"	r
1205	George H. S. Driver	" 19 "	d
1206	Lucius L. Hubbard	" 26 "	d
1207	William W. Winward	"	d
1208	William H. Hunt	June 2, 1872	d

1873-74

1209	Henry J. Perkins	Oct. 26, 1873	d
1210	George F. Daniels	Jan. 24, 1874	
1211	Charles Harts	" 25 "	r
1212	Frank T. Ware	"	
1213	N. F. Lincoln	"	
1214	John Denton	"	d
1215	Eugene B. Hagar	"	
1216	A. Metzger, Jr.	"	d
1217	Horace Frail	"	d
1218	Reginald Austin	"	d
1219	Henry N. Marr	"	r
1220	Frederick P. Fish	"	r
1221	Nathan H. Dole	"	d
1222	C. H. Newcomb	"	d
1223	William K. Sawyer	"	r
1224	Charles W. Stone	"	
1225	Henry K. Adams	Feb. 1, 1874	r
1226	Henry G. Carey	"	r
1227	John Midgley	"	r
1228	George H. Wilson	"	r
1229	George E. Richardson	"	d
1230	T. L. Talbot	"	d
1231	Lowell M. Cooke	"	d
1232	Charles E. Munroe	"	r
1233	L. K. Palmer	" 8 "	d
1234	John A. Lowell	" 15 "	r
1235	Seth W. Kelley	"	d

1874-75

1236	F. M. Kilmer,	Dec. 12, 1874	r
1237	Andrew D. Ward	"	d

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1238	Frank G. Crandale	Dec. 12, 1874	d
1239	W. J. Windram	" 13 "	r
1240	William S. Fenollosa	" "	r
1241	George E. Bogle	" "	
1242	Albert G. Pike	" 20 "	d
1243	Thomas H. Hall	" "	d
1244	Herbert Rice	Jan. 3, 1875	d
1245	W. D. Brewer	" "	r
1246	C. R. Fullerton	" "	d
1247	Philo Peabody	Apr. 4, 1875	d
1248	Fred R. Merritt	" "	r
1249	Charles E. Swett	" "	d
1250	George H. Lowe	" 11 "	d
1251	J. K. Berry	" "	r
1252	A. B. Furlong	" 25 "	d
1253	Frank S. Thayer	" 28 "	d

1875-76

1254	S. H. Swain	Dec. 12, 1875	d
1255	J. H. Chase	" "	
1256	Charles H. Cole	" "	d
1257	Benjamin L. Knapp	" "	r
1258	George F. Forbes	" "	r
1259	Rufus Pendleton	" "	d
1260	S. F. Robinson	" "	
1261	John P. Putnam	" 18 "	d
1262	Franklin H. Newell	" "	
1263	H. A. Hall	" 19 "	d
1264	Robert D. Andrews	" "	d
1265	Arthur F. Burnett	" "	r
1266	D. L. Rand	" 29 "	d
1266a	Jerome C. Hosmer	Jan. 9, 1876	
1267	William M. Richardson	" "	d
1268	Ernest F. Fenollosa	" "	
1269	Charles F. Folsom	" 16 "	r
1270	Albert J. West	" "	d
1271	F. W. Rollins	Feb. 6, 1876	d
1272	Parke W. Hewins	" 27 "	d
1273	Ralph W. Ellis	Apr. 15, 1876	r
1274	F. B. Keene	" "	
1275	C. Daniels	" 20 "	d
1276	Leopold Lobsitz	May 9, 1876	*
1277	W. F. Warren	" 10 "	
1278	L. J. Fuller	" 11 "	d

1876-77

1279	Thomas A. Davin	Nov. 25, 1876	r
1280	Walter C. Harris	Jan. 6, 1877	r
1281	Horace C. Sherman	" 7, "	d

MEMBERS.

1282	William Dutemple	Jan. 7, 1877	
1283	W. G. McKown	"	r
1284	F. F. Favor	"	d
1285	F. B. Wilder	"	d
1286	Charles C. Roby	"	d
1287	Fred A. Carney	"	d
1288	Richard H. Kidder	" 13 "	
1289	G. H. Hudson	" 14 "	d
1290	S. T. Wentworth	"	r
1291	John W. Dalzell	Feb. 18, 1877	
1292	J. H. S. Pearson	Mar. 14, 1877	r
1293	E. H. Smith	" 18 "	
1294	W. W. Keays	"	
1295	George W. Blodgett	"	
1296	J. E. Smith	"	d
1297	A. C. Patten	"	d
1298	William T. Souther	" 20 "	d
1299	Alvah Crocker	"	d
1300	Philip F. Chace	"	*

1877-78

1301	George A. Lord	Oct. 3, 1877	d
1302	F. W. Emerson	Dec. 2, 1877	r
1303	Walter Jenney	"	r
1304	Harry A. Bolan	"	d
1305	George C. Angell	"	r
1306	W. H. Paysou	"	
1307	George H. Woods	"	r
1308	Thomas M. Noyes	"	d
1309	Fred. M. Smith	"	
1310	Henry M. Brown	" 4 "	r
1311	H. C. Prentiss	" 8 "	
1312	John D. Billings	" 9 "	r
1313	Preston Wilcox	"	d
1314	William I. Hoyt	"	*
1315	V. R. Pierce	"	
1316	R. E. Newhall	"	d
1317	Joel C. Bolan	" 30 "	d
1318	George T. Elliot	"	d
1319	Philo Peabody	"	*
1320	Rufus Pendleton	"	
1321	Charles W. W. Wellington	Apr. 13, 1878	*
1322	John A. Harris	" 15 "	d
1323	George H. Sturtevant	"	
1324	Charles A. Clark	" 18 "	d
1325	Frederick E. Long	" 20 "	
1326	Lewis H. Corliss	" 24 "	r
1327	Charles W. Smith	"	d
1328	E. P. Faunce	"	r

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1329	F. O. Leonard	Apr. 13, 1878	d
1330	Arthur C. Vose	"	d
1331	F. F. Preble	" 28 "	d
1332	W. M. Barrett	May 1, 1878	d
1333	N. J. Hall	" 2 "	d
1334	William A. Blake	" 11 "	d
1335	Herbert E. Greene	June 3, 1878	d

1878-79

1336	James E. Miller	Nov. 10, 1878	d
1337	Hosea S. Ballou	"	r
1338	A. D. Coombs	"	d
1339	James L. Mills	"	d
1340	Charles S. Gooding	"	d
1341	Henry E. Cooper	"	r
1342	Edward Stickney	"	d
1343	Arthur C. Buttrick	"	d
1344	Benjamin J. Bowen	"	r
1345	H. F. Eveleth	"	d
1346	Walter S. Frost	"	r
1347	Harry G. Wells	"	r
1348	W. R. Eaton	"	d
1349	W. Worcester	"	d
1350	A. T. Marston	"	d
1351	A. S. Johnston	"	r
1352	A. W. Briggs	"	d
1353	J. B. Scamman	"	r
1354	J. D. Buckingham	"	d
1355	Josiah Wheelwright	" 17 "	d
1356	John F. Newton, Jr.	"	d
1357	W. J. Lowder	" 22 "	d
1358	A. R. Underwood	Dec. 1, 1878	d
1359	L. M. Eldridge	"	d
1360	J. B. Dannels	"	r
1361	W. A. Woodward . (1365)	"	d
1362	W. L. Titus . . . (1361)	" 8 "	*
1363	F. C. Shepard . . (1362)	" 11 "	d
1364	William B. Phelps . (1363)	" 12 "	d
1365	J. F. Powers . . . (1364)	" 14 "	d
1366	R. J. Huntley	Mar. 11, 1879	d
1367	R. T. Williams	"	d
1368	Frank E. McWiggin	" 13 "	d
1369	Henry W. Lamb	"	r
1370	George H. Webster, Jr.	" 14 "	d
1371	Charles P. Stimpson	" 15 "	r
1372	A. N. Howes	" 19 "	d
1373	N. Wardner Williams	" 26 "	d
1374	John Roraback	" 31 "	d
1375	W. L. Whitney	"	d
1376	Henry B. Brown	"	d

MEMBERS.

1879-80

1377	Samuel M. Bedlington (1384)	Sept. 22, 1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
1378	Edwin R. Eaton . . . (1379)	Oct. 8, 1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1379	Walter A. Adams . . . (1380)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
1380	Charles L. Marston . . (1388)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
1381	Selah Howell (1390)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r.
1382	Albert J. Pratt . . . (1382)	" 18	"	.	.	.	.	.	r
1383	L. N. Howe (1389)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1384	Tilden G. Abbott . . . (1392)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1385	Thomas Hooper, Jr. (1381)	" 18	"	.	.	.	.	.	.
1386	John A. Barri (1383)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
1387	William H. Guild . . . (1378)	" 22	"	.	.	.	.	.	r
1388	H. A. Davis, Jr. . . . (1387)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1389	S. A. Sargent (1393)	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1390	John W. Estie (1386)	Nov. 1, 1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1391	Julius H. Waterbury (1394)	" 10	"	.	.	.	.	.	.
1392	William H. Harlow . . (1391)	Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1393	Chauncey M. Hatch . . (1385)	" 21	"	.	.	.	.	.	d
1394	Henry L. Marindin . . (1377)	" 28	"	.	.	.	.	.	r
1395	William I. Howell	" 30	"	.	.	.	.	.	.
1396	W. H. Pelton . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1397	A. Sydney Acker . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1398	Eben H. Chapin . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1399	W. A. A. Gardner . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1400	C. R. Teele . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1401	Charles F. P. Burchmore	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1402	Edward T. Remick . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1403	John E. Swett	May 27, 1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1404	Lewis M. Palmer . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1405	T. L. Roberts . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
1406	H. F. Gage . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1407	Sanford C. Chase . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	*
1408	C. E. Stephenson . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1409	George R. Beyerle . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d

1880-81

1410	D. B. Harding	Dec. 23, 1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1411	William Fowler . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1412	H. N. Redfern	" 24	"	.	.	.	.	.	d
1413	William S. Richardson . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1414	J. F. Malette	Jan. 4, 1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	d
1415	C. D. Stanford . . . . .	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	r
1416	N. G. Brinsmade	" 8	"	.	.	.	.	.	.
1417	Edward Barnes	" 11	"	.	.	.	.	.	d
1418	Edward T. Cabot	" 17	"	.	.	.	.	.	r
1419	J. R. Baldwin	"	r
1420	C. Winther	"	r
1421	M. P. Denton	May 30, 1881	r
1422	Alton Faunce	"

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1423	F. A. Bayley	May 30, 1881	r
1424	Charles H. Cumings	"	r
1425	H. V. Hayes	"	d
1426	C. P. King	"	d

1881-82

1427	Louis F. Brown	Dec. 19, 1881	. . . . .	r
1428	W. H. Coffey . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1429	J. Frank Williams . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1430	W. J. Meadowy . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1431	N. W. Treadwell	" 22	"	r
1432	E. E. Gorham	" 23	"	d
1433	E. W. Hatch	" 24	"	*
1434	W. E. C. Rich	" 31	"	
1435	G. W. McKinnon	Jan. 6, 1882	. . . . .
1436	Jarvis B. Keen	" 16	"	r
1437	Henry H. Turner	" 21	"	
1438	H. A. Moore . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1439	C. F. Davis	Apr. 22, 1882	. . . . .	d
1440	Clarence H. Pike	" 24	"	
1441	Charles P. Pond . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1442	Robert S. Nodine, Jr.	" 25	"	d
1443	Edwin A. Brooks . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1444	Thomas W. Proctor . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1445	Ira G. Stevens . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1446	Thomas A. Lambert . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1447	William S. Randall . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1448	Francis A. Kemp . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1449	Francis P. Trench . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1450	H. D. Young . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1451	L. C. Hascall . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1452	H. S. Fletcher	May 9, 1882	. . . . .	d
1453	Isaac W. Risdon . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1454	G. W. Whitney	" 15	"	
1455	Willis H. Freeman	" 17	"	
1456	H. E. Sanderson . . . . .	"	. . . . .	r
1457	T. E. Davis . . . . .	"	. . . . .	d
1458	Otis F. French	" 18	"	r
1459	E. J. Hersey . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1460	Charles R. Draper . . . . .	"	. . . . .
1461	George Knight	" 19	"	d
1462	H. A. Hall	" 24	"	d
1463	J. H. Seaverns	" 26	"	r
1464	W. K. Sawyer	" 29	"	
1465	Charles H. West	June 21, 1882	. . . . .	d
1466	Joseph H. Chadbourne	"	d

1882-83

1467	J. C. DeLaney	Sept. 18, 1882	d
1468	David Lockhart	" 26	"	d

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1469	Clarence W. Ayer	Sept. 30, 1882	r
1470	J. Q. A. Brackett	Oct. 4, 1882	r
1471	G. W. Walton	"	d
1472	P. R. Eaton	"	d
1473	C. S. Davis	"	d
1474	C. A. Harvey	"	d
1475	J. W. Batchelder	"	d
1476	F. W. Porter	"	d
1477	C. L. Gerrauld	"	d
1478	George H. Brown	May 4, 1883	d
1479	E. A. Leonard	5	d
1480	Ralph H. Sawyer	"	*
1481	David G. Eldridge, Jr.	" 7 "	d
1482	George A. Nesmith	" 10 "	r
1483	Charles C. Parkyn	"	r
1484	William U. Swan	"	r
1485	Oliver E. Simmons	"	r
1486	Hugo Roeder	"	r
1487	Chandler Wright	" 12 "	d
1488	L. G. Ripley	"	d
1489	L. C. Johonnot	"	d
1490	G. N. P. Mead	" 15 "	r
1491	A. S. Joyner	"	d
1492	Clarence A. Marshall	"	r
1493	Ernest S. Jack	"	d
1494	Robert L. White	" 17 "	d
1495	C. P. Harkins	" 22 "	r
1496	Thomas S. Napier	" 23 "	d
1497	Harry Holden	" 24 "	r
1498	Charles H. Cumings	" 28 "	r
1883-84			
1499	Henry C. Hackett	Oct. 11, 1883	r
1500	Albert F. Roberts	Dec. 3, 1883	d
1501	Franklin K. Gifford	" 4 "	d
1502	Herbert Harris	Feb. 13, 1884	r
1503	Robert Codman, Jr.	" 16 "	r
1504	Charles W. Dimick	" 25 "	d
1504a	Otis Tufts	Apr. 12, 1884	r
1505	Orion S. Taylor	Apr. 23, 1884	r
1506	Joseph R. Worcester	May 3, 1884	r
1507	Warren A. E. Fish	"	d
1508	Elijah A. Wood	" 5 "	d
1509	Albert E. Dobbs	"	d
1510	John Marten	" 6 "	d
1511	Dexter P. Whittemore	" 12 "	d
1512	Andrew W. Turner	" 15 "	d
1513	Edgar F. Stevens	"	d
1514	George M. Cranitch	"	d
1515	Daniel S. Harkins	"	d

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1516	James Ryan	May 16, 1884	d
1517	George J. Ferreira	" 20 "	r
1518	Henry D. Goodale	" 28 "	r
1519	Samuel L. Hills	"	
1520	Walter G. Clark	June 7, 1884	r

1884-85

1521	C. Edwin Jarvis	Sept. 21, 1884	d
1522	William L. Brown	" 25 "	
1523	Charles H. Dodge	" 26 "	
1524	W. H. Briggs	" 27 "	
1525	A. H. Morris	Oct. 2, 1884	r
1526	George E. Baxter	" 4 "	r
1527	S. H. Cutting	" 12 "	d
1528	Joseph O'Connor	"	d
1529	Walter G. Morey	"	r
1530	Henry C. Parker	" 18 "	
1531	Walter C. Hobbs	" 20 "	
1532	D. L. Billings	"	
1533	Cecil H. Cummings	" 25 "	r
1534	J. M. Gorrie	"	
1535	I. P. Horton	"	d
1536	J. M. Campbell	Nov. 6, 1884	d
1537	H. W. Bullard	" 10 "	d
1538	P. D. Houghton	Dec. 1, 1884	d
1539	H. Tracy Balcom	Feb. 7, 1885	d
1540	Charles B. Perkins	May 26, 1885	r
1541	William H. Snow	" 29 "	d
1542	Edward P. Boynton	"	
1543	Ernest N. Bagg	June 1, 1885	r
1544	Charles P. Worcester	" 4 "	r
1545	Charles A. Stowers	"	r
1546	Arthur H. Frost	" 5 "	
1547	Frank M. Leavitt	" 6 "	
1548	Arthur W. Sim	" 15 "	d
1549	Joseph L. Caverly	" 22 "	d

1885-86

1550	William C. Greene	Sept. 21, 1885	r
1551	James Matheson	" 23 "	r
1552	Fred. S. Johnson	Oct. 5, 1885	
1553	W. Frank Grieves	"	d
1554	Sidney F. Smith	" 12 "	r
1555	George F. Dunham	Nov. 19, 1885	d
1556	William D. Brewer, Jr.	Feb. 24, 1886	r
1557	Nathaniel G. Chapin	May 31, 1886	
1558	William L. Thompson	June 3, 1886	r
1559	Edward A. F. Gore	"	
1560	William S. Swett	"	r

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1561	Charles A. Call	June 8, 1886		
1562	Herbert Merriam	" 9	"	
1563	John G. Russell	" 21	"	r
1564	Walter C. Martin	" 22	"	
1565	Henry K. Lambert	"		*
1566	Richard C. Rankin	"		
1567	Charles C. Ryder	" 23	"	r
1568	David Harrison	" 24	"	
1569	Frederick W. Kettelle	" 28	"	
1570	Robert H. Richards	July 3, 1886		
1571	Marcus A. Perkins	" 9	"	*
1572	Karl A. Rydingsvärd	" 12	"	d
1573	George P. Kendrick	" 20	"	d

1886-87

1574	George H. Barney	Sept. 24, 1886		r
1575	George W. Egerton	Oct. 2, 1886		d
1576	William W. Burnham	May 30, 1887		d
1577	Albert H. Lamson	"		
1578	William H. Mitchell	"		r
1579	Lewis W. Roe	June 6, 1887		d
1580	Frank H. Sprague	"		r
1581	Frank E. Upham	"		*
1582	Willis P. Howard	"		
1583	Henry B. Adams	" 11	"	
1584	Harry W. Johnson	" 16	"	d
1585	Alliston Greene	"		d
1586	Owen J. Curley	" 18	"	
1587	David L. Rand	"		
1588	Wellington Wells	" 20	"	r
1589	C. Frederick With	" 21	"	d
1590	Lewis W. Cutting	"		d
1591	William B. Ropes	"		
1592	Osborne N. Sargent	"		r
1593	Arthur B. Moorhouse	"		r
1594	John G. Howard	" 22	"	d
1595	Charles E. Alexander	"		r
1596	Frank W. Patch	"		r
1597	Blewett H. Lee	" 23	"	d
1598	Herbert G. Aldrich	" 25	"	d
1599	Charles A. Phinney	" 27	"	d
1600	Frederick Fox, Jr.	" 28	"	
1601	Harold B. Warren	"		r
1602	George A. Hanson	"		r
1603	Charles W. Edwards	"		d
1604	Leonard J. Manning	"		r
1605	Edward H. Kidder	" 29	"	r
1606	Samuel A. Davis	" 30	"	d

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1607	Albert N. Page	July 12, 1887	r
1608	Lyman O. Dennison	" 28 "	r

1887-88

1609	Sumner Coolidge	Oct. 17, 1887	r
1610	Henry M. Esselen	May 21, 1888	
1611	Frank M. Copeland	" 23 "	
1612	Edward N. Ainsworth	" 26 "	*
1613	Charles E. Fitz	"	
1614	William H. Henderson	" 28 "	r
1615	William N. Eustis	"	
1616	Joseph R. McKenna	"	
1617	George E. Bonney	"	r
1618	Glenn R. Gardner	June 1, 1888	r
1619	Harry H. Smith	" 5 "	r
1620	Howard Frisbee	" 8 "	
1621	George H. Kattenhorn	" 16 "	r
1622	Charles O. Bourne	"	r
1623	Harlan F. Newton	" 20 "	
1624	William P. Chadwick	"	r
1625	Joseph W. Belcher	"	
1626	Edward A. Smith	" 22 "	
1627	George F. Hulslander	July 9, 1888	
1628	Charles H. Fernald	" 12 "	r
1629	William F. Holl	"	r

1888-89

1630	Frank J. Hale	Oct. 4, 1888	r
1631	Arthur W. Chesterton	" 15 "	r
1632	Adolph Eberius	Nov. 10, 1888	d
1633	John B. Barton	Apr. 11, 1889	
1634	Albert M. Phelps	"	
1635	Henry D. Young	"	
1636	Whittle Poor	"	
1637	Henry B. Ashton	"	
1638	Frank R. Bodwell	"	
1639	Chester W. Purington	"	
1640	Alfred E. Mayell	"	
1641	Frank M. Tuttle	"	
1642	George W. M. Given	"	*
1643	Nathan R. George, Jr.	"	
1644	Walter P. White	"	r
1645	Walter E. Henderson	"	
1646	Edward R. Maxwell	"	
1647	Mercer B. Moody	"	r
1648	George H. Rose	"	
1649	Arthur H. Whittemore	"	r
1650	John Stalker	"	
1651	Edward L. Cleveland, Jr.	"	r

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1652	William J. Luker	Apr. 11, 1889	
1653	John A. Fish	"	r
1654	Wilton H. Despar	"	r
1655	Clement C. Hyde	"	
1656	Wilbur O. Higgins	"	
1657	Frederick O. Houghton	" 19 "	d
1658	Mackintosh Scott	"	r
1659	Herbert H. Bates	"	
1660	John C. Ballou	"	d
1661	James H. Kenney	"	d
1662	Rowland H. Barnes	"	r
1663	James Durham	"	
1664	Harry P. Dyer	"	
1665	Willard E. Ryder	"	r
1666	Howard P. Quick	"	r
1667	Ralph B. Savage	"	r
1668	John H. W. Fraser	"	
1669	Herbert E. Kenney	"	r
1670	Jesse L. Nelson	"	
1671	Wilson R. Butler	"	r
1672	Francis A. Shove	"	
1673	Frank P. Gowing	"	r
1674	Frank D. Swope	"	d
1675	George F. Blake	Apr. 25, 1889	r
1676	Sidney Taylor	May 1, 1889	
1677	George S. Cheney	" 6 "	
1678	Charles Teasdale	"	
1679	Almon H. Morris	" 11 "	
1680	Prentiss A. Allen	" 16 "	
1681	Lewis P. Everett	" 22 "	

1889-90

1682	William A. Parks	Oct. 3, 1889	
1683	A. Hillis Boyd	" 8 "	r
1684	John M. Phipps	Nov. 20, 1889	
1685	Arthur Reddish	May 26, 1890	r
1686	Isaac F. Kingsbury	"	
1687	Clinton A. Ricker	"	
1688	Justin F. Emery	June 6, 1890	r
1689	George L. Ruffin	" 7 "	
1690	Oliver H. Clark, Jr.	"	
1691	Harry N. Redman	"	d
1692	Charles H. Harmon	June 10, 1890	
1693	Charles A. Gould	" 16 "	r
1694	Frederick P. Kidder	" 18 "	
1695	Fritz H. Small	" 19 "	
1696	Louis S. Brigham	" 20 "	
1697	James W. Loveland	" 21 "	r
1698	Charles F. Harper	"	r

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1699	Leonard M. Allen	June 21, 1890	r
1700	John H. Child	" 23 "	r
1701	H. S. Fletcher	"	d
1702	James C. Reid	" 24 "	r
1703	George M. Brooks	"	
1704	Hobart E. Cousens	"	
1705	Frank P. Ball	" 25 "	r
1706	Frank R. Moore	"	r
1707	Charles S. Hawes	"	
1708	James D. Gordon	"	r
1709	Lawrence Whitcomb	"	r
1710	Edward P. McKissick	"	
1711	Joseph Westwood	" 26 "	
1712	Jesse Johnson	Oct. 23, 1890	
1713	Murdock McNeil	Nov. 2, 1890	*
1714	Albert N. Page	" 24 "	
1715	Edmund H. Lansing	" 29 '	r
1716	Harris E. Sawyer	Jan. 29, 1891	
1717	Edwin B. Leavitt	Feb. 7, 1891	r

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ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED

* indicates that membership was terminated by death; *r*, by resignation; *d*, by discharge.

Abell, Charles R.	Jan. 28, 1867	r
Abbott, J. S.	Feb. 25, 1872	r
Abbott, Tilden G.	Oct. 13, 1879	d
Acker, A. Sydney	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Adams, Charles P.	Dec. 6, 1842	r
Adams, Charles R.	Nov. 14, 1855	
Adams, Daniel M.	Feb. 25, 1853	d
Adams, E. E.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Adams, Edward R.	Oct. 6, 1829	r
Adams, Henry B.	June 11, 1887	
Adams, Henry K.	Feb. 1, 1874	r
Adams, Isaac	Nov. 10, 1818	r
Adams, J. H. Jr.	Nov. 11, 1844	
Adams, Joseph	Aug. 3, 1815	r
Adams, Leonard B.	Mar. 14, 1866	r
Adams, Walter A.	Oct. 8, 1879	r
Aiken, E. H.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Aiken, Edward H.	Nov. 4, 1834	d
Aiken, Henry M.	Jan. 15, 1844	r
Aikin, James R.	Nov. 4, 1834	
Ainworth, Edward N.	May 26, 1888	*
Alden, D. A.	Nov. 12, 1871	
Alden, David	Nov. 18, 1853	d
Alden, Joseph H.	Nov. 19, 1871	d
Alden, W. George	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Aldrich, Herbert G.	June 25, 1887	d
Alexander, Charles E.	June 22, 1887	r
Alexander, Ebenezer, Jr.	Dec. 7, 1824	*
Alexander, Emery	Sept. 7, 1824	d
Alexander, Henry F.	Jan. 20, 1833	*
Alexander, James	Jan. 6, 1844	d
Alexander, Lucius D.	Feb. 4, 1834	d
Allen, Allston	Jan. 15, 1837	r
Allen, Charles P.	Dec. 7, 1824	d
Allen, Edward E.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Allen, Henry	Apr. 10, 1842	*
Allen, Leonard M.	June 21, 1890	r
Allen, Porter S.	Nov. 1, 1865	d

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Allen, Prentiss A.	May 16, 1889	
Allen, Silas, Jr.	Aug. 7, 1832	
Ames, Simeon S.	Dec. 14, 1848	d
Anderson, N. R.	Mar. 8, 1860	d
Anderson, William	Nov. 14, 1855	d
Andrews, Alfred	Oct. 10, 1854	d
Andrews, Caleb	Nov. 9, 1815	r
Andrews, H. C.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Andrews, John D.	Nov. 1, 1865	
Andrews, Robert D.	Dec. 19, 1875	d
Angell, George C.	Dec. 2, 1877	r
Angier, Samuel A.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Ansorge, Alfred E.	Nov. 23, 1860	d
Appleton, George C.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Appleton, John	Oct. 12, 1855	d
Apthorp, H. O.	Nov. 8, 1863	r
Ashton, Henry B.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Atkinson, Thomas, Jr.	Nov. 7, 1861	
Atwood, James M.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Austin, Reginald	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Austin, W. H. M.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Averill, James	Oct. 3, 1820	d
Ayer, Clarence W.	Sept. 30, 1882	r
Babcock, W. R.	Jan. 11, 1848	d
Bacon, James G.	Oct. 3, 1820	r
Bacon, Nathan K.	Apr. 9, 1870	*
Badger, David J.	Mar. 13, 1823	d
Badger, J. H.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Badger, Thomas, Jr.	Nov. 23, 1815	*
Bagg, Ernest N.	June 1, 1885	r
Bailey, Joseph	Original member	*
Baker, Benjamin F.	Apr. 16, 1837	*
Baker, Elisha	Original member	*
Balch, Edward L.	Sept. 14, 1852, Dec. 16, 1857	*
Balcom, H. Tracy	Feb. 7, 1885	d
Baldwin, J. R.	Nov. 13, 1867, Jan. 17, 1881	r
Baldwin, Thaddeus	Nov. 19, 1816	r
Ball, Abner	Feb. 2, 1821	d
Ball, Frank P.	June 25, 1890	r
Ball, N. A. H.	Nov. 2, 1847	d
Ball, Nahum	Dec. 3, 1822	d
Ball, S. B.	Dec. 11, 1851	*
Ball, Thomas	Oct. 21, 1838, Apr. 3, 1846	*
Ballou, E. F.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Ballou, Hosea S.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Ballou, John C.	Apr. 19, 1889	d
Ballou, Joseph E.	Apr. 9, 1870	d

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Bangs Thomas G.	May 2, 1816	d
Barker, Albert G.	Apr. 16, 1837	r
Barker, Jedediah	Oct. 14, 1817	d
Barker, Theodore T.	Jan. 6, 1844	d
Barker, W. T.	Mar. 17, 1872	d
Barnabee, H. C.	May 5, 1857	r
Barnes, Albert M.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Barnes, Benjamin, Jr.	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Barnes, Edward	Jan. 11, 1881	d
Barnes, Loring B.	Dec. 11, 1851	*
Barnes, Rowland H.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Barnes, Samuel H.	Feb. 4, 1847	d
Barney, George H.	Sept. 24, 1886	r
Barrett, Silas	June 1, 1815	*
Barrett, W. M.	May 1, 1878	d
Barri, John A.	Oct. 18, 1879	r
Barrus Horace G.	Feb. 17, 1839	d
Barry, Horace W.	Nov. 12, 1855	
Barry, W. Trask	Nov. 1, 1863	d
Bartlett, Hosea	Apr. 5, 1825	d
Bartlett, John	Dec. 6, 1825	*
Bartlett, John W.	Jan. 6, 1848	d
Bartlett, J. C.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Barton, John B.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Bassett, Charles M.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Bassett, S. D.	Dec. 29, 1860	d
Batchelder, J. W.	Oct. 4, 1882	
Bates, Alfred W.	Dec. 7, 1858	r
Bates Edmund	Dec. 22, 1839	d
Bates Herbert H.	Apr. 19, 1889	
Bawn, George	Sept. 7, 1815	r
Baxter, George E.	Oct. 4, 1884	d
Bayley, F. A.	May 30, 1881	r
Beach, H. H.	Feb. 18, 1863	r
Bearse, A. L.	May 5, 1872	r
Beck, Charles	May 2, 1816	d
Beckwith, George C.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Bedlington, Samuel M.	Sept. 22, 1879	*
Beeching, Richard	Nov. 12, 1871	
Belcher, A. F.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Belcher, John H.	Mar. 16, 1820	d
Belcher, Joseph W.	June 20, 1888	
Bemis, William W.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Bennett, A. T.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Bennett, B. F.	Nov. 8, 1863	r
Benson, Harry	Nov. 29, 1870	
Benton, I. B.	Nov. 25, 1854	d
Berry, J. K.	Apr. 11, 1875	r
Beyerle, George R.	May 27, 1880	d

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Bickford, Abraham	Dec. 20, 1825	d
Bicknell, Charles	Jan. 2, 1821	d
Bicknell, James T.	Dec. 6, 1842	*
Bigelow, Abraham O.	Aug. 16, 1836	*
Bigelow, Alanson, Jr.	Mar. 19, 1858	r
Bigelow, John	Aug. 14, 1831	*
Biglow, Lyman	Aug. 2, 1825	d
Bigelow, T. F.	May 5, 1872	d
Billings, D. L.	Oct. 20, 1884	
Billings, John D.	Dec. 9, 1877	r
Bingham, Jonathan	Oct. 7, 1817	r
Bird, George W.	Nov. 2, 1847	*
Bird, Horace	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Bird, Isaac	Nov. 18, 1817	*
Bird, John W.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Bird, Joseph	Nov. 8, 1863	r
Blackman, H. P.	Nov. 29, 1870	
Blake, George F.	Apr. 25, 1889	r
Blake, William	Oct. 7, 1817	r
Blake, William A.	May 11, 1878	d
Blancy, S. R.	Jan. 13, 1833	d
Blodgett, George W.	Mar. 18, 1877	
Blood, William H.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Boardman, H. H.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Bodwell, Frank R.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Bogle, George E.	Dec. 13, 1874	
Bolan, Harry A.	Dec. 2, 1877	d
Bolan, Joel C.	Dec. 30, 1877	d
Bonney, George E.	May 28, 1888	r
Borrowdale, Joseph	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Bothamly, William B.	Sept. 29, 1849	d
Bourne, Abner	Original member	*
Bourne, C. C.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Bourne, Charles O.	June 16, 1888	r
Bourne, R.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Boutwell, N. B.	Apr. 6, 1861	d
Bowditch, Jonathan, Jr.	Mar. 6, 1821	d
Bowen, Benjamin J.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Bowen, Henry	Nov. 10, 1818	d
Bowker, Dexter	Nov. 5, 1846	*
Boyd, A. Hillis	Oct. 8, 1889	r
Boynton, Edward P.	May 29, 1885	
Boynton, Joseph W.	Nov. 4, 1854	d
Brackett, I. Louis	Mar. 16, 1848	d
Brackett, J. Q. A.	Nov. 29, 1870, Oct. 4, 1882	r
Brackett, Nathaniel	Feb. 4, 1823	d
Bradbury, C. B.	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Bradbury, Osgood	Nov. 17, 1844	d
Bradbury, William F.	Nov. 10, 1864	

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Bradbury, Wymond	Sept. 19, 1841	d
Bradford, E. D.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Bradford, George H.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Bradford, W.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Bradford, William R.	Nov. 13, 1836	r
Brazier, Franklin J.	Nov. 17, 1854	*
Brett, G. W.	May 5, 1872	d
Brewer, I. D.	Nov. 16, 1844	d
Brewer, W. D.	Jan. 3, 1875	r
Brewer, William D.	Sept. 10, 1853	d
Brewer, William D., Jr.	Feb. 24, 1886	r
Bridge, John	Oct. 26, 1815	r
Briggs, A. W.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Briggs, W. H.	Sept. 27, 1884	
Brigham, D. S.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Brigham, Erastus F.	Jan. 11, 1829	d
Brigham, George O.	Jan. 7, 1860	d
Brigham, John T.	Oct. 6, 1818	d
Brigham, Louis S.	June 20, 1890	
Brinsmade, N. G.	Jan. 8, 1881	
Brintnall, Charles	Oct. 7, 1817	r
Brooks, Charles O.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Brooks, Edwin A.	Apr. 25, 1882	r
Brooks, George M.	June 24, 1890	
Brooks, S. P.	Jan. 18, 1845	d
Brown, A. B.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Brown, A. W.	Dec. 16, 1857	*
Brown, Bartholomew	Oct. 5, 1815	*
Brown, Curtis	Oct. 25, 1856	*
Brown, Edwin	Jan. 23, 1842, Feb. 9, 1853.	r
Brown, Elbridge	Jan. 1, 1822	d
Brown, George H.	May 4, 1883	d
Brown, George M.	Mar. 2, 1865	d
Brown, George T.	Nov. 19, 1868	
Brown, H. M.	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Brown, Henry B.	Mar. 31, 1879	d
Brown, Henry M.	Dec. 4, 1877	r
Brown, John G.	Oct. 15, 1816	d
Brown, Joseph	Jan. 11, 1829	d
Brown, Louis F.	Dec. 19, 1881	r
Brown, O. B.	Dec. 16, 1857	r
Brown, Timothy	Sept. 28, 1834	d
Brown, William L.	Sept. 25, 1884	
Browne, A. Parker	Nov. 21, 1865	
Browne, Charles F.	June 3, 1857	d
Bruce, Abel W.	June 16, 1818	d
Bruce, Edwin	Dec. 6, 1845	d
Bryant, Henry T.	June 16, 1856	d
Buck, Ephraim	Nov. 27, 1821	d

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Buckingham, J. D.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Bullard, Calvin	Feb. 4, 1823	*
Bullard, H. W.	Nov. 10, 1884	d
Bunton, George A.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Bunton, William H.	Nov. 12, 1871	
Burbank, E. A.	Mar. 14, 1866	
Burchmore, Charles F. P.	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Burditt, Charles A.	Nov. 10, 1864	r
Burnham, William W.	May 30, 1887	d
Burnett, Arthur F.	Dec. 19, 1875	r
Burnett, Henry	Nov. 26, 1818	d
Burrows John A.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Burton, Andrew N.	Feb. 12, 1847	
Butler, Aaron	Nov. 17, 1839	d
Butler, Benjamin	Nov. 9, 1844	d
Butler, Charles	Nov. 2, 1852	d
Butler, John	Nov. 9, 1846	r
Butler, P. A.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Butler, William P.	Nov. 1, 1863	r
Butler, Wilson R.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Buttrick, Arthur C.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Byram, N. Cushing	Nov. 13, 1836	*
Byrnes, William M.	Jan. 20, 1839	*
Cabot, Edward T.	Jan. 17, 1881	r
Call, Charles A.	June 8, 1886	
Campbell, J. M.	Nov. 6, 1884	d
Campbell, Thomas W.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Capen, Aaron	Feb. 26, 1822	r
Capen, George D.	May 7, 1857	d
Card, Henry	Nov. 1, 1831	d
Carey, Henry G.	Feb. 1, 1874	r
Carney, Fred A.	Jan. 7, 1877	d
Carpenter, Frank A.	Mar. 15, 1866	d
Carpenter, Moses	Mar. 26, 1868	d
Carroll, Charles H.	Feb. 9, 1819	d
Carstens, H. W.	Oct. 12, 1854	d
Carter David	Jan. 2, 1842	*
Carter, George P.	Dec. 6, 1842	*
Carter, O. C. B.	June 28, 1840	d
Carter, S. F.	Oct. 6, 1855	*
Carter, Samuel	Feb. 16, 1853	
Cary, H. F.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Cary, Isaac	Nov. 15, 1829	*
Cary, Ziba	Oct. 4, 1825	*
Caverly, Joseph L.	June 22, 1885	d
Chace, J. Q.	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Chace, Philip F.	Mar. 20, 1877	*
Chadbourne, Joseph H.	June 21, 1882	d

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Chadwick, F. Henry	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Chadwick, John	Oct. 14, 1817	*
Chadwick, William P.	June 20, 1888	r
Challis, Josiah E.	Nov. 15, 1829	r
Chamberlin Isaac	Jan. 2, 1821	*
Chandler, A. B.	Nov. 24, 1869	*
Chandler, Oliver	June 5, 1821	d
Chany, Jacob	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Chapin, Edward F.	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Chapin, Eben H.	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Chapin, Nathaniel G.	May 31, 1886	
Chase, C. W.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Chase Charles H.	Mar. 9, 1853	d
Chase, J. H.	Dec. 12, 1875	
Chase, Samuel S.	Nov. 17, 1844, Feb. 14, 1853	d
Chase, Sanford C.	May 27, 1880	*
Chauvenet, Regis	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Cheever, John	Nov. 10, 1818	*
Cheever, Joshua	Oct. 1, 1816	d
Cheney, George S.	Feb. 4, 1859	d
Cheney, George S.	May 6, 1889	
Cheney, James W.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Chesterton, Arthur W.	Oct. 15, 1888	r
Chickering, C. Francis	May 26, 1856	*
Chickering, George H.	May 16, 1857	
Chickering, Jonas	Oct. 4, 1818	*
Chickering, Thomas E.	May 31, 1858	*
Child, David	Oct. 3, 1820	d
Child, David W., Jr.	Dec. 4, 1821	*
Child, John H.	June 23, 1890	r
Childs, Stephen	Original member	*
Chute, R. J.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Clap, Barney	Jan. 14, 1820	d
Clapp, Derastus	Feb. 4, 1823	r
Clapp, Edwin	Nov. 7, 1861	d
Clapp, Joel	Sept. 6, 1842	d
Clapp, Otis	Sept. 19, 1841	d
Clark, Charles A.	Apr. 18, 1878	d
Clark, Charles E.	May 12, 1872	r
Clark, Edmund S.	Nov. 13, 1867	r
Clark, Gilbert	Nov. 6, 1849	d
Clark James	Original member	*
Clark, John E.	Jan. 5, 1848	
Clark, Joseph	Dec. 7, 1815	*
Clark, Lemuel	Dec. 15, 1818	d
Clark, Nathaniel	Oct. 26, 1815	*
Clark, O. Frank	Oct. 27, 1855	
Clark, Oliver H., Jr.	June 7, 1890	
Clark, Walter G.	June 7, 1884	r

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Clark, William D.	Dec. 6, 1842	d
Clement, S. S.	Jan. 6, 1852	*
Clements, D. B.	Nov. 14, 1852	d
Cleveland, Edward L., Jr.	Apr. 11, 1889	r
Clouston, Robert H.	Feb. 7, 1843	*
Cobb, Elijah, Jr.	Oct. 3, 1820	r
Cobb, Gershom	Aug. 3, 1815	*
Coburn, Marcus	Dec. 6, 1825	d
Codding, Charles B.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Codman, Robert, Jr.	Feb. 16, 1884	r
Codman, William A.	Mar. 7, 1816	*
Coffey, W. H.	Dec. 19, 1881	
Coffin, Abbott S.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Coffin, Henry A.	Nov. 21, 1865	*
Coffin, Isaac S.	Mar. 10, 1818	d
Coffin, William, Jr.	July 6, 1815	*
Colburn, S. B.	Feb. 18, 1863	d
Cole, Albert B.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Cole, Charles H.	Dec. 12, 1875	d
Cole, Richard G.	Nov. 19, 1816	d
Collins, I. C.	Apr. 20, 1871	d
Colman, George G.	Mar. 24, 1858	d
Comer, Thomas	Aug. 14, 1831	d
Conant, Benjamin	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Coney, George H.	Mar. 5, 1853	d
Conkey, Harrison	Mar. 2, 1865	d
Cook, H. A.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Cook, Seth B.	Dec. 9, 1817	d
Cooke, Atkins N.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Cooke, Lowell M.	Feb. 1, 1874	d
Coolidge, James	June 1, 1815	*
Coolidge, Sumner	Oct. 17, 1887	r
Coombs, A. D.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Cooper, Henry E.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Copeland, Frank M.	May 23, 1888	
Copeland, Moses W.	Jan. 2, 1821	d
Corliss, Lewis H.	Apr. 24, 1878	r
Cory Barney	Mar. 7, 1843	*
Cousens, Hobart E.	June 24, 1890	
Cowdrey, Edward T.	Nov. 7, 1861	d
Cox, Charles A.	Mar. 3, 1872	r
Cox, George P.	Feb. 10, 1844, Nov. 26, 1853	d
Cox, Joseph W.	Apr. 6, 1844	d
Cragin, Lorenzo S.	Jan. 2, 1821	*
Crandale, Frank G.	Dec. 12, 1874	d
Cranitch, George M.	May 15, 1884	d
Crocker, Alvah	Mar. 20, 1877	d
Crockett, S. Frank	Feb. 18, 1863	r
Croft, J. T.	Oct. 23, 1860	

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Croswell, William	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Cummings, Charles H.	May 30, 1881, May 28, 1883	r
Cummings, Cecil H.	Oct. 25, 1884	r
Curley, Owen J.	June 18, 1887	
Curtis, Caleb T.	Nov. 7, 1844	d
Cushing, B. L.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Cushing, George	Original member	r
Cushing, John	Nov. 18, 1817	d
Cushing, Solomon B.	Apr. 17, 1836	*
Cushing, Zeba	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Cutler, Arthur T.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Cutler, Henry S.	Feb. 10, 1844	d
Cutter, Charles K.	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Cutting, Gilbert	Apr. 17, 1836	
Cutting, Lewis W.	June 21, 1887	d
Cutting S. H.	Oct. 12, 1884	d
Dabney, A. S.	May 5, 1872	d
Dale, Theron J.	Oct. 25, 1856	r
Dalzell, John W.	Feb. 18, 1777	
Dame, Frederic	Dec. 16, 1857	*
Dana, C. G.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Danforth, Charles H.	Nov. 7, 1866	
Danforth, John N.	Nov. 5, 1853	d
Daniell, Charles P.	Mar. 19, 1858	d
Daniell, Ellery C.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Daniell, M. Grant	Nov. 1, 1863	
Daniels, Albert N.	Dec. 7, 1858	
Daniels, C.	Apr. 20, 1876	d
Daniels, George F.	Jan. 24, 1874	
Daniels, W. H.	Mar. 19, 1858	d
Daniels, William	Nov. 11, 1844	
Davin, Thomas A.	Nov. 25, 1876	r
Davis, A. M.	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Davis, Benjamin B.	May 2, 1816	*
Davis, C. F.	Apr. 22, 1882	d
Davis, C. S.	Oct. 4, 1882	d
Davis, Frederic	Jan. 15, 1844	d
Davis, H. A., Jr.	Oct. 22, 1879	d
Davis, Henry	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Davis, Isaac	Original member	*
Davis, Samuel, Jr.	June 7, 1825	r
Davis Samuel A.	June 30, 1887	d
Davis, T. F.	May 17, 1882	d
Davis, W. W.	Apr. 20, 1871	d
Day, Levi E.	Nov. 5, 1853	d
Dean, Henry L.	Nov. 9, 1843	d
Deane, Walter	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Dearborn, E. B.	July 18, 1841	*

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Dearborn, John	May 2, 1843	
DeLand, B. E.	Nov. 7, 1846	d
DeLaney, J. C.	Sept. 18, 1882	d
Denham, George A.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Denham, Leonard	Jan. 7, 1860	d
Denny, Edward	Oct. 4, 1842	
Denny, George	Oct. 3, 1820	r
Denny, R. S.	Mar. 7, 1843	
Dennison, Lyman O.	July 28, 1887	r
Denton, John	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Denton, M. P.	May 30, 1881	r
Denton, William	Mar. 7, 1816	r
Desper, Wilton H.	Apr. 11, 1889	r
Dexter, D. Gilbert	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Dillaway, Thomas V.	June 1, 1815, June 16, 1818	r
Dillaway, William	June 1, 1815	r
Dilley, David	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Dimick, Charles W.	Feb. 25, 1884	d
Dimond, George	Oct. 7, 1855	d
Dimond, Reuben	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Dobbs, Albert E.	May 6, 1884	d
Dodd, J. M.	Dec. 20, 1825	r
Dodd, James E.	Jan. 2, 1842	r
Dodd, John	Original Member	*
Dodd, Silas	Dec. 3, 1816	d
Dodd, William	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Dodge, Charles H.	Sept. 26, 1884	
Dodge, Edward S.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Dodge, Frederic	Jan. 28, 1867	r
Dole, Nathan H.	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Dow, A. G.	May 5, 1872	d
Dowe, Joseph	Oct. 17, 1826	d
Downes, I. Henry K.	Jan. 10, 1854	r
Downs, S. M.	Feb. 18, 1863	d
Drake, F. K., Jr.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Draper, Charles R.	May 18, 1882	
Draper, J. P.	Jan. 15, 1853	d
Draper, James	Nov. 6, 1846	d
Draper, Martin, Jr.	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Driver, George H. S.	Nov. 1, 1865, May 19, 1872	d
Drown, James T.	Nov. 21, 1865	r
Duffy, John G.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Dunham, George F.	Nov. 19, 1885	d
Dunnels, J. B.	Dec. 1, 1878	r
Duren, Abel	Original Member	d
Duren, Elnathan,	Original Member	r
Durham, James	Apr. 19, 1889	
Dustin, William	Nov. 6, 1852	d
Dutemple, William	Jan. 7, 1877	

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Dyer, Harry P.	Apr. 19, 1889	.
Dyer, Jamea	Oct. 21, 1838	*
Dyer, John J.	Dec. 16, 1852	d
Dymond, Benjamin F.	Mar. 26, 1868	r
Eastman, Edmund T.	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Eastman, Joseph S.	Jan. 11, 1845	*
Eastman, Luke	Original Member	r
Eaton, Albert	Apr. 13, 1844	d
Eaton, Edwin R.	Oct. 8, 1879	.
Eaton, Osgood	Jan. 2, 1842	d
Eaton, P. R.	Oct. 4, 1882	d
Eaton, W. R.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Eayrs, Joseph H.	Dec. 9, 1817	d
Eayrs, M. T.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Eayrs, William N.	Mar. 15, 1866	d
Eberius, Adolph	Nov. 10, 1888	d
Edmands, A. W.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Edmands, George W.	Jan. 2, 1821	d
Edmands, John B.	June 27, 1853	d
Edwards, Charles W.	June 28, 1887	d
Edwards, Oliver	May 17, 1858	r
Egerton, George W.	Oct. 2, 1886	d
Elder, R. J.	Mar. 10, 1872	.
Eldridge, David G., Jr.	May 7, 1883	d
Eldridge, L. M.	Dec. 1, 1878	d
Elliot, William L.	Sept. 16, 1853	d
Elliot, George T.	Dec. 30, 1877	d
Elliott, William H.	Mar. 17, 1872	r
Ellis, Frederick O.	Dec. 16, 1857	.
Ellis, George W.	May 21, 1837	*
Ellis, Ralph W.	Apr. 15, 1876	r
Emerson, Charles P.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Emerson, F. W.	Dec. 2, 1877	r
Emerson George D.	May 12, 1872	r
Emery, Justin F.	June 6, 1890	r
Emery, Wilfrid A.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Emmons, T. H.	Feb. 12, 1847	d
Easelen, Henry M.	May 21, 1888	.
Estabrook, J. P.	Mar. 14, 1866	d
Estle, John W.	Nov. 1, 1879	d
Eustaphieve, Alexi	Original Member	*
Eustis, Frank T.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Eustis, Joseph, Jr.	Oct. 31, 1820	d
Eustis, William C.	Apr. 3, 1858	.
Eustis, William N.	May 28, 1888	.
Eustis, William T.	June 1, 1815	r
Evans, Ransom F.	Nov. 17, 1854	.
Eveleth, H. F.	Nov. 10, 1878	d

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Everett, Charles	Dec. 15, 1818	d
Everett, Lewis P.	May 22, 1889	
Everett, Otis.	Original Member	*
Ewell, John	Nov. 18, 1817	*
Ewer, Charles C.	Dec. 7, 1858	d
Fabens, Benjamin H.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Fairbanks, H. W.	Mar. 16, 1848	d
Fairbanks, Josiah L.	June 28, 1840	*
Farley, H. B.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Farlow, John S.	Nov. 17, 1839	*
Farnsworth, Thomas G.	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Farrie, John, Jr.	Oct. 3, 1820	*
Farwell, F. F.	Feb. 25, 1844	*
Faulkner, E. D.	Nov. 10, 1864	
Faunce, Alton	May 30, 1881	
Faunce, E. P.	Apr. 24, 1878	r
Faunce, Sewall A.	Jan. 28, 1867	r
Favor, F. F.	Jan. 7, 1877	d
Favor, G. I.	May 5, 1872	d
Faxon, Edward	Nov. 1, 1851	*
Faxon, Edwin	Feb. 4, 1845	
Faxon, John G.	Mar. 6, 1842	*
Faxon, Oren J.	Sept. 12, 1841	
Fellows, John F.	Dec. 8, 1843	r
Felt, David F.	Feb. 14, 1840	*
Fenno, James	Sept. 7, 1824	d
Fenno, Kimbal J.	Feb. 25, 1872	r
Fenollosa, Ernest F.	Jan. 9, 1876	
Fenollosa, William S.	Dec. 13, 1874	r
Fernald, Charles H.	July 12, 1888	r
Ferreira, George J.	May 20, 1884	r
Fessenden, Edward H.	May 7, 1822	r
Fessenden, Franklin G.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Field, B. W.	Dec. 6, 1845	d
Fillebrown, C. B.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Fish, Frederick P.	Jan. 25, 1874	r
Fish, John A.	Apr. 11, 1889	r
Fish, Warren A. E.	May 3, 1884	d
Fisher, George	Sept. 20, 1851	
Fisher, Horace B.	Nov. 24, 1869	
Fisher, Rollin B.	Jan. 28, 1867	r
Fisher, Warren *	Feb. 6, 1827	*
Fiske, J. B.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Fiske, Nathan	Apr. 2, 1816	r
Fitts, Thomas B.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Fitz, Charles E.	May 26, 1888	
Fletcher, H. S.	May 9, 1882, June 23, 1890	d
Floyd, Samuel	Original Member	*

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Fogg, Hiram	Apr. 23, 1844	d
Folsom, Charles F.	Nov. 19, 1868, Jan. 16, 1876	r
Forbes, George F.	Dec. 12, 1875	r
Force, Charles L.	Apr. 5, 1825	*
Force, Dexter C.	Aug. 17, 1822	r
Ford, Nathaniel	Jan. 14, 1820	r
Ford, Thomas G.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Foster, H. S.	May 5, 1872	d
Foster, J. W.	Apr. 20, 1871	d
Foster, Joseph W.	Nov. 15, 1849	d
Fowle, Jonathan, Jr.	Mar. 7, 1816.	d
Fowler, William,	Dec. 23, 1880	
Fox, Frederick, Jr.	June 28, 1887	
Fox, Horace	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Fracker, William	May 2, 1816	d
Frail, Horace,	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Fraser, Johu H. W.	Apr. 19, 1849	
Freeman, Henry C.	Sept. 5, 1848	
Freeman, Willis H.	Nov. 19, 1868, May 17, 1882 .	
French, Charles	Original Member	d
French, F. M.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
French, Jonathan	Mar. 7, 1816	d
French, Otis F.	May 18, 1882	r
French, Robert	Dec. 3, 1822	d
Frisbee, Howard	June 8, 1888	
Frost, Arthur H.	June 5, 1885	
Frost, Eben H.	Sept. 6, 1850	d
Frost, L. S.	Jan. 24, 1845	d
Frost, Selim	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Frost, Walter S.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Frothingham, Ebenezer	Original member	*
Frothingham, Edward	Dec. 5, 1845	r
Frothingham, Ephraim L.	Oct. 3, 1820	r
Frothingham, George B.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Frothingham, Thomas B.	Oct. 3, 1844	r
Fuller, Charles Edwin	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Fuller, John	Dec. 30, 1817	d
Fuller, L. J.	May 11, 1876	d
Fuller, O. L.	Feb. 4, 1859	d
Fuller, Simeon	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Fullerton, C. R.	Jan. 3, 1875	d
Fullerton, James J.	Jan. 1, 1828, Oct. 3, 1843 .	r
Furloug, A. B.	Apr. 25, 1875	d
Gage, Charles A.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Gage, H. F.	May 27, 1880	d
Gale, W. F.	Nov. 23, 1860	d
Gamage, George E.	Dec. 15, 1852	d
Gardner, Augustus K.	Nov. 11, 1843	r

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Gardner, E. G.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Gardner, George L.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Gardner, Glenn R.	June 1, 1888	r
Gardner, W. A. A.	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Garland, George W.	Sept. 23, 1852, Dec. 16, 1857	
Garrett, William	Nov. 17, 1853	r
Gay, Eben F.	Nov. 1, 1831	r
Gay, Warren H.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
George, Nathan R., Jr.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Gerrault, C. L.	Oct. 4, 1882	
Gerrish, William H.	Oct. 8, 1855	d
Gerry, Reuben	Dec. 5, 1826	d
Gervasio, Joachim (Joseph G. Oakes)	Oct. 4, 1844	*
Gifford, Franklin K.	Dec. 4, 1883	d
Gilbert, Benjamin F.	Apr. 20, 1871	d
Gilman, Peter S.	Sept. 27, 1848	*
Given, George W. M.	Apr. 11, 1889	*
Glynn, John	Jan. 28, 1817	d
Goddard, Charles W.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Goddard, J. F.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Goodale, Henry D.	May 28, 1884	r
Gooding, Charles S.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Goodrich, Ebenezer	Original member	d
Goodrich, John B.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Goodridge, Philip W.	Sept. 15, 1839	*
Goodridge, William M.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Goodwin, Ozias	Nov. 13, 1867	*
Googin, Mark	Nov. 13, 1836	d
Gordon, James D.	June 25, 1890	r
Gore, Christopher	June 1, 1815	*
Gore, Edward A. F.	June 3, 1886	
Gore, Theodore A.	Feb. 4, 1834	d
Gorham, E. E.	Dec. 23, 1881	d
Gorrie, J. M.	Oct. 25, 1884	
Gould, Charles A.	June 16, 1890	r
Gould, Daniel, Jr.	Nov. 27, 1821	*
Gould, John E.	Oct. 5, 1844	d
Gould, N. D.	Oct. 3, 1820	r
Gove, Gardner	Nov. 5, 1853	d
Gowen, Asa	Mar. 6, 1821	d
Gowing, Frank P.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Gragg, William	Oct. 2, 1821	d
Granger, David A.	Nov. 1, 1842	d
Graupner, Gottlieb	Original member	*
Gravenhorst, G.	Nov. 21, 1865	r
Greatorex, H. W.	Aug. 10, 1841	d
Green, Joseph W., Jr.	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Greene, Alliston	June 16, 1887	d
Greene, Herbert E.	June 3, 1878	d

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Greene, William C.	Sept. 21, 1885	r
Greenwood, Augustus G.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Gregory, Samuel H.	Oct. 12, 1852	d
Grieves, Thomas	Nov. 29, 1870	*
Grieves, W. Frank	Oct. 5, 1885	d
Griggs, David R.	Feb. 9, 1819	d
Griggs, Nathaniel	Dec. 15, 1818	d
Grover, Leonard O.	Nov. 5, 1853	d
Guild, Charles,	Jan. 2, 1821	d
Guild, Edward C.	Feb. 11, 1853	d
Guild, Jacob	Original member	d
Guild, William H.	Oct. 22, 1879	r
Gurney, Edward B.	Jan. 15, 1853	d
Gurney, L. H.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Gurney, Thomas	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Gnyer, Lewis B.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Gwinn, George F.	Mar. 20, 1831	d
Hach, Theodore	Aug. 16, 1836	r
Hackett, Henry C.	Oct. 11, 1883	r
Hadley, A. J.	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Hadley, S. H. O.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Hagar, Eugene B.	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Hagar, Jonathan	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Hale, Frank J.	Oct. 4, 1888	r
Haley, Edwin L.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Hall, Arthur	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Hall, Barlow	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Hall, Gustavus V.	Sept. 27, 1848	d
Hall, H. A.	Dec. 19, 1875	d
Hall, H. A.	May 24, 1882	d
Hall, Isaac	Jan. 1, 1828	*
Hall, Lewis	Mar. 7, 1844	d
Hall, N. J.	May 2, 1878	d
Hall, Thomas	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Hall, Thomas H.	Dec. 20, 1874	d
Hallgrien, H. J.	May 5, 1872	d
Hamblet, James, Jr.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Hamilton, Edward	Nov. 1, 1851	*
Hanaford, L. B.	Dec. 14, 1855	d
Hancock, Torrey	May 2, 1816	r
Hanson, E. R.	Oct. 23, 1831	d
Hansen, George A.	June 28, 1887	r
Hanson, J. Haven	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Haraden, D. T.	Nov. 7, 1844	d
Harding, D. B.	Dec. 23, 1880	d
Harkins, C. P.	May 22, 1883	r
Harkins, Daniel S.	May 15, 1884	d
Harlow, Charles	Aug. 4, 1829	*

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Harlow, William H.	Jan. 1, 1880	d
Harmon, Charles H.	June 10, 1890	
Harper, Charles F.	June 21, 1890	r
Harris, Benjamin C.	June 5, 1821	*
Harris, Herbert	Feb. 13, 1884	r
Harris John A.	Apr. 15, 1878	d
Harris, S. C.	Nov. 1, 1865	
Harris, Walter C.	Jan. 6, 1877	r
Harrison, David	June 24, 1886	
Harrod, James	Feb. 6, 1831	*
Hart, John	June 1, 1815	d
Harts, Charles	Jan. 25, 1874	r
Hartshorn, Caleb	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Harwood, Irving I.	Jan. 6, 1852	
Harvey, C. A.	Oct. 4, 1882	d
Hascall, L. C.	Apr. 25, 1882	
Haskell, A. H.	Nov. 10, 1820	d
Haskell, Edward	Jan. 1, 1822	*
Haskins, John, Jr.	Oct. 27, 1859	*
Hatch, C. R.	Oct. 9, 1855	
Hatch, Chaurcey M.	Jan. 21, 1880	d
Hatch, E. W.	Dec. 24, 1881	*
Hatch, Monroe W.	Nov. 19, 1871	d
Hathorne, Frank H.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Hawes, Charles S.	June 25, 1890	
Hawes, William	Sept. 16, 1848	*
Hawkes, Ezra	May 2, 1816	r
Hawkes, Thomas B.	Mar. 6, 1826	r
Hay, Clarence E.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Hayden, Nathaniel, Jr.	Nov. 10, 1818	d
Hayes, B. W.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Hayes, H. V.	May 30, 1881	d
Hayes, Pliny	Sept. 7, 1815	d
Hayter, George F.	Nov. 6, 1846	*
Hayward, Joseph	Jan. 1, 1822	d
Hayward, W. I. G.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Hazelton, H. L.	June 16, 1847	
Hazelton, Jonathan E.	Oct. 26, 1826, Nov. 8, 1840	
Head, Nathaniel	Feb. 18, 1863	d
Hebard, Albert K.	Jan. 28, 1867	
Hemenway, Luke	Original member	r
Henderson, Charles	Nov. 9, 1834	*
Henderson, Walter E.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Henderson, William H.	Dec. 5, 1826	d
Henderson, William H.	May 28, 1888	r
Henry, George E.	May 5, 1872	
Henry, J. Q.	Nov. 13, 1867	r
Henry, John J.	Nov. 14, 1861	d
Hern, Peter	Oct. 3, 1820	d

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Hersey, E. J.	May 18, 1882	
Hewins, Parke W.	Feb. 27, 1876	d
Hews, George	Dec. 12, 1830	*
Heywood, George W.	Nov. 25, 1854	d
Higley, E. H.	Nov. 19, 1868	r
Higgins, Wilbur O.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Hill, Benjamin G.	Feb. 5, 1822	d
Hill, Charles E.	Sept. 22, 1853	d
Hill, Converse	Oct. 21, 1838	d
Hill, G. William	Dec. 15, 1852	d
Hill, James E. R.	Nov. 19, 1868	
Hill, Noah	July 6, 1815	*
Hill, Sumner	Feb. 4, 1838	d
Hillard, James L.	Nov. 12, 1871	
Hills, Samuel L.	May 28, 1884	
Hindes, George W.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Hinkley, Charles K.	Feb. 25, 1872	d
Hobart, Josiah	Mar. 26, 1853	r
Hobbs, Granville J.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Hobbs, John E.	Nov. 19, 1868	
Hobbs, Walter C.	Oct. 20, 1884	
Hodge, George E.	Jan. 12, 1854	d
Hodgkins, Charles E.	Mar. 2, 1865	d
Holbrook, Aaron	Oct. 15, 1816	d
Holbrook, Edward H.	Dec. 4, 1827	d
Holbrook, George H.	Mar. 13, 1823	d
Holden, Harry	May 24, 1883	r
Holden, W. E.	Nov. 24, 1869	*
Holl, William F.	July 12, 1888	r
Holland, Ralph B.	Dec. 6, 1818	d
Holland, Thomas H.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Holman, John	Sept. 1, 1818	*
Holmes, Edwin	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Holmes, William A.	Nov. 12, 1871	
Holt, Benjamin	Original member	*
Holt, H. E.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Homer, L. P.	Nov. 9, 1844	d
Homer, Nathaniel B.	Apr. 2, 1816	r
Hooper, R. H.	Feb. 20, 1847	
Hooper, Thomas, Jr.	Oct. 18, 1879	
Hooton, James	Apr. 20, 1819, Jan. 22, 1832	d
Hopkins, H. C.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Hopkins, J. R.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Horne, Moses P.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Horsman, Edward	July 6, 1815	*
Horton, Elisha	Jan. 2, 1821	r
Horton, I. P.	Oct. 25, 1884	d
Hosmer, Charles E.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Hosmer, Jerome C.	Nov. 19, 1868, Jan. 9, 1876	

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Houghton, Frederick O.	Apr. 19, 1889	d
Houghton, P. D.	Dec. 1, 1884	d
Houston, J. A.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Hovey, John G.	Dec. 6, 1842	*
Howard, Charles	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Howard, Davis	Dec. 20, 1840	*
Howard, Frank	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Howard, James M. F.	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Howard, John G.	June 22, 1887	d
Howard, Reuben	Dec. 6, 1842	*
Howard, Willis P.	June 6, 1887	
Howe, E. S.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Howe, Henry M.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Howe, Jubal	Sept. 17, 1822	*
Howe, L. N.	Oct. 13, 1879	d
Howe, William	Dec. 3, 1822	d
Howell, Selah	Oct. 8, 1879	r
Howell, William I.	Jan. 30, 1880	
Howes, A. N.	Mar. 19, 1879	d
Howland, C. E.	Jan. 7, 1860	d
Howland, S. A.	Jan. 7, 1860	d
Hoyt, William I.	Dec. 9, 1877	*
Hubbard, Lucius L.	May 26, 1872	d
Hudson, G. H.	Jan. 14, 1877	d
Hull, Asa	Nov. 22, 1853	d
Hull, George H., Jr.	May 5, 1872	r
Hulslander, George F.	July 9, 1888	
Hunnewell, George W.	Jan. 3, 1844	*
Hunt, Ebenezer.	Oct. 26, 1815	*
Hunt, James L.	Nov. 10, 1864	r
Hunt, William H.	June 2, 1872	d
Hunting, Bela	July 6, 1815	r
Hunting, M. B.	Dec. 20, 1825	r
Huntington, Benjamin	Aug. 6, 1816	*
Huntington, Jonathan	Original member	*
Huntley, R. J.	Mar. 11, 1879	d
Hyde, Clement C.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Hyde, John W.	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Hyde, William J.	Nov. 8, 1863	
Ilsley, George	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Inches, J. C.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Irish, Francis T.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Jack, Ernest S.	May 15, 1883	d
Jackson, Francis	Nov. 9, 1815	r
Jackson, George W.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Jarvis, C. Edwin	Sept. 21, 1884	d
Jenks, Francis H.	Nov. 1, 1865	
Jenks, Samuel H.	June 1, 1815, Jan. 1, 1828	*

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Jenney, Walter	Dec. 2, 1877	r
Jennison, Francis	Sept. 17, 1822	*
Jennison, Samuel	Nov. 21, 1865	
Jepson, William	June 1, 1815	*
Jewell, Harvey	Oct. 3, 1844	r
Jewell, Pliny, Jr.	Oct. 5, 1844	r
Jewett, Edward	Aug. 3, 1815	d
Jewett, Samuel	Mar. 7, 1816	d
Johnson, Charles H.	Oct. 25, 1856	
Johnson, Fred S.	Oct. 5, 1885	
Johnson, Harry W.	June 16, 1887	d
Johnson, Jesse	Oct. 23, 1890	
Johnson, L. W.	Dec. 16, 1857	*
Johnson, M. S.	Dec. 16, 1845	
Johnson, Marshall, Jr.	Nov. 4, 1834	
Johnson, William	Mar. 9, 1830	*
Johnson, William H.	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Johnston, A. S.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Johonnot, L. C.	May 12, 1883	d
Jones, Edward H.	Nov. 29, 1870	
Jones, G. William T.	Feb. 4, 1834	r
Jones, George B.	Apr. 19, 1840	r
Jones, Henry	Nov. 10, 1820	*
Jones, James W.	Nov. 10, 1864	
Jones, William H.	Nov. 8, 1840	
Joyner, A. S.	May 15, 1883	d
Kattenhorn, George H.	June 16, 1888	r
Keates, Joseph E.	Nov. 7, 1866	
Keays, W. W.	Mar. 18, 1877	
Keen, Jarvis B.	Jan. 16, 1882	r
Keen, Tilden H.	Nov. 8, 1840	d
Keene, F. B.	Apr. 15, 1876	
Keith, Marshal	Feb. 3, 1818	*
Keith, Royal	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Keller, Joseph A.	Oct. 24, 1846	d
Kelley, Seth W.	Mar. 3, 1872, Feb. 15, 1874	d
Kemp, Francis A.	Nov. 24, 1869, Apr. 25, 1882	d
Kemp, Robert	Nov. 16, 1852	d
Kendall, Henry C.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Kendall, Isaac	Dec. 30, 1817	d
Kendrick, George P.	July 20, 1886	d
Kennedy, J.	Feb. 18, 1863	d
Kenney, Herbert E.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Kenney, James H.	Apr. 19, 1889	d
Kent, James D.	Oct. 25, 1856	*
Keru, Francis V. B.	Oct. 27, 1859	r
Kettelle, Frederick W.	June 28, 1886	
Kidder, Abner C.	Dec. 6, 1845	*

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Kidder, Edward H.	June 29, 1887	r
Kidder, Frederick P.	June 18, 1890	
Kidder, Richard H.	Jan. 13, 1877	
Kilmer, F. M.	Dec. 12, 1874	r
Kimball, Edwin A.	Oct. 12, 1862	d
Kimball, J. B.	Jan. 22, 1832	
Kimberly, Denison	Jan. 9, 1842	r
King, C. P.	May 30, 1881	d
King, Charles F. (Thomas Pritchett)	Mar. 15, 1866	*
Kingman, Alvan	Mar. 26, 1853	d
Kingsbury, Isaac F.	May 26, 1890	
Kingsbury, Reuben	Feb. 17, 1845	
Kingsley, Nathan F.	Nov. 6, 1827	
Kinnicutt, John W.	Jan. 7, 1860	r
Knapp, Benjamin L.	Dec. 12, 1875	r
Knight, George	May 19, 1882	d
Knowles, Frank W.	May 5, 1872	d
Kurtz, William	Oct. 7, 1852	*
Labree, John D.	Oct. 3, 1837	*
Lamb, Henry W.	Mar. 13, 1879	r
Lambert, Henry K.	June 22, 1886	*
Lambert, Thomas A.	Apr. 25, 1882	
Lamson Albert H.	May 30, 1887	
Lander, John R.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Lane, George H.	Nov. 4, 1823	*
Lang, C. T.	Nov. 1, 1855	d
Langley, William	Nov. 4, 1852	*
Lansing, Edmund H.	Nov. 29, 1890	r
Larrabee, Joel F.	Sept. 29, 1851	d
Lasselle, George P.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Lawrence, George W.	Jan. 7, 1860	
Lawrence, William M.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Laws, D. Lyman	Oct. 3, 1855	*
Leach, Lebbeus, Jr.	Nov. 13, 1867	
Leach, Shepherd	Feb. 2, 1821	*
Learnard, William	Aug. 3, 1815	*
Learnerd, Isaac, Jr.	Dec. 15, 1818	d
Leatherbee, John W.	Mar. 16, 1857	d
Leavitt, Alonzo	Nov. 23, 1860	d
Leavitt, Edwin B.	Feb. 7, 1891	
Leavitt, Frank M.	June 6, 1885	
Lee, Blewett H.	June 23, 1887	d
Lee, Frank H.	Mar. 14, 1866	d
Leeds, Henry, Jr.	Jan. 14, 1854	d
Leeds, Lorenzo P.	Apr. 10, 1842	*
Leeson, J. R.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Leland, Horace	Oct. 3, 1843	d
Leland, Lewis	Nov. 30, 1815	d

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Lemaire, L.	Nov. 8, 1840	
Leonard, Amos M.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Leonard, E. A.	May 5, 1883	
Leonard, F. A.	Nov. 24, 1869	
Leonard, F. O.	Apr. 24, 1878	d
Leonard, John	Dec. 9, 1817	d
Leonard, Joseph	Dec. 7, 1824	*
Leonard, Joseph A.	Jan. 1, 1849	
Leslie, Thomas	Apr. 9, 1870	d
Lewis, Frank W.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Lewis, George W.	Mar. 9, 1830	*
Lewis, James P.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Lewis, Joseph	Nov. 23, 1815	*
Liddell, William	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Lincoln, A. B.	Dec. 7, 1858	r
Lincoln, Alexander S.	Feb. 4, 1838	d
Lincoln, Christopher	Original Member	d
Lincoln, D. P.	Oct. 22, 1855	
Lincoln, Frederick	Nov. 23, 1815	r
Lincoln, Henry T.	Nov. 13, 1846	
Lincoln, J. M.	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Lincoln, Justus	Dec. 15, 1818	d
Lincoln, N. F.	Jan. 24, 1874	
Lincoln, Nathan	Jan. 14, 1854	
Lindsey, G. W.	Nov. 10, 1864	
Litchfield, Justin D.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Lloyd, Andrew J.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Lloyd, George W.	Jan. 15, 1837	d
Lobsitz, Leopold	May 9, 1876	*
Lockhart, David	Sept. 26, 1882	d
Loewe, H.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Long, David C.	Jan. 20, 1833	*
Long, Edward J.	Oct. 5, 1830	*
Long, Frederick E.	Apr. 20, 1878	
Long, J. Haskell	Oct. 24, 1851	r
Long, John D.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Lord, George A.	Oct. 3, 1877	d
Lord, Melvin	June 1, 1815	d
Loring, F. C., Jr.	Nov. 4, 1866	r
Loring, Jonathan, Jr.	June 1, 1815	r
Lothrop, Anselm	Sept. 24, 1836, Nov. 4, 1852	*
Lothrop, Jarvis	May 21, 1837	*
Lothrop, Oliver B.	Nov. 10, 1855	
Lovejoy, N.	May 2, 1816	d
Loveland, James W.	June 21, 1890	r
Lovering, W. N.	Nov. 1, 1865	
Lovett, Charles W.	Oct. 4, 1825	r
Low, J. H.	Dec. 29, 1851	
Lowe, E. F.	Jan. 28, 1867	d

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Lowe, George H.	Apr. 11, 1875	d
Lowell, John A.	Feb. 15, 1874	r
Lowell, Robert M.	Feb. 9, 1853	
Lowder, W. J.	Nov. 22, 1878	d
Luker, William J.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Lull, Leverett A.	Nov. 1, 1842	d
Lyman, D. B.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Lyman, Francis O.	Apr. 9, 1870	r
Lyman, John P., Jr.	May 5, 1872	r
Lynch, William	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Lyon, H. C.	Oct. 2, 1870	r
Lyon, John T.	Feb. 7, 1843, Oct. 17, 1854	d
Lyon, W. H.	May 5, 1872	d
Mackay, John	Original Member	
Malette, J. F.	Jan. 4, 1881	d
Mandell, M. J.	Mar. 14, 1866	
Mandell, Moses	Jan. 14, 1820	d
Mandell, Sidney	May 1, 1821	d
Mann, George C.	Mar. 26, 1868	r
Mann, Nelson	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Manning, Leonard J.	June 28, 1887	r
Mansfield, Gideon T.	Feb. 4, 1859	d
Mansfield, H. H.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Mansfield, Henry T.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Marindin, Henry L.	Jan. 28, 1880	r
Marr, Henry N.	Jan. 25, 1874	r
Marshall, Clarence A.	May 15, 1883	r
Marshall, Leonard	Apr. 16, 1837, Oct. 10, 1843	*
Marshall, Thomas	Original Member	*
Marston, A. T.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Marston, Charles L.	Oct. 8, 1879	r
Martin, John	May 6, 1884	
Martin, N. C.	Jan. 14, 1820	r
Martin, Walter C.	June 22, 1886	
Mason, Clinton V.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Mason, L. W.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Mason, Lowell	Oct. 17, 1821	*
Mason, Thomas	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Matheson, James	Sept. 23, 1885	r
Mathews, Hiram S.	Oct. 4, 1852	d
Maxwell, Edward R.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Mayell, Alfred E.	Apr. 11, 1889	
McAllaster, James	Aug. 3, 1815	r
McFarlane, A. A.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
McKenna, Joseph R.	May 28, 1888	
McKenney, Alfred H.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
McKinnon, G. W.	Jan. 6, 1882	
McKissick, Edward P.	June 25, 1890	

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McKown, W. G.	Jan. 7, 1877	r
McNeil, Murdock	Nov. 2, 1890	*
McWiggin, Frank E.	Mar. 13, 1879	
Mead, G. N. P.	May 15, 1883	r
Meader, George H.	Jan. 28, 1867	
Meadowy, W. J.	Dec. 19, 1881	r
Mears, Elijah	June 1, 1815	*
Melvin, George B.	Jan. 12, 1854	d
Meriam, George	Aug. 4, 1829	*
Meriam, Levi	July 6, 1815	*
Meriam, Nathaniel	Original Member	*
Meriam, Silas P.	Aug. 4, 1829	*
Merriam, A. W.	Feb. 8, 1869	r
Merriam, Herbert	June 9, 1886	
Merrick, Edwin	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Merrill, C. Judson	Oct. 1, 1852	*
Merrill, Sidney	Dec. 7, 1815	*
Merrill, William B.	Dec. 22, 1856	r
Merritt, Fred R.	Apr. 4, 1875	r
Messinger, D., Jr.	May 2, 1816	r
Meston, Lyman B.	Sept. 12, 1851, June 3, 1857	d
Metcalf, C. P.	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Metcalf, E. S.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Metcalf, R. C.	Nov. 14, 1855	d
Metzger, A., Jr.	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Midgley, John	Feb. 1, 1874	r
Miles, Samuel S.	Jan. 1, 1822	d
Millard, Samuel H.	Feb. 4, 1845	
Miller, E. P.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Miller, J. R.	Oct. 20, 1855	d
Miller, James E.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Mills, James L.	Nov. 10, 1878	
Milliken, George F.	May 5, 1872	r
Minot, George	Oct. 24, 1841	
Mitchell, Nahum	Oct. 5, 1815	*
Mitchell, William H.	May 30, 1887	r
Monroe, Lewis B.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Mooar, C. A.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Moody, Mercer B.	Apr. 11, 1881	r
Moody, Samuel	Oct. 3, 1820	*
Moody, William G.	Dec. 22, 1839	r
Moore, Frank R.	June 23, 1890	r
Moore, H. A.	Jan. 21, 1882	d
Moorhouse, Arthur B.	June 21, 1887	r
Morehouse, Isaac	May 3, 1858	d
Morey, Walter G.	Oct. 12, 1884	r
Morgan, S. S.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Morrill, Joseph, Jr.	Jan. 16, 1842	
Morris, Almon H.	Oct. 2, 1884, May 11, 1889	

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Morris, Thomas D.	Sept. 22, 1853	*
Morse, E. R.	Mar. 10, 1872	d
Morse, Enoch B.	Feb. 4, 1845	d
Morse, John N.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Morton, Charles B.	June 5, 1845	*
Morton, Marcus	Oct. 13, 1855	d
Moulton, Joseph P.	Nov. 8, 1844	
Mountfort, N. B.	Nov. 10, 1818	d
Mulliken, Joseph	Original member	*
Mullin, W. Frank	Dec. 16, 1857	r
Munro, Nathaniel	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Munroe, Charles E.	Feb. 1, 1874	r
Munroe, George H.	Nov. 24, 1869	
Munroe, J. W.	Feb. 1, 1853	
Napler, Thomas S.	May 23, 1883	d
Nason, George H.	Dec. 16, 1857	
Nason, James B.	Oct. 3, 1837	d
Nelson, Jesse L.	Apr. 19, 1889	
Nesmith, George A.	May 10, 1883	r
Nevers, Elijah	Apr. 2, 1816	*
Newcomb, C. H.	Jan. 25, 1874	d
Newcomb, Ebenezer	Nov. 23, 1815	d
Newell, Franklin H.	Dec. 18, 1875	
Newell, George H.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Newell, John	Nov. 16, 1852	d
Newell, Joseph W.	Oct. 7, 1817	*
Newhall, Daniel B.	Feb. 8, 1845	*
Newhall, R. E.	Dec. 9, 1877	d
Newhall, Samuel M.	Oct. 30, 1852	d
Newman, E. A.	July 4, 1853	*
Newton, Harlan F.	June 20, 1888	
Newton, John F., Jr.	Nov. 17, 1878	
Nichols, Ebenezer B.	Nov. 19, 1816	*
Nichols, Jerome	Oct. 26, 1815	d
Nichols, William	Aug. 6, 1822	r
Niebuhr, Caleb E.	Dec. 7, 1858	
Nodine, Robert S., Jr.	Apr. 25, 1882	d
Nolen, Charles	Original member	*
Nolen, Charles, Jr.	Jan. 7, 1823	*
Nolen, Hervey	Mar. 7, 1816	d
Nolen, S.	Dec. 16, 1852	
Norris, Edward L.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Nowell, John A.	Oct. 4, 1842	*
Nowlan, Daniel	July 23, 1860	d
Noyes, Charles C.	Oct. 2, 1870	*
Noyes, D. W.	Oct. 2, 1870	d
Noyes, Thomas M.	Dec. 2, 1877	d
Nudd, Carlos	Nov. 12, 1871	r

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Oakes, Joseph G. (J. Gervasio)	Oct. 4, 1844	*
Oakman, G. W.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
O'Connor, Joseph	Oct. 12, 1864	d
Odiorne, John W.	Feb. 12, 1847	*
Oliver, James Lloyd	Dec. 20, 1840	d
Oliver, Nathaniel H. G.	Oct. 8, 1825	d
Oliver, William B.	Dec. 20, 1825	d
Osgood, Peter	Original member	d
Packard, William A.	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Page, Albert N.	July 12, 1887, Nov. 24, 1890	
Page, J. C.	Nov. 17, 1854	
Paine, David	Feb. 10, 1844	d
Paine, Frederick E.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Paine, Thomas L.	June 1, 1815	d
Palmer, Elijah W.	Nov. 17, 1839	*
Palmer, George W.	Sept. 19, 1841	*
Palmer, L. K.	Feb. 8, 1874	d
Palmer, Lewis M.	May 27, 1880	d
Park, Charles S.	Nov. 6, 1852	*
Park, Moody	Original member	d
Park, Thomas	May 2, 1816	r
Parker, George S.	Nov. 17, 1844	
Parker, Henry C.	Oct. 18, 1884	
Parker, Matthew S.	Original member	*
Parker, Samuel H.	Original member	*
Parker, Stephen, Jr.	Dec. 9, 1819	d
Parker, Theodore D.	June 16, 1818	d
Parkhurst, Louis H.	Dec. 9, 1871	d
Parkman, William	Dec. 13, 1843	r
Parks, William A.	Oct. 3, 1889	
Parkyn, Charles C.	May 10, 1888	r
Parsons, Samuel G.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Patch, Frank W.	June 22, 1887	r
Patten, A. C.	Mar. 18, 1877	d
Patten, George	Oct. 11, 1855	
Patterson, James W.	Feb. 7, 1843	d
Payson, John F.	June 1, 1815	*
Payson, W. H.	Dec. 2, 1877	
Peabody, Aaron	Original member	d
Peabody, John A.	Sept. 22, 1853	
Peabody, Philo	Apr. 4, 1875, Dec. 30, 1877	*
Pearson, G. B.	Dec. 16, 1857	*
Pearson, J. H. S.	Mar. 14, 1877	r
Peirce V. R.	Dec. 9, 1877	
Pelletier, William S.	Dec. 16, 1857	r
Pelton, W. H.	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Pendergrass, Ansel	Sept. 27, 1856	*
Pendleton, Rufus	Dec. 12, 1875, Dec. 30, 1877	

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Perley, James	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Perkins, A. F.	Nov. 19, 1868	
Perkins, Charles B.	May 26, 1885	r
Perkins, Charles C.	May 27, 1850	*
Perkins, H. S.	Dec. 29, 1860	d
Perkins, Henry J.	Oct. 14, 1866, Oct. 26, 1873	d
Perkins, J. E.	Nov. 7, 1866	*
Perkins, J. J.	Mar. 6, 1854	d
Perkins, Marcus A.	July 9, 1886	*
Perkins, W. O.	Dec. 29, 1860	
Perry, C. A.	Oct. 5, 1852	r
Perry, Robert G.	Dec. 29, 1860	d
Pewtress, John B.	Nov. 26, 1853	*
Phelps, Albert M.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Phelps, William B.	Dec. 12, 1878	d
Phillips, John L.	Mar. 7, 1816	r
Phinney, Charles A.	June 27, 1887	d
Phinney, Eben N.	Apr. 9, 1870	d
Phippen, George	Mar. 1, 1847	d
Phipps, John M.	Nov. 20, 1889	
Phipps, William K.	Original member	d
Pierce, Frank H.	Nov. 19, 1871	d
Pierce, Henry	Jan. 3, 1843	
Pierce, James	Original member	*
Pierce, James, Jr.	Feb. 5, 1822	d
Pierce, Joseph N.	Aug. 14, 1831	r
Pierce, Lewis	Jan. 14, 1820	*
Pike, Albert G.	Dec. 20, 1874	d
Pike, Clarence H.	Apr. 24, 1882	
Pike, Ezekiel W.	Oct. 14, 1837	d
Piper, C. F.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Pitman, Benjamin	Nov. 23, 1815	d
Plimpton, Charles T.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Poole, A. F.	Jan. 7, 1860	
Poole, Charles C.	Oct. 7, 1855	
Poor, Whittle	Apr. 11, 1889	
Pollock, Allan	Mar. 10, 1818	*
Pollock, George	Sept. 7, 1815	*
Pollock, Neil	Apr. 2, 1816	d
Pomroy, Henry	Oct. 1, 1816	*
Pond, Charles P.	Apr. 24, 1882	d
Pond, P. P.	Mar. 4, 1828	d
Porter, F. W.	Oct. 4, 1882	d
Porter, John W.	Nov. 1, 1863	r
Powers, J. F.	Dec. 14, 1878	d
Pratt, Albert J.	Oct. 13, 1879	r
Pratt, Alfred H.	Nov. 1, 1835	d
Pray, Benjamin	June 16, 1818	r
Pray, Henry S.	Nov. 29, 1870	*

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Pray, J. A.	Feb. 3, 1845	
Pray, John H.	July 6, 1815	*
Pray, William H.	Oct. 7, 1854	d
Preble, F. F.	Apr. 28, 1878	
Prentiss, H. C.	Dec. 8, 1877	
Prentiss, Samuel P.	Nov. 1, 1863	d
Prideaux, James	Nov. 17, 1839	*
Priest, Luther	Dec. 30, 1817	d
Pritchett, Thomas (Charles F. King)	Dec. 22, 1856	*
Proctor, Alfred N.	Nov. 4, 1854	
Proctor, Isaac K.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Proctor, John H.	Nov. 15, 1849	*
Proctor, Thomas W.	Apr. 25, 1882	r
Proudfoot, W. H.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Puffer, Gustavus A.	Nov. 29, 1870	*
Purington, Chester W.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Putnam, Charles P.	Mar. 2, 1865	d
Putnam, Henry D.	May 9, 1867	d
Putnam, Isaac H.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Putnam, James J.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Putnam, John P.	Dec. 18, 1875	d
Quick, Howard P.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Quimby, Stillman J.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Rand, David L.	Dec. 29, 1875. June 18, 1887	d
Rand, Edwin K.	Nov. 29, 1870	
Randall, J. E.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Randall, William H.	Nov. 1, 1863	r
Randall, William S.	Apr. 25, 1882	r
Rankin, Richard C.	June 22, 1886	
Raymond, F. H.	Nov. 21, 1865	r
Raymond, George P.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Reddish, Arthur	May 26, 1890	r
Redfern, H. N.	Dec. 24, 1880	d
Redman, Harry N.	June 7, 1890	d
Reed, Arthur	Nov. 8, 1863	
Reed, David	Mar. 7, 1816	d
Reed, T. Frank	Mar. 14, 1866	*
Reed, Hodges	Mar. 10, 1818	d
Reeves, Dexter, Jr.	Dec. 16, 1857	
Reeves, Nathaniel	Nov. 5, 1846	d
Reid, James C.	June 24, 1890	r
Remick, Edward T.	Jan. 30, 1880	d
Reynolds, F. G.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Reynolds, Samuel S.	Jan. 1, 1822	d
Rice, Aaron	Nov. 19, 1816	r
Rice, Herbert	Jan. 3, 1875	d
Rice, James	Nov. 4, 1854	

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Rice, James P.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Rice, Luther G.	May 8, 1845	d
Rice, S. S.	Oct. 17, 1826	d
Rice, W. B.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Rich, W. E. C.	Dec. 31, 1881	
Richards, George C.	Nov. 3, 1850	d
Richards, Isaiah D.	May 21, 1837	r
Richards, James B.	Feb. 18, 1847	d
Richards, Jonathan A.	Nov. 27, 1821	d
Richards, Robert H.	July 3, 1886	
Richards, W. A.	Nov. 8, 1863	
Richards, William W.	Mar. 14, 1866	d
Richardson, Aaron P.	Nov. 1, 1842	*
Richardson, E. T. F.	Original member	*
Richardson, George E.	Feb. 1, 1874	d
Richardson, Maurice H.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Richardson, Samuel	Original member	*
Richardson, William H.	Feb. 5, 1822	d
Richardson, William M.	Jan. 9, 1876	d
Richardson, William S.	Dec. 24, 1880	d
Ricker, Clinton A.	May 26, 1890	
Ring, Reuben	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Ring, W. S.	Feb. 4, 1859	r
Ripley, L. G.	May 12, 1883	d
Risdon, Isaac W.	May 9, 1882	
Rising, J. A.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Roath, Benjamin T.	Oct. 4, 1842	d
Roberts, Albert F.	Nov. 29, 1870, Dec. 3, 1883	d
Roberts, John	Dec. 3, 1822	*
Roberts, T. L.	May 27, 1880	r
Robertson, John	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Robertson, John M.	Jan. 1, 1822	*
Robinson, Joseph S.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Robinson, S. F.	Dec. 12, 1875	
Robinson, Tilon	Jan. 6, 1853	*
Roby, Charles C.	Jan. 7, 1877	d
Roe, Lewis W.	June 6, 1887	d
Roeder, Hugo	May 16, 1883	r
Rogers, John	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Rogerson, Robert	Nov. 26, 1818	d
Rollins, F. W.	Feb. 6, 1876	d
Rollins, James W.	Sept. 29, 1851	d
Ropes, Francis C.	Mar. 26, 1868	d
Ropes, William B.	June 21, 1887	
Roraback, John	Mar. 31, 1879	d
Rose, George H.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Rouse, Benjamin	Oct. 7, 1817	r
Rowson, William	Original member	*
Ruffin, George L.	June 7, 1890	

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Rugg, George H.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Ruggles, Daniel	Nov. 13, 1843	
Rundlett, Roger S.	Mar. 14, 1866	
Russell, John G.	June 21, 1886	r
Ryan, James	May 16, 1884	d
Ryder, Charles C.	June 23, 1886	r
Ryder, Willard E.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Rydingsvärd, Karl A.	July 12, 1886	d
Safford, Charles H.	Oct. 4, 1842	*
Safford, Isaac T.	Sept. 26, 1848	
Sanborn, Nathan	Feb. 26, 1853	d
Sanderson, H. E.	May 17, 1882	r
Sanger, Samuel	Oct. 6, 1818	d
Sargent, Osborne N.	June 21, 1887	r
Sargent, S. A.	Oct. 22, 1879	d
Savage, Ralph B.	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Saville, N. E.	Mar. 10, 1872	d
Sawtelle, Eli A.	Nov. 20, 1870	d
Sawyer, John S.	Dec. 29, 1860	
Sawyer, Harris E.	Jan. 29, 1891	
Sawyer, Laban	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Sawyer, Ralph H.	May 5, 1883	*
Sawyer, W. K.	May 29, 1882	
Sawyer, William K.	Jan. 25, 1874	r
Scamman, J. B.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Schlessinger, Sebastian B.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Schmidt, Henry	Dec. 28, 1839	d
Scott, Frank N.	Dec. 31, 1853	d
Scott, Mackintosh	Apr. 19, 1889	r
Searle, Addison	Oct. 1, 1816	d
Searle, Frederick A.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Seaverns, Charles H.	Sept. 18, 1852	d
Seaverns, J. H.	May 26, 1882	r
Senior, Fred	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Sharp, James	Oct. 15, 1816	*
Shattuck, Joseph M.	Nov. 4, 1854	d
Shattuck, N. S.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Shaw, E., 3d	May 2, 1816	*
Shaw, E. G.	Nov. 14, 1855	d
Shaw, J. B.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Shaw, J. H.	Mar. 6, 1854	d
Shepard, F. C.	Dec. 11, 1878	
Shepard, Walter	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Sherman, Horace C.	Jan. 7, 1877	d
Shove, Francis A.	Apr. 19, 1889	
Sim, Arthur W.	June 15, 1885	d
Simmons, Charles W.	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Simmons, Oliver E.	May 10, 1883	

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Simmons, William	Original member	*
Simonds, F. K.	May 3, 1858	d
Singleton, George	Original member	*
Slayton, J. H. L.	Oct. 22, 1853	d
Small, Fritz H.	June 19, 1890	
Small, William	Oct. 17, 1826	r
Smalley, A. B.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Smalley, Joseph H.	Jan. 7, 1860	d
Smallidge, J.	Nov. 9, 1815	*
Smilie, Elton R.	Jan. 22, 1848	
Smith, Amasa G.	Dec. 3, 1822	d
Smith, Charles W.	Nov. 7, 1846	r
Smith, Charles W.	Dec. 7, 1858	r
Smith, Charles W.	Apr. 24, 1878	d
Smith, E. H.	Mar. 18, 1877	
Smith, Ebenezer	Nov. 9, 1844	d
Smith, Edward A.	June 22, 1888	
Smith, Fred M.	Dec. 2, 1877	
Smith, H. Farnam	Oct. 25, 1856	d
Smith, Harry H.	June 5, 1888	r
Smith, J. E.	Mar. 18, 1877	d
Smith, J. G.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Smith, Jeremiah P.	Nov. 27, 1821	*
Smith, Ralph	Mar. 7, 1816	d
Smith, Richard W.	Nov. 13, 1867	
Smith, Samuel	Mar. 10, 1818	d
Smith, Sidney F.	Oct. 12, 1885	r
Snow, William H.	May 29, 1885	d
Somes, Stephen	Oct. 9, 1852	*
Soule, Richard H.	Nov. 12, 1871	a
Souther, William T.	Mar. 20, 1877	d
Spaulding, C. P.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Spaulding, George W.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Spaulding, S. H.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Spaulding, W. W.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Spear, George N.	Mar. 2, 1865	d
Spear, Isaac	Sept. 17, 1837	d
Sprague, Frank H.	June 6, 1887	r
Spring, John	Nov. 10, 1818	r
Stalker, John	Apr. 11, 1889	
Stanford, C. D.	Jan. 4, 1881	r
Staniford, Daniel	Dec. 7, 1815	*
Stanwood, Edward	Nov. 13, 1867	d
Stearns, William	Aug. 6, 1822	
Stebbins, Chester	Original member	*
Stedman, Charles	Jan. 22, 1832	r
Stephenson, C. E.	May 27, 1880	d
Stevens, Edgar F.	May 15, 1884	d
Stevens, Ira G.	Apr. 25, 1882	d

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Stickney, Edward	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Stickney, John H.	Nov. 7, 1861	*
Stimpson, Charles P.	Mar. 15, 1879	r
Stockwell, Samuel.	July 6, 1815	*
Stone, Charles S.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Stone, Charles W.	Jan. 25, 1874	
Stone, Henry	Feb. 9, 1853	*
Stone, Henry N.	Nov. 20, 1846	r
Stone, Henry R.	Mar. 15, 1866	d
Stone, Hubert	Oct. 6, 1854	
Stone, Joshua	Mar. 7, 1816	r
tover, Theophilus	Dec. 28, 1852	*
Stowers, Charles A.	June 4, 1885	r
Stratton, John	Feb. 6, 1827	d
Strong, Peleg	Sept. 15, 1839	d
Sturtevant, George H.	Apr. 15, 1878	
Sumner, Amos	Original member	d
Sutro, Theodore	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Swain, S. H.	Dec. 12, 1875	d
Swan, James G.	Dec. 20, 1843	d
Swan, Walter S.	May 5, 1872	d
Swan, William U.	May 10, 1883	
Sweet, James S.	Apr. 4, 1843	*
Sweny, Henry J.	Oct. 27, 1859	d
Swett, Charles E.	Apr. 4, 1875	d
Swett, John E.	May 27, 1880	
Swett, William S.	June 3, 1886	r
Swift, Hiram	May 21, 1837	r
Swope, Frank D.	Apr. 19, 1889	d
Sylvester, Charles T.	Sept. 14, 1852, Feb. 8, 1869	
Sylvester, L. G.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Talbot, T. L.	Feb. 1, 1874	d
Tarbell, William R.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Taylor, Eber	Nov. 6, 1827	*
Taylor, James L.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Taylor, Orion S.	Apr. 23, 1884	r
Taylor, Sidney	May 1, 1889	
Teasdale, Charles	May 6, 1889	
Teele, C. R.	Jan. 30, 1880	
Tenney, A. J.	Nov. 19, 1868	*
Thacher, George M.	Oct. 25, 1856	*
Thayer, Alexander W.	Jan. 10, 1845	
Thayer, Elijah	June 1, 1815	r
Thayer, Eliphalet	Jan. 14, 1820	r
Thayer, Frank S.	Apr. 28, 1875	d
Thomas, Seth J.	Jan. 11, 1829	d
Thompson, William L.	June 3, 1886	r
Thomson, Henry S.	Jan. 1, 1849	

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Thorndike, S. Lothrop	Dec. 16, 1857	r
Tidd, Samuel	Jan. 1, 1822	*
Tilden, Edwin	Nov. 1, 1842	d
Tillson, David	Feb. 4, 1834	*
Titcomb, E. J.	Nov. 7, 1844	
Titcomb, John H.	Apr. 19, 1847	d
Titus, W. L.	Dec. 8, 1878	*
Tompkins, Isaac S.	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Tompson, John A.	Nov. 21, 1865	
Tompson, John G., Jr.	Oct. 27, 1859	
Topliff, G. Francis	Feb. 18, 1863	d
Topliff, Samuel	Oct. 7, 1817	r
Tower, Daniel L.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Townsend, H.	Dec. 7, 1858	d
Treadwell, N. W.	Dec. 22, 1881	r
Trench, Francis P.	Apr. 25, 1882	r
Treubeck, W.	July 5, 1840	*
Trowbridge, S. W.	Nov. 8, 1863	d
Trowbridge, T. W.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Tucker, Louis N.	Sept. 21, 1852	d
Tucker, Nathaniel	Original member	*
Tuckerman, Samuel I'.	Oct. 21, 1838	r
Tuckerman, Samuel S.	Dec. 11, 1848	d
Tufts, Charles A.	Feb. 17, 1845	
Tufts, Otis	Apr. 12, 1884	r
Turner, Andrew W.	May 15, 1884	
Turner, Dwight M.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Turner, Elisha	Oct. 27, 1852	
Turner, Henry H.	Jan. 21, 1882	
Tuttle, A. T.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Tuttle, Frank M.	Apr. 11, 1889	
Twitchell, W. F.	Oct. 11, 1852	d
Underwood, A. R.	Dec. 1, 1878	
Underwood, Francis H.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Upham, Frank E.	June 6, 1887	*
Upham, J. Baxter	June 4, 1861	
Upham, T. A.	Mar. 22, 1853	d
Valentine, H. E.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Vose, Arthur C.	Apr. 24, 1878	d
Vose, Benjamin C.	Nov. 14, 1855	r
Vose, Joshua	June 1, 1815	*
Vose, Thomas	Nov. 10, 1818	*
Vose, Tristram	Nov. 9, 1815	*
Wadleigh, William H.	Dec. 9, 1848	
Wadsworth, O. F.	Mar. 14, 1866	r
Wagner, Lawrence L.	May 5, 1872	d

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Wainwright, Peter, Jr.	Dec. 7, 1815	d
Waite, Otis E.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Wakefield, W. L.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Waldo, Francis W.	Aug. 3, 1815	*
Walker, Joel H.	Jan. 2, 1842	d
Wales, S. Walter	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Walton, G. W.	Oct. 4, 1882	d
Ward, Andrew D.	Dec. 12, 1874	d
Ward, Joseph H.	Dec. 6, 1842	d
Ware, Frank T.	Jan. 25, 1874	
Ware, George W.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
Ware, John	Mar. 10, 1818	d
Ware, Samuel C.	June 28, 1840	*
Warren, Asa	May 2, 1816	r
Warren, George	Oct. 26, 1815	*
Warren, George W.	June 3, 1868	*
Warren, Harold B.	June 28, 1887	r
Warren, John C.	Nov. 10, 1864	r
Warren, W. F.	May 10, 1876	
Washburn, D. E.	Apr. 5, 1858	d
Washburn, George W. C.	Dec. 18, 1851	
Washburn, Jeremiah	Nov. 4, 1823	*
Washburne, Calvin	Aug. 6, 1816	r
Waterbury, Julius H.	Nov. 10, 1879	
Waterman, E. C.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Waterman, Samuel S.	Nov. 19, 1871	d
Watson, S. N.	Jan. 7, 1854	r
Webb, C. H.	Jan. 22, 1848	
Webb, George James	Oct. 5, 1830	r
Webb, T. C.	Nov. 1, 1865	*
Webb, Thomas Smith	Original member	*
Webb, W. K.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Webber, W. A.	Jan. 28, 1867	d
Webster, George H., Jr.	Mar. 14, 1879	d
Webster, J. W.	Oct. 28, 1832	*
Webster, J. W.	Feb. 8, 1869, May 5, 1872	d
Webster, R.	Nov. 18, 1817	r
Weeks, C. P.	Oct. 8, 1853	d
Welch, Joseph W.	Dec. 9, 1817	*
Wellington, Austin C.	Nov. 12, 1871	r
Wellington, Charles W. W.	Apr. 13, 1878	*
Wellington, William H.	May 25, 1840	*
Wells, Harry G.	Nov. 10, 1878	r
Wells, Wellington	June 20, 1887	r
Welsh, George W.	Dec. 30, 1817	d
Wentworth, Charles C.	Oct. 23, 1851	d
Wentworth, George H.	Nov. 10, 1864	d
Wentworth, James A.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Wentworth, S. T.	Jan. 14, 1877	r

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West, Albert J.	April 9, 1870, Jan. 16, 1876 .	d
West, Charles H.	June 21, 1882	d
West, George W.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Weston, E., Jr.	Oct. 21, 1838	r
Westwood, Joseph	June 26, 1890	
Wetherbee, Josiah Q.	June 28, 1840	
Weymouth, William S.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Wheat, Bridge	Oct. 4, 1844	*
Wheelwright, George S.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Wheelwright, Josiah	Jan. 2, 1821	r
Wheelwright, Josiah	Nov. 24, 1869, Nov. 17, 1878 .	
Whiston, Francis C.	Sept. 17, 1822	d
Whitcomb, Lawrence	June 25, 1890	r
Whitcomb, N. O.	Nov. 13, 1867	
White, E. W.	Dec. 16, 1857	d
White, Edward Y.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
White, H. K., Jr.	Mar. 26, 1868	d
White, Jacob R.	Oct. 7, 1817	d
White, Robert L.	May 17, 1883	d
White, Thomas H.	Oct. 7, 1817	d
White, Walter P.	Apr. 11, 1889	r
White, Warren	Dec. 25, 1843	d
Whiting, C. E.	Dec. 22, 1856	d
Whiting, Joseph J.	Jan. 23, 1842	*
Whitman, Allen	Mar. 7, 1816	d
Whitney, Alfred	Nov. 8, 1844	d
Whitney, G. W.	May 15, 1882	
Whitney, John	Oct. 6, 1813	d
Whitney, Richard S.	Nov. 19, 1868	
Whitney, W. L.	Mar. 31, 1879	d
Whittemore, Arthur H.	Apr. 11, 1889	r
Whittemore, Dexter P.	May 12, 1884	d
Whittemore, F. J.	Mar. 19, 1858	d
Whittemore, Michael, Jr.	Nov. 27, 1821	d
Whittemore, Thomas	Oct. 7, 1817	d
Whittier, D. B.	Dec. 8, 1861	d
Wight, Henry F.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Wilcox, Preston	Dec. 9, 1877	d
Wilde, Hiram	Oct. 25, 1856	
Wilder, Daniel	Aug. 7, 1832	r
Wilder, F. B.	Jan. 7, 1877	d
Wilder, Frank B.	Nov. 29, 1870	d
Wilder, Lewis	Sept. 28, 1834	r
Wilder, Martin	Oct. 3, 1820	*
Wilder, Martin, 2d.	Nov. 13, 1843	
Wilder, Volney	Oct. 21, 1832	r
Wildes, Ephraim	Oct. 3, 1837	*
Willy, Ephraim	Oct. 4, 1825	d
Williams, Benjamin P.	Mar. 7, 1816	d

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Williams, Boardman	Nov. 23, 1815	*
Williams, Henry B.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Williams, J. Frank	Dec. 19, 1881	d
Williams, James	Nov. 4, 1854	
Williams, L. P.	Nov. 19, 1868	d
Williams, N. Wardner	Mar. 26, 1879	d
Williams, R. T.	Mar. 11, 1879	
Williams, Samuel F.	Nov. 7, 1866	d
Willson, Robert W.	Nov. 12, 1871	d
Wilson, Arthur H.	Nov. 24, 1869	d
Wilson, George H.	Feb. 1, 1874	r
Wilson, J. C.	Oct. 27, 1859	*
Wilson, John	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Wilson, William H.	Nov. 21, 1865	d
Winch, J. F.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Winch, J. R.	Nov. 1, 1865	r
Winchester, Amasa	Original member	*
Windram, W. J.	Dec. 13, 1874	r
Winther, C.	Jan. 17, 1881	r
Winward, William W.	May 26, 1872	d
Wise, Isaac K.	Dec. 9, 1819	*
Wiswell, Dexter W.	Jan. 1, 1833	*
Wiswell, George C.	Nov. 10, 1864	
Wiswell, William D.	Nov. 1, 1863	*
With, C. Frederick	June 21, 1887	d
Withington, Ebenezer	Original member	*
Withington, George R. M.	Sept. 1, 1818	d
Withington, Increase S.	Jan. 2, 1821	*
Witter, T. H. B.	Nov. 29, 1870	r
Wood, C. H. W.	Nov. 1, 1863	r
Wood, Elisha, Jr.	Apr. 1, 1823	d
Wood, Elijah A.	May 5, 1884	
Wood, G. H.	Nov. 1, 1865	d
Wood, Lewis	Nov. 9, 1815	*
Wood, W. E.	Nov. 24, 1869	r
Woods, George H.	Dec. 2, 1877	r
Woods, J. H.	Feb. 8, 1869	d
Woods, John C.	Oct. 25, 1852	d
Woodman, Jonathan C.	Jan. 12, 1854	d
Woodward, A. W.	Feb. 24, 1853	*
Woodward, Isaac	Sept. 25, 1856	*
Woodward, W. A.	Dec. 1, 1878	d
Worcester, Charles P.	June 4, 1885	r
Worcester, Joseph R.	May 3, 1884	r
Worcester, W.	Nov. 10, 1878	d
Worthley, Mark	Dec. 6, 1842	*
Wright, Chandler	Dec. 16, 1857, May 12, 1883	
Wright, J. W.	Apr. 19, 1840	d
Wright, R. P.	Nov. 13, 1867	

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Wright, William	July 6, 1815	r
Wyman, Luther B.	Jan. 3, 1826	r
Young, Charles	Feb. 3, 1839	r
Young, E. O.	Mar. 3, 1872	d
Young, H. D.	Apr. 25, 1882	d
Young, Henry D.	Apr. 11, 1889	

NOTE.—The method of attaching a number to the signature of each new member should seem to have been adopted with the opening of the present book of By-Laws in 1843. As in a good many instances men have discontinued their membership in the Society, and then at a later date resumed it, it follows that the numbers indicate a record not of the members, but of the memberships. This record of memberships constitutes the chronological list as edited above. The significance of the duplicate memberships was evidently not perceived in 1843. The numbers, which were then apparently for the first time assigned to the members of that date, run through 465, representing the number of *members*. Up to that time four men had been in the Society twice, the number of signatures having been 469. As the system then adopted gave from that time forth the list of numbered *memberships*, the same method has now been extended backward to the beginning of the list, the four extra numbers being represented by 465 *a, b, c, d*. These 469 numbers, as here edited, do not agree, except by chance in some instances, with the numbers ascribed to the old members in 1843. The discrepancies range from one to six, and are owing to an extraordinary theory of chronological succession invented by the compiler of 1843. These numbers are now assigned in the true order of the original signatures. From 466 onward, the numbers as printed agree with those which accompany the signatures, except at some periods of temporary confusion, as, for instance, in the numbers 1377-1394. In such cases the true chronological number has been printed in the column, and the number as written in the record list has been printed after the name.

Number of memberships by printed list	1,717
Add Nos. 465 <i>a, b, c, d</i> , 533 <i>a</i> , 596 <i>a</i> , 768 <i>a</i> , 1,266 <i>a</i> , 1,504 <i>a</i> ,	9
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	1,726
Subtract No. 1,173, unfilled	1
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	1,725
Subtract No. 946, same man as 718	1
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	1,724
Subtract duplicate signatures	37
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Number of members, chronological list	1,687

Number of names, alphabetical list	1,689
Subtract for C. F. King and J. G. Oakes, changed names	2
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Number of members, alphabetical list	1,687

The lists as here printed are somewhat imperfect. Doubtless many of the old members who here appear without the stars have long since been gathered unto their fathers. Probably some whose membership has otherwise been closed, still appear in full standing. But it is hoped that the chronological statement will prove a fairly complete and accurate transcript of the facts that appear on the recorded lists of the Society; and it has not seemed desirable to postpone the publication of the history for the sake of making investigations beyond the official record.

ERRATA

- Page (33), No. 468, for 1842 read 1843.
- Page (55), No. 1492, for Clarence read Clarance.
- Page (62), for Anderson, N. R., read Andersen, N. R.
- Page (75), for Hanson, E. R., read Hansen, E. R.; for Hansen, George A., read Hanson, George A.
- Page (76), after Hazelton, J. E., for Oct. 26, read Oct. 17.

LADIES OF THE CHORUS,

1865-1890

There are substantially no existing materials from which to make a list of ladies before 1865. Therefore no attempt has been made to construct such a list. Furthermore, the list here given of ladies after 1865 is by no means perfect. The names of the chorus singers at the festivals of 1865, 1868, and 1871 are given in the program books of those festivals respectively. Those names constitute almost the only obtainable information as to the ladies who were in the chorus during the period beginning with the festival of 1865 and ending with the festival of 1871. From the latter date, records of constantly increasing accuracy have been kept.

The list here given purports to include all the names found in the festival books above mentioned, or in the subsequent records of the Society, or ascertained from any other source.

Abbot, Mary, Miss	Alexander, Zaida, Mrs.
Abbott, Ella M., Miss	Allen, Emily C., Miss
Abbott, G., Miss	Allen, Grace, Miss
Abell, Edith, Miss	Allen, Hannah, Miss
Aborn, Helen C., Miss	Allen, Hattie E., Miss
Acherly, C. L., Mrs.	Allen, Ida, Miss
Ackerman, S. E., Miss	Allen, Julia, Miss
Adams, Abbie, Miss	Allen, Lizzie C., Miss
Adams, Emma L., Miss	Allen, Lizzie E., Miss
Adams, Frank A., Mrs.	Allen, Louise G., Mrs.
Adams, H. C., Miss	Allen, Lucy G., Miss
Adams, Mary, Miss	Allen, M., Miss
Adams, S. E. G., Miss	Allen, Maggie, Miss
Adams, Susan S., Miss	Allen, Nellie, Miss
Aiken, E. H., Mrs.	Allen, S. C., Miss
Aiken, Emma G., Miss	Allen, William H., Mrs.
Akerman, George, Mrs.	Alley, Lizzie E., Miss
Albee, Lillian C., Miss	Alsbury, Margaret, Mrs.
Albright, S., Miss	Amidon, Fannie, Miss
Alden, D. A., Mrs.	Andrews, Mrs.
Alden, Nellie M., Mrs.	Andrews, Aleena R., Miss
Alden, R. B., Mrs.	Andrews, E. R., Mrs.
Aldrich, A. M., Mrs.	Andrews, Ellen, Miss
Aldrich, Helen J., Miss	Andrews, Eva, Miss
Aldrich, J. E., Miss	Andrews, J. D., Mrs.
Aldrich, Mary A., Miss	Andrews, L. E., Miss
Alexander, A. B., Miss	Andrews, Luella W., Miss
Alexander, Emma D., Miss	Andrews, Minnie C., Miss
Alexander, Mary H., Miss	Andrews, R. L., Mrs.

- Appleton, Florence A., Miss
 Appleton, S. C., Mrs.
 Arnands, S. R., Mrs.
 Arno, E. J., Mrs.
 Attwood, E., Miss
 Attwood, J. H., Mrs.
 Atwater, Sophie, Miss
 Atwill, A. A., Miss
 Atwill, L. B., Miss
 Atwood, C. A., Mrs.
 Atwood, Carrie, Miss
 Atwood, J. W., Mrs.
 Austin, E. S., Mrs.
 Austin, Edith, Miss
 Austin, Elizabeth, Mrs.
 Austin, Lillie, Miss
 Avery, E. B., Mrs.
 Avery, Ella R., Mrs.
 Avery, Mary H., Miss
 Ayer, Florence G., Miss
- Bachelder, Nellie, Miss
 Backus, Ella F., Miss
 Bacon, Helen E., Mrs.
 Badger, Sophia, Miss
 Bagley, Clara E., Miss
 Bagley, Lizzie M., Miss
 Bagnal, B. G., Miss
 Bagnal, Thomas, Mrs.
 Bailey, A. R., Mrs.
 Bailey, E. F., Miss
 Bailey, Grace, Mrs.
 Baker, L. V., Miss
 Baker, Minnie F., Miss
 Bakerman, M. M., Miss
 Balch, Amy C., Miss
 Baldwin, E. L., Mrs.
 Baldwin, E. S., Miss
 Baldwin, Lizzie J., Miss
 Ballard, Georgiana A., Miss
 Ballou, Cora, Miss
 Ballou, Emily J., Miss
 Ballou, Isabella J., Miss
 Bamford, Miss
 Bancroft, C. R., Mrs.
 Bancroft, Eva J., Miss
 Barbey, Christina D., Miss
 Barker, Cora B., Mrs.
 Barker, L. M., Mrs.
- Barnes, Annie, Miss
 Barnes, Bertha, Miss
 Barnes, E. R., Miss
 Barnes, Emma, Miss
 Barnes, Margaret, Miss
 Barr, H. H., Mrs.
 Barrett, Alice M., Miss
 Barrett, G. J., Miss
 Barrows, E. K., Mrs.
 Barry, May F., Mrs.
 Barry, W. T., Mrs.
 Bartlett, Jennie L., Miss
 Bartlett, M. F., Miss
 Barton, Lucy T., Mrs.
 Bassett, C., Miss
 Batchelder, Frances, Miss
 Bates, Hattie T., Mrs.
 Bates, M. C., Miss
 Bates, M. T., Mrs.
 Bates, Maud, Miss
 Bath, Carrie A., Miss
 Battersby, Winifred, Miss
 Baxter, C. A., Mrs.
 Beal, H., Mrs.
 Bearse, A. L., Mrs.
 Beattie, Addie A., Miss
 Beattie, Marion J., Miss
 Beck, Frederick, Mrs.
 Beck, L. A., Miss
 Beck, L. M., Miss
 Beede, A. F. C., Miss
 Beers, J. T., Mrs.
 Belding, Laura, Miss
 Bell, C. A., Miss
 Bennett, Emma J., Miss
 Bennett, L. F., Miss
 Bennison, S. M., Miss
 Benson, A. M., Miss
 Benson, Thesia C., Miss
 Bent, E. M., Miss
 Benton, Lizzie, Miss
 Benton, Maggie B., Miss
 Bergstrom, Mattie, Miss
 Berk, M., Miss
 Betton, Mrs.
 Bickford, Alta, Miss
 Bickford, Emma, Miss
 Bicknell, Alice, Miss
 Bicknell, Anna T., Miss

LADIES OF THE CHORUS, 1865-1890.

Bicknell, Carrie L., Miss
 Bidwell, Minda C., Miss
 Bigelow, E. J., Mrs.
 Bigelow, Florence, Miss
 Billings, Ella M., Mrs.
 Billings, Mary P. C., Mrs.
 Billings, Nellie, Miss
 Bingham, H. A., Mrs.
 Bingham, H. E., Miss
 Bingham, Kittie E., Miss
 Bingham, Lucy J., Mrs.
 Bingham, S. E., Miss
 Birch, G. W., Mrs.
 Bird, C. A., Miss
 Bird, Carrie E., Miss
 Bird, Helen M., Miss
 Bird, Mary C., Miss
 Bishop, F., Mrs.
 Bishop, Marie, Mrs.
 Bissell, A., Miss
 Bittner, Nettie M., Miss
 Black, Ella, Miss
 Black, Lucy, Miss
 Blacker, E. F., Miss
 Blackman, Mabelle W., Miss
 Blaisdell, Emma A., Miss
 Blanchard, Kate E., Miss
 Blanchard, Nettie S., Miss
 Blanchard, W. E., Mrs.
 Blaney, E. A., Mrs.
 Blatchford, Dora, Miss
 Blethen, J. C., Mrs.
 Blodgett, Alice, Miss
 Blodgett, F. A., Miss
 Blood, Evlyn, Miss
 Boardman, E. I., Miss
 Boardman, F. M., Miss
 Boardman, Mabel, Miss
 Bodes, A. L., Miss
 Boll, Helena H., Miss
 Bond, Minnie D., Mrs.
 Boos, Josephine, Miss
 Boos, Therese, Miss
 Boott, E., Miss
 Bosley, Mary A., Miss
 Bosworth, Abbie F., Miss
 Bothamly, Edith, Miss
 Bothamly, Emma, Miss
 Bothamly, Fannie, Miss
 Bowker, Jennie, Mrs.
 Bowser, S. S., Mrs.
 Boyd, Margaret A., Miss
 Boyden, W. R., Mrs.
 Boylston, Belle R., Mrs.
 Brackett, Grace W., Miss
 Brackett, Kate H., Miss
 Brackett, L., Mrs.
 Brackett, L. B., Miss
 Brackett, Mary, Miss
 Bradbury, C. B., Mrs.
 Bradbury, E. A., Mrs.
 Braddock, W. L., Mrs.
 Braden, H. S., Mrs.
 Bradford, Lizzie B., Miss
 Bradlee, Annie J., Miss
 Bragdon, Florence L., Miss
 Branch, A. E., Miss
 Branch, M., Miss
 Brandyer, Katherine, Miss
 Branscomb, E. D., Mrs.
 Bray, A., Miss
 Brehm, Fannie J., Miss
 Brice, Mary, Miss
 Bridges, Georgianna, Miss
 Briggs, Annie E., Miss
 Briggs, Julia E., Miss
 Briggs, Lon, Miss
 Brigham, A. E., Miss
 Brigham, Addie R., Miss
 Brigham, E. J., Miss
 Brigham, M. C., Mrs.
 Britton, M. A., Mrs.
 Broad, F. W., Mrs.
 Brooks, Alice, Miss
 Brooks, C. E., Miss
 Brooks, Stella, Miss
 Broughton, Caroline V., Miss
 Brown, A. C., Miss
 Brown, Alice G., Miss
 Brown, C. M., Miss
 Brown, Carrie B., Miss
 Brown, Christine, Miss
 Brown, Edna E., Miss
 Brown, Florence C., Miss
 Brown, George M., Mrs.
 Brown, Hattie A., Miss
 Brown, Henry B., Mrs.
 Brown, M. A., Mrs.

- Brown, M. G., Miss
 Brown, Mary J., Mrs.
 Brown, N. M., Miss
 Brown, Nellie, Mrs.
 Brown, S. A., Miss
 Browne, A. Parker, Mrs.
 Browning, E. F., Miss.
 Browning, J. A., Mrs.
 Bruce, Katharine M., Miss
 Bruce, M. E., Mrs.
 Bruner, Lettie, Miss
 Bryant, D. C., Mrs.
 Bryant, Gertrude, Miss
 Bryant, M. A., Miss
 Bryant, Margaret, Miss
 Bryden, W. R., Mrs.
 Buffington, Mary P., Miss
 Bugbee, E. A., Miss
 Buitekan, Eva, Miss
 Bulkeley, L. E., Miss
 Bullard, E. C., Mrs.
 Bullard, E. H., Mrs.
 Bullard, Mary L., Miss
 Bullen, E. S., Miss
 Bullen, Mary J., Miss
 Bunten, M. T., Miss
 Bunton, E. J., Miss
 Bunton, L. A., Miss
 Bunton, W. H., Mrs.
 Burbeck, H. L., Miss
 Burgess, E. H. C., Miss
 Burgess, H. F., Miss
 Burgess, J. T., Mrs.
 Burkett, Belle F., Miss
 Burnham, A., Miss
 Burnham, A. L., Miss
 Burnham, Clara, Mrs.,
 Burnham, Ellen E., Miss
 Burnham, W. W., Mrs.
 Burrill, M. A., Miss
 Burroughs, Belle, Miss
 Burroughs, Eliza A., Mrs.
 Burroughs, Emma A., Miss
 Burrows, E. A., Mrs.
 Burton, C. E., Miss
 Burton, C. I., Miss
 Burton, Ida M., Miss
 Burton, Lizzie, Miss
 Burton, Maggie B., Miss
 Burton, Mary E., Miss
 Butcher, Martln, Mrs.
 Butler, S., Miss
 Butterfield, C. F., Miss
 Butterfield, Grace, Miss
 Butterfield, M. S., Miss
 Buttrick, L. A., Miss
 Butts, Lizzie M., Miss
 Buxton, Lulu L., Miss
 Byrne, Addie A., Mrs.
 Byrne, S. J., Mrs.
 Byrne, S. T., Mrs.
 Cabot, Edith R., Miss
 Cabot, Lilla, Miss
 Cabot, Sarah, Miss
 Caine, Ida F., Miss
 Cairns, Emma, Miss
 Caldwell, Mabel V., Miss
 Calef, Josephine, Miss.
 Cameron, J., Mrs.
 Camp, Kate, Miss
 Campbell, A. A., Miss
 Campbell, Alma, Miss
 Campbell, Cora, Miss
 Campbell, J. J., Mrs.
 Campbell, L., Mrs.
 Campbell, T. W., Mrs.
 Cann, Minnie, Miss
 Capon, Mrs.
 Card, Lucy G. M., Miss
 Cardell, F. B., Mrs.
 Carleton, C. F., Mrs.
 Carleton, I. S., Miss
 Carleton, J. P., Mrs.
 Carleton, J. S., Miss
 Carnes, E. L., Miss
 Carnes, F., Mrs.
 Carr, B., Mrs.
 Carr, H., Mrs.
 Carr, H. H., Mrs.
 Carr, H. V., Mrs.
 Carr, J. A., Mrs.
 Carr, M. G., Mrs.
 Carrier, Ida, Miss
 Carrington, L., Miss
 Carter, H., Mrs.
 Carter, Mary, Miss
 Carter, Mary L., Miss

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Cary, J. B., Miss
 Cary, L. P., Miss
 Cary, S., Miss
 Case, A. C., Mrs.
 Case, H. V., Miss
 Case, I. F., Miss
 Casey, J. F., Mrs.
 Cassidy, Jennie, Miss
 Caswell, A., Miss
 Caswell, M. A., Miss
 Cazemay, Lizzie, Miss
 Ceiley, Anna, Miss
 Chadwick, Amelia, Miss
 Chadwick, Anne, Miss
 Chadwick, H. B., Mrs.
 Chadwick, J. C., Mrs.
 Chaffin, Mary A., Miss
 Chamberlain, S. E., Miss
 Chandler, Estelle I., Miss
 Chandler, Mary, Miss
 Chandler, S. R., Mrs.
 Chapin, M. E., Mrs.
 Chapman, E. A., Mrs.
 Chase, Abbie A., Miss
 Chase, Florence, Miss
 Chase, J. H., Mrs.
 Chase, Jennie E., Mrs.
 Chase, Linna A., Miss
 Chase, P. F., Mrs.
 Chase, W. P., Mrs.
 Cheesman, James, Mrs.
 Cheney, C. A., Mrs.
 Cheney, C. M., Mrs.
 Cheney, Ella, Miss
 Cheney, J. E., Miss
 Chickering, Addie M., Miss
 Child, Frances L., Miss
 Child, Harriet M., Miss
 Chisam, E. B., Miss
 Chisholm, E., Miss
 Chisholm, L. E., Miss
 Chisholm, R. C., Miss
 Christie, C., Miss
 Christie, Helen, Miss
 Church, Joseph, Mrs.
 Chute, C. H., Mrs.
 Chute, R. J., Mrs.
 Cilley, Clara A., Miss
 Claffin, A., Mrs.
 Clapp, Abbie F., Miss
 Clark, Abby R., Miss
 Clark, C. H., Mrs.
 Clark, C. W., Miss
 Clark, E. F., Miss
 Clark, Emma W., Miss
 Clark, J. N., Mrs.
 Clark, Jennie B., Miss
 Clark, L. W., Mrs.
 Clark, M. C., Miss
 Clark, M. E., Mrs.
 Clark, Minnie A., Miss
 Clarke, M. A., Miss
 Clarke, S. A., Miss
 Cleaveland, Ella, Miss
 Close, Fannie M., Mrs.
 Clough, Gertrude, Miss
 Clough, Lucy A., Miss
 Clouston, A. J., Miss
 Cloutman, Ada G., Mrs.
 Cloutman, Ella D., Miss
 Cluer, B., Miss
 Coburn, E. S., Miss
 Coburn, Flora M., Miss
 Coburn, M. P., Mrs.
 Cochran, Mary E., Miss
 Cochran, Susau, Miss
 Cochrane, S. C., Miss
 Coffey, John A., Mrs.
 Coffey, William H., Mrs.
 Coffin, Josie P., Miss
 Coffin, M. O., Miss
 Coffin, Marietta, Miss
 Cogswell, W. C., Mrs.
 Colburn, Mary P., Mrs.
 Colby, Lizzie, Miss
 Cole, M. E., Miss
 Cole, O. R., Miss
 Colgate, H. C., Mrs.
 Collier, Annie E., Miss
 Collins, Amelia, Miss
 Collins, E. D., Mrs.
 Comey, George H., Mrs.
 Conant, Annabel O., Mrs.
 Conant, Benjamin, Mrs.
 Conant, Martha T., Miss
 Conkey, H., Mrs.
 Converse, W. H., Mrs.
 Cook, C. E., Mrs.

- Cook, E. O., Mrs.
 Cook, H. E., Mrs.
 Cook, H. J., Mrs.
 Cook, J. F., Mrs.
 Cook, Lottie A., Miss
 Cook, Mary T. F., Miss
 Cooke, A. B., Mrs.
 Cooke, C. G., Mrs.
 Coolidge, Emma, Miss
 Copeland, M. J., Mrs.
 Corey, A., Mrs.
 Corliss, Grace S., Miss
 Cornwall, Mary A., Mrs.
 Corson, C. D., Mrs.
 Costello, Abbie May, Miss
 Cotton, Anna L., Miss
 Covell, Olive M., Miss
 Cowdin, G. M., Mrs.
 Cox, Mary A., Miss
 Cox, W. N., Mrs.
 Crabtree, Inez, Miss
 Crafts, A. F., Mrs.
 Crafts, H. F., Miss
 Cragin, Lizzie, Miss
 Crandon, S. F., Miss
 Crane, A. F., Miss
 Crane, Carrie, Miss
 Crane, Emma L., Miss
 Crane, L. L., Mrs.
 Crane, Sarah L., Miss
 Crawshaw, Mary, Miss
 Crego, Miss
 Crocker, M. H., Miss
 Croft, Ada G., Miss
 Croft, M. F., Miss
 Crosby, Alice K., Miss
 Crosby, Mary C., Miss
 Crosby, S. F., Miss
 Crosby, S. H., Miss
 Cross, Viva, Miss
 Crossette, Minnie A., Miss
 Crossman, E. J., Mrs.
 Crossman, Jennie, Mrs.
 Crowell, J. A., Mrs.
 Crowell, Nellie H., Miss
 Cumings, C. H., Mrs.
 Cummings, H. A., Mrs.
 Cummings, Lillian S., Miss
 Cundy, Ida, Miss
 Cunningham, E., Miss
 Cunningham, S. V., Miss
 Currier, Abbie, Mrs.
 Currier, C. E., Mrs.
 Curry, Mrs.
 Curry, Alfaretta, Miss
 Curry, Ida F., Miss
 Curry, Mary M., Miss
 Curtis, E., Miss
 Curtis, L. A. B., Mrs.
 Curtis, M. G., Mrs.
 Cushing, A. G., Mrs.
 Cushing, C., Mrs.
 Cushing, E. F., Miss
 Cushing, E. S., Miss
 Cushing, George, Mrs.
 Cushing, Laura J., Miss
 Cushing, M., Miss
 Cushing, Mary A., Mrs.
 Cushing, Mary E., Mrs.
 Cushing, R. D., Mrs.
 Cushman, Hattie E., Miss
 Cushman, L., Miss
 Cushman, Mary L., Miss
 Cushnie, Mary J., Miss
 Cutler, Mary E., Miss
 Cutter, C. K., Mrs.
 Cutter, C. R., Miss
 Cutter, Edith, Miss
 Cutter, Imo L., Miss
 Cutting, E. G., Miss
 Cutting, F., Miss
 Cutting, Lizzie S., Miss
 Dabney, Ellen, Miss
 Dabney, F., Miss
 Dabney, Julia P., Miss
 Dabney, S., Miss
 Dakin, Bertha M., Miss
 Dakin, Lillian J., Miss
 Dalton, Grace F., Miss
 Dalton, L. M., Mrs.
 Dame, J. W., Mrs.
 Damon, Lizzie, Miss
 Dana, C., Miss
 Dana, E. E., Miss
 Dana, I. H., Miss
 Dana, J. E., Miss
 Dana, K., Miss

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Dana, L., Miss
 Dana, R. C., Miss
 Dane, Carrie, Miss
 Danforth, Adelaide, Miss
 Danforth, Delphis S., Miss
 Daniels, G. F., Mrs.
 Daniels, Grace, Miss
 Daniels, Isabel, Miss
 Daniels, J. Scott, Mrs.
 Daniels, M. W., Mrs.
 Daniels, S. I., Miss
 Daniels, S. M., Mrs.
 Darling, M., Mrs.
 David, Lucy E., Miss
 Davidson, Mrs.
 Davis, A. A., Miss
 Davis, A. F., Miss
 Davis, A. M., Mrs.
 Davis, Anna M., Miss
 Davis, Annie H., Miss
 Davis, Belle, Miss
 Davis, Eleanor P., Miss
 Davis, Emily I., Miss
 Davis, Frank L., Miss
 Davis, J. M., Mrs.
 Davis, Josie F., Miss
 Davis, L. C., Miss
 Davis, L. E., Miss
 Davis, M. A., Miss
 Davis, Mary T., Miss
 Davis, V. G., Miss
 Davy, M. E., Mrs.
 Day, H. E., Miss
 Dayton, I. M., Mrs.
 Dearing, Lilla A., Miss
 Dearing, Marcia A., Miss
 Decrow, Gertrude, Miss
 Deering, Estelle C., Miss
 Delano, Addie, Miss
 Delano, R. K., Mrs.
 Dempster, Mrs.
 Denley, Mary, Miss
 Dennett, Mabel F., Miss
 Dennis, Mrs.
 Dennis, A., Miss
 Derby, Lizzie M., Miss
 Derby, M. F., Miss
 De Renfro, Millicent, Mrs.
 De Ribas, H. R. G., Miss
 Dewey, Mary E., Mrs.
 Dexter, Charles H., Mrs.
 Dexter, Florence, Miss
 Dexter, Hattie L., Miss
 De Young, Kate, Miss
 Dickerman, A., Miss
 Dickerman, A. L., Mrs.
 Dickinson, Anna, Miss
 Dickinson, M. S., Miss
 Dickinson, Mary, Miss
 Dimick, C. W., Mrs.
 Dietrick, Louise G., Miss
 Dodd, John, Mrs.
 Dodge, Annie, Miss
 Dodge, Edna S., Miss
 Dodge, L. B., Mrs.
 Dodge, S., Miss
 Dolbeare, F. M., Miss
 Dole, Kate, Miss
 Dole, M. A., Miss
 Dollover, Miss
 Dorr, Daisy, Miss
 Dow, Alice I., Miss
 Dowling, E. M., Miss
 Downer, Ella, Miss
 Downing, Sarah E., Miss
 Drake, Inez, Miss
 Drake, M. Bessie, Miss
 Drake, M. L., Mrs.
 Drake, Sarah, Mrs.
 Drake, T., Mrs.
 Drew, G. H., Mrs.
 Drew, Thomas, Jr., Mrs.
 Du Bois, S. M., Mrs.
 Dudley, E. M., Miss
 Dudley, M. L., Miss
 Duganne, S., Miss
 Dumas, George V., Mrs.
 Dunham, E. E., Miss
 Dunklee, Nellie M., Miss
 Dunlap, G. E., Mrs.
 Dunnells, Jessie, Miss
 Dunnells, E. W., Mrs.
 Dunnells, Jennie L., Miss
 Dunnells, Mattie D., Miss
 Dunning, Clara M., Miss
 Dunning, R. B., Mrs.
 Dupee, C., Mrs.
 Durand, M. L., Mrs.

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 Dustin, M. E., Mrs.
 Dwyer, Hannah, Miss
 Dyer, E. Jessie, Miss

 Earnest, Hattie, Miss
 Eastabrooks, Emma, Miss
 Eastman, Mrs.
 Eastman, Emma J., Miss
 Eastman, Mary A., Miss
 Eaton, H. E., Miss
 Eaton, Lizzie, Miss
 Eaton, Lucy H., Miss
 Eayrs, Maria, Miss
 Echeran, D. C., Mrs.
 Eddy, Mary, Mrs.
 Edes, M. C., Miss
 Edwards, J., Mrs.
 Eldridge, L. M., Mrs.
 Eldridge, M., Miss
 Elliot, Catherine A., Miss
 Elliott, C. A., Miss
 Elliott, M. L., Miss
 Ellis, Emma H., Mrs.
 Ellis, F. O., Mrs.
 Ellis, Mary, Miss
 Ellison, J. R., Mrs.
 Ellsworth, G. C., Mrs.
 Ellwell, A. M., Miss
 Emerson, C. W., Mrs.
 Emerson, R. V. C., Mrs.
 Emerson, Sara, Mrs.
 Emery, L. M., Miss
 Emery, M. L., Miss
 Emery, M. T., Miss
 Emmons, J. M., Miss
 Esselen, H. M., Mrs.
 Estabrooks, H. A., Miss
 Estes, Lizzie G., Miss
 Estle, Mary A., Miss
 Esty, Annice E., Miss
 Eustis, Grace F., Miss
 Evans, E., Miss
 Evans, E. B., Mrs.
 Evans, Ellen, Miss
 Evans, L. A., Miss
 Evans, M. J., Miss
 Evans, Margaret, Miss

 Ewer, Pauline C. Miss
 Ewer, Susan, Miss

 Fabyan, E. C., Miss
 Fairbanks, Miss
 Fairbanks, D., Mrs.
 Fairbanks, E., Mrs.
 Fall, Miss
 Fanor, A., Miss
 Farmer, H. M., Miss
 Farmer, M. C., Miss
 Farmer, M. E., Miss
 Farmer, W. C., Miss
 Farrell, Mary, Mrs.
 Farrington, A., Mrs.
 Farrington, Alice E., Miss
 Farrington, H., Mrs.
 Farrington, H. E., Mrs.
 Farrington, Julia B., Miss
 Farrington, Marietta T., Miss
 Farrington, Mary E., Miss
 Faxon, Edward, Mrs.
 Fay, Edward, Mrs.
 Fay, K., Miss
 Fell, Sarah A., Miss
 Fenno, Ada C., Miss
 Fenno, E. A., Miss
 Feran, E. A., Miss
 Fernandez, Emma, Miss
 Ferrin, Abby N., Miss
 Ferris, T. L., Mrs.
 Fessenden, William H., Mrs.
 Field, A. L., Mrs.
 Field, Emma S., Miss
 Field, Mary W., Miss
 Fields, Etta, Miss
 Fininly, Martha, Miss
 Fisher, G. B., Miss
 Fisher, Sarah C., Miss
 Fisher, T. W., Mrs.
 Fiske, Emma L., Miss
 Fitch, S. E., Mrs.
 Fitch, W. F., Mrs.
 Fitz, Andrew, Mrs.
 Fitz, Hattie G., Miss
 Flagg, Luthera, Miss
 Flagg, Minnie A., Miss
 Fletcher, Esther, Miss

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Fletcher, G. H., Mrs.	Frye, Mary P., Miss
Flinn, A., Miss	Frye, Serena J., Miss
Flinn, M., Miss	Fuller, Abbie T., Miss
Floyd, M. H., Miss	Fuller, E. F., Miss
Flynn, Annette, Miss	Fuller, Eloise L., Miss
Flynn, Theresa M., Miss	Fuller, Etta O., Miss
Follansbee, E. E., Miss	Fuller, H. M., Mrs.
Follett, Dr., Mrs.	Fuller, L. J., Mrs.
Follett, A. L., Miss	Fuller, M. A., Miss
Follett, A. S., Miss	Fuller, M. A. G., Mrs.
Follette, J. A., Mrs.	Fuller, Sarah E., Mrs.
Folsom, George C., Mrs.	Furlong, A. B., Mrs.
Folsom, Hattie S., Miss	
Ford, Anna, Miss	Gaffney, A., Miss
Ford, Emma B., Mrs.	Gaffney, Anna T., Miss
Ford, Mary E., Miss	Gaffney, H. E., Miss
Foskett, Nettie C., Miss	Gage, A. L., Miss
Foss, Anna F., Miss	Gage, E. A., Miss
Foss, Clara T., Miss	Gallagher, Jessie F., Miss
Foss, Nellie C., Miss	Gallison, L. J., Mrs.
Foster, Annie L., Miss	Gamage, A., Mrs.
Foster, Clyde, Miss	Gamage, A. M., Miss
Foster, Cordelia A., Miss	Garcelon, Lillian O., Miss
Foster, E. G., Mrs.	Gardner, Hattie, Miss
Foster, George E., Mrs.	Garland, H. S., Miss
Foster, M. F., Miss	Garland, N. L., Miss
Foster, M. H., Miss	Garrette, Lillian M., Miss
Foster, Susie, Miss	Garrette, Lucy I., Miss
Fowles, A. L., Mrs.	Garrette, Victoria A., Miss
Fowles, Carrie L., Mrs.	Garrison, Agnes, Miss
Fox, Effie H., Miss	Gary, Edward, Mrs.
Fox, J., Mrs.	Gates, Alice, Miss
Fox, Lizzie S., Miss	Gates, Florence, Miss
Fox, Lucy M., Miss	George, Mary E., Mrs.
Fox, N. S., Miss	Gerrish, Hattie N., Miss
Fox, W. S., Mrs.	Gerry, L. J., Miss
French, Fannie T., Miss	Getchell, Annie A., Miss
French, Mary E., Miss	Gharky, Marionette, Miss
French, Mary L., Miss	Gibbs, Kate F., Miss
Friend, Fannie C., Miss	Gifford, W. B., Mrs.
Frisbee, A. B., Miss	Gilbert, B. F., Mrs.
Frisbee, G. B., Miss	Gild, G. L., Miss
Frohwitter, Ernie J., Miss	Giles, Lucy A., Mrs.
Frost, Mrs.	Giles, N. L., Miss
Frost, E. J., Mrs.	Gilkey, C., Miss
Frost, F., Miss	Gill, Annie C., Miss
Frost, G. E., Miss	Gilmore, E. G., Miss
Frost, S. F., Miss	Gilmore, Emma M., Miss
Frye, Georgia M., Miss	Gilson, H. A., Miss

- Gilson, S. Anna, Miss
 Ginn, S. M., Miss
 Glazier, O. E., Miss
 Glidden, Jingie, Miss
 Glover, Jennie A., Miss
 Goddard, C. F., Mrs.
 Goddard, K. T., Mrs.
 Goldthwait, L. B., Miss
 Gomez, Anna, Mrs.
 Gooch, Caro, Miss
 Goodale, E. P., Miss
 Goodale, G. O., Miss
 Goodale, Lizzie N., Miss
 Goodnow, H. A., Mrs.
 Goodnow, Luria, Miss
 Goodnow, Olive, Miss
 Goodnow, S., Miss
 Goodwillie, Mrs.
 Goodwin, A., Miss
 Goodwin, D. A., Mrs.
 Goodwin, E., Miss
 Goodwin, H. E., Miss
 Gogins, S. E., Miss
 Gorham, Miss
 Gould, B. A., Jr., Mrs.
 Gould, Jesse, Mrs.
 Gould, Minnie M., Miss
 Gould, S. E., Miss
 Grampson, Miss
 Granger, Annie M., Miss
 Granger, M. M., Miss
 Grant, A. R., Mrs.
 Grant, Clara E., Miss
 Grant, M. A., Mrs.
 Granwood, C., Miss
 Graves, C. E., Mrs.
 Graves, G. H., Mrs.
 Gray, Clara E., Miss
 Gray, H. E., Mrs.
 Gray, H. M., Miss
 Gray, M., Miss
 Gray, M. A., Mrs.
 Greeley, Nellie, Miss
 Green, Maggie, Miss
 Greene, Ella, Miss
 Greene, Flora, Miss
 Greene, W. C., Mrs.
 Greor, Ella R., Miss
 Greves, Clara E., Miss
 Grieves, Maria, Miss
 Griffin, W. F., Mrs.
 Griffiths, A. W., Mrs.
 Griswold, Sarah A., Miss
 Guardenier, M., Miss
 Guenter, Anna, Miss
 Guething, Sarah W., Miss
 Guild, F. Albertina, Mrs.
 Guild, G. L., Miss
 Guild, Gertrude M., Miss
 Gulbranson, Anna, Miss
 Gunderson, H. M., Miss
 Gunn, Grace A., Miss
 Gurney, E. R., Mrs.
 Hackett, Henry C., Mrs.
 Hadley, E. M., Miss
 Hadley, M. T., Mrs.
 Hadley, Mary E., Miss
 Hadley, S. Henry, Mrs.
 Hadley, S. M., Miss
 Hafford, Isabel, Miss
 Haines, A. P., Miss
 Haines, A. R., Mrs.
 Haines, Mary C., Miss
 Hains, G. M., Mrs.
 Hale, E. M., Miss
 Hale, Florence, Miss
 Hale, Jennie S., Miss
 Hall, A., Miss
 Hall, A. B., Miss
 Hall, B., Mrs.
 Hall, Bertha H., Miss
 Hall, D. C., Mrs.
 Hall, Dora K., Miss
 Hall, E., Miss
 Hall, E. M., Miss
 Hall, M. A., Miss
 Hall, Mary L., Mrs.
 Hall, Millie L., Miss
 Hall, S. H., Miss
 Hallenbeck, Jessie L., Miss
 Ham, Cedilia D., Miss
 Hamilton, Bessie, Miss
 Hamilton, Julia, Miss
 Hamilton, M. M., Miss
 Hamlin, E. A., Miss
 Hammett, H. M., Mrs.
 Hammond, A. S., Miss

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Hammond, A. W., Mrs.	Hayward, F. S., Mrs.
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Hanson, Clara, Miss	Haywood, S. F., Mrs.
Hapgood, H. L., Miss	Hazen, A., Mrs.
Hapgood, M. L., Miss	Headley, Carrie, Miss
Haraden, A. W., Miss	Heath, E. M., Miss
Haraden, H. A., Miss	Heath, Nettie M., Mrs.
Harding, C. L., Miss	Hebbard, Laura, Miss
Harding, Ella, Miss	Hebbard, Lena E., Miss
Hardy, C. A., Mrs.	Hedge, Lizzie B., Miss
Hardy, Dora A., Miss	Hellman, Pauline J., Miss
Harlow, A. F., Mrs.	Hemmenway, A., Mrs.
Harmon, Annie L., Miss	Henderson, A. E., Miss
Harper, H. G., Mrs.	Henderson, Amanda, Miss
Harrington, C. M., Miss	Henderson, Edith, Miss
Harrington, E. W., Miss	Henderson, O. M., Miss
Harris, Annie S., Miss	Henry, G. E., Mrs.
Harris, G. M., Miss	Henry, Lizzie N., Miss
Harris, W. S., Mrs.	Herrick, William T., Mrs.
Hartwell, Cora B., Miss	Hersam, A. R., Mrs.
Harvey, Alice A., Miss	Hersey, Mrs.
Harwood, Minnie L., Miss	Hersey, Nellie P., Miss
Haslett, A. C., Miss	Hervey, A. F., Mrs.
Haslitt, M. J., Miss	Hervey, Lizzie, Miss
Hastings, C. A., Miss	Hewett, Lizzie, Mrs.
Hastings, E. H., Miss	Hews, Mary C., Miss
Hastings, F. I., Miss	Heywood, Miss
Hatch, A. S., Miss	Heywood, L. B., Miss
Hatch, Edith, Miss	Hibbard, Annabel, Miss
Hatch, Ida, Miss	Hicks, S. L., Miss
Hatch, Jessie F., Miss	Higgins, F. K., Miss
Hatch, John M., Mrs.	Higgins, J. K., Mrs.
Hatch, Stella, Miss	Higgins, P., Miss
Hathaway, Emma F., Miss	Higgins, S. M., Miss
Haven, Frank, Mrs.	Higley, E. H., Mrs.
Hawes, C. W., Miss	Hill, Abbie E., Mrs.
Hawes, M. J., Mrs.	Hill, H., Miss
Hawes, William, Mrs.	Hill, H. A., Miss
Hawkes, Ellen E., Miss	Hill, H. M., Miss
Hay, M. D., Mrs.	Hill, J. E. R., Mrs.
Hayden, Emma, Miss	Hill, Lulu A. L., Miss
Hayden, H. C., Miss	Hill, M., Mrs.
Hayes, B. W., Mrs.	Hill, M. E., Miss
Hayes, Ella K., Miss	Hill, M. G., Mrs.
Haynes, Effie O., Miss	Hill, M. H., Mrs.
Haynes, H. M., Miss	Hillard, J. L., Mrs.
Haynes, S. F., Miss	Hillard, L. Alice, Mrs.
Hays, W. T., Mrs.	Hillman, M. G., Miss
Hayter, E. V., Miss	Hillman, Susie, Miss

- Hilton, Carrie, Miss
 Hinds, Ella M., Miss
 Hinds, Louisa F., Miss
 Hinkley, Cornelia, Miss
 Hitsen, M. E., Miss
 Hobbs, M. E., Miss
 Hodgdon, A. M., Miss
 Hodges, Etta J., Miss
 Hodsdon, A. M., Mrs.
 Holbrook, Anna C., Miss
 Holbrook, E. L., Miss
 Holbrook, E. W., Miss
 Holbrook, L., Miss
 Holden, M. H., Mrs.
 Holder, Carrie, Miss
 Holder, F. A., Miss
 Holland, Alice D., Mrs.
 Holland, B. A., Miss
 Holland, S. N., Miss
 Hollings, E. L., Mrs.
 Holmes, Carrie I., Mrs.
 Holmes, Edith, Miss
 Holmes, Florence, Miss
 Holmes, Lizzie, Miss
 Holmes, Theresa C., Miss
 Holt, E. M., Miss
 Holt, Fanny E., Miss
 Holt, H. E., Mrs.
 Holt, M. E., Miss
 Holt, S. L., Miss
 Homer, Emma, Miss
 Hood, L. Emma, Miss
 Hood, Mary A., Miss
 Hooker, Abby B., Mrs.
 Hooker, R. M., Mrs.
 Hooper, Louise R., Mrs.
 Hopkins, A. J., Miss
 Hopkins, Lizzie M., Miss
 Hopkinson, Grace M., Miss
 Hosley, H. P., Mrs.
 Hosmer, Anna L., Miss
 Hosmer, Cora E., Miss
 Hosmer, E., Miss
 Hosmer, Jessie M., Miss
 Hosmer, Mary A., Miss
 Hosmer, Ora, Miss
 Hosmer, Susie, Miss
 Hough, Annie H., Miss
 Houston, Julia E., Miss
 Hovey, A. L., Miss
 Hovey, E. F., Miss
 Howard, C. R., Mrs.
 Howard, E. M., Miss
 Howard, J. B., Mrs.
 Howard, L. Eva, Miss
 Howard, M., Miss
 Howard, M. E., Mrs.
 Howard, Mattie W., Mrs.
 Howe, A., Miss
 Howe, C. M., Mrs.
 Howe, E. L., Miss
 Howe, Emma S., Miss
 Howe, Hattie E., Mrs.
 Howe, Julia Ward, Mrs.
 Howe, Nellie, Miss
 Howes, M., Mrs.
 Hubbard, C. J., Mrs.
 Hubbard, Caro, Miss
 Hubbard, Laura, Miss
 Hudson, M. T., Mrs.
 Huff, Carrie, Miss
 Humphrey, A. E., Miss
 Humphrey, L. B., Miss
 Hunnewell, E. F., Miss
 Hunnewell, E. L., Miss
 Hunnewell, Eloise, Miss
 Hunt, Mrs.
 Hunter, Agnes E., Miss
 Hunter, Hattie V., Miss
 Hunter, L. F., Miss
 Hunter, L. M., Mrs.
 Hunter, Lizzie M., Miss
 Huntley, J. R., Mrs.
 Huntress, P. B., Mrs.
 Hurl, Mrs.
 Hussey, A. S., Mrs.
 Hussey, Fannie, Miss
 Hussey, Flora A., Miss
 Hutchins, Miss
 Hutchinson, A. S., Miss
 Hutchinson, B. F., Mrs.
 Hutchinson, E. L., Mrs.
 Hutchinson, F. P., Miss
 Hutchinson, Flora A., Miss
 Hyde, F. L., Miss
 Irving, Anna M., Miss
 Ives, C. F., Mrs.

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Jackson, Louisa, Miss	Kelley, Julia, Miss
Jackson, M. C., Miss	Kemp, Edith, Miss
Jackson, Minnie W., Miss	Kendall, Grace M., Miss
Jacobs, Hale, Mrs.	Kendrick, E. E., Miss
Jacques, M. A., Miss	Kenerson, Louisa, Miss.
James, Mary, Mrs.	Kennedy, Kate, Miss
Janes, Gertrude M., Miss	Kent, A. K., Mrs.
Janes, W. S., Mrs.	Kent, L. A., Mrs.
Jarvis, Charles, Mrs.	Kern, M. B., Mrs.
Jarvis, Julia A., Miss	Kern, M. E., Mrs.
Jarvis, Mattie C., Miss	Keyes, Emily S., Mrs.
Jeffers, Miss	Keyes, J. M., Miss
Jenkins, C. E., Mrs.	Keyes, M. E., Miss
Jenney, Walter, Mrs.	Keyes, Martha, Miss
Jewell, Annie F., Miss	Kidder, Miss
Jewett, Nelle, Miss	Kidder, H. E., Miss
Johnson, C. F., Mrs.	Kidder, Kate B., Miss.
Johnson, Charles H., Mrs.	Kiernan, T. J., Mrs.
Johnson, Etta L., Miss	Kilburn, D. W., Mrs.
Johnson, Hattie L., Miss	Killiam, J. M., Mrs.
Johnson, L. F., Miss	Kimball, E. F., Miss
Johnson, M., Miss	Kimball, Ella, Miss
Johnson, M. A., Miss	Kimball, H., Miss
Johnson, Mabel, Miss	Kimball, J. B., Mrs.
Johnson, Maggie A., Miss	Kimball, J. J., Mrs.
Johnson, Myra E., Miss	Kimball, M. I., Miss
Johnston, M. A., Miss	King, Miss
Jones, G. S., Mrs.	King, Amelia, Miss
Jones, J. E., Mrs.	King, C. F., Mrs.
Jones, Jennie F., Miss	King, Jenny L., Mrs.
Jones, L. A., Miss	Kingsbury, H. J., Miss.
Jones, N. D., Mrs.	Kingsbury, P. O., Miss
Jones, Nan L., Miss	Kingsbury, Susan, Miss.
Jones, Nellie D., Miss	Kinsman, T. J., Mrs.
Jones, S. H., Miss	Kitson, M. E., Miss
Jones, Susie, Miss	Knapp, Almira S., Miss
Jose, A., Miss	Knapp, Emma W., Miss
Jose, S., Miss	Knapp, N., Miss
Josselyn, C. E., Miss	Knight, Martha D., Miss.
Josselyn, F., Miss	Knowles, H. F., Mrs.
Josselyn, R. R., Miss	Knowles, M. F., Miss
Julio, O., Mrs.	Knowlton, Emily, Mrs.
	Knox, S. Carrie, Miss
Katon, Mary A., Miss	Kramer, E., Miss
Kean, M. V. B., Mrs.	Kronberg, Fannie, Miss.

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 Lambert, Eunice, Miss
 Lamont, Sarah, Miss
 Lamprey, Ada G., Miss
 Lamson, B. F., Mrs.
 Lamson, Helen, Miss
 Lanagan, Effie, Miss
 Lane, Mrs.
 Lane, Mary, Miss
 Langell, Henrietta, Miss
 Langford, Mrs.
 Larkin, Cora F., Miss
 Laselle, S. E., Mrs.
 Laskey, M. A., Mrs.
 Latham, Mary J., Miss
 Lathe, S. Lizzie, Miss
 Lathrop, A. F., Mrs.
 Lathrop, A. G., Miss
 Lathrop, A. S., Mrs.
 Lawrence, Lillian, Miss
 Lawrence, M., Miss
 Lawrence, M. Carrie, Miss
 Lawrence, P., Miss
 Lawton, Charles, Mrs.
 Lawton, Lillie M., Miss
 Lazzaro, Carrie, Miss
 Leatherbee, Miss
 Leavitt, Nellie W., Miss
 Le Cam, Mrs.
 Lee, Lottie E., Mrs.
 Le Favor, A. S., Mrs.
 Lefavor, Mabel B., Miss
 Leighton, A. F., Mrs.
 Leland, Anna M., Miss
 Lenfest, G. B., Mrs.
 Leon, Rosalie F., Miss
 Leonard, C. C., Mrs.
 Leonard, Cora E., Miss
 Leonard, Etta A., Miss
 Leonard, Jennie, Mrs.
 Levick, H. W., Mrs.
 Lewis, Edith, Miss
 Lewis, Estelle, Miss
 Lewis, Ida L., Miss
 Lewis, W. T., Mrs.
 Lincoln, Anna L., Miss
 Lincoln, Maria, Miss
 Lincoln, S. S., Mrs.
 Lindsay, Hattie C., Miss
 Lissner, Sarah S., Miss
 Little, Addie, Miss
 Little, Emma M., Miss
 Little, M., Mrs.
 Lloyd, Emma, Miss
 Lloyd, Mary R., Mrs.
 Locke, Anna L., Miss
 Locke, Carrie A., Miss
 Locke, Cora S., Miss
 Locke, Emma, Miss
 Locke, M. E., Miss
 Loheed, L. J., Mrs.
 Long, Emma A., Miss
 Long, Frederick E., Mrs.
 Long, Sarah, Mrs.
 Longfellow, Nellie J., Miss
 Lord, E. Grace, Miss
 Lord, M. J., Mrs.
 Loring, J. L., Mrs.
 Lothrop, A. M., Miss
 Lothrop, Alice G., Miss
 Lothrop, C. M., Miss
 Lothrop, Sarah J., Miss
 Loud, S. E., Miss
 Lovejoy, M. F., Miss
 Loveland, Angie P., Miss
 Lovell, Clara W., Mrs.
 Lovering, Ella M., Miss
 Lovering, M. F., Mrs.
 Lovering, W. H., Mrs.
 Low, F. C., Mrs.
 Low, J. H., Mrs.
 Lowd, S., Miss
 Lowell, R. M., Mrs.
 Ludlow, Clara S., Miss
 Lund, C. W., Mrs.
 Lunt, Lizzie P., Miss
 Mable, Mattie M., Miss
 Mack, Minnie L., Miss
 Mackintosh, Georgia D., Miss
 MacNeil, M. A., Miss
 Macy, E. P., Mrs.
 Maguire, Alice A., Miss
 Maguire, H. A., Miss
 Maher, Josephine, Miss
 Mahoney, G. S., Mrs.
 Mann, A. W., Mrs.

LADIES OF THE CHORUS, 1865-1890.

Manning, M. A., Miss
 Manning, S. C., Miss
 Manning, S. E. R., Miss
 Manny, E. B., Mrs.
 Manser, Julia, Miss
 Mansfield, A., Mrs.
 Mansfield, M. M., Miss
 Manson, Clara E., Miss
 Manson, Lillian J., Miss
 Marble, Anna E., Miss
 March, Caro, Miss
 Marks, Augusta M., Miss
 Marsh, Mrs.
 Marsh, Harriette H., Miss
 Marsh, Jessie A., Miss
 Marsh, Luella M., Miss
 Marshall, Emma J., Mrs.
 Marshall, Nettie, Mrs.
 Marsters, Georgie M., Miss
 Marston, Dr., Mrs.
 Marston, A. T., Miss
 Martin, J. L., Mrs.
 Martin, Leslie A., Miss
 Mason, Annie, Miss
 Mason, Fanny, Miss
 Mason, Flora E., Miss
 Mason, H. W., Mrs.
 Mason, Virginia A., Miss
 Masten, Helen L., Miss
 Maxwell, Mary D., Miss
 May, M. S., Miss
 Mayhew, Georgie R., Miss
 Mayhew, M. A., Mrs.
 Maynard, Alice E., Miss
 Maynard, F., Miss
 Maynard, H. C., Mrs.
 Mayo, Dora M., Miss
 McClure, V., Miss
 McCrillis, Andrew, Mrs.
 McCrillis, Isabel, Miss
 McDonald, Rosanna, Miss
 McDonough, Nellie A., Miss
 McDougall, Clara, Miss
 McGill, J., Mrs.
 McGowan, W. S., Mrs.
 McIntosh, H. S., Mrs.
 McKay, C. C., Mrs.
 McKay, H. A., Miss
 McKillican, J. M., Miss
 McKinnoo, G. W., Mrs.
 McKnight, Carrie A., Miss
 McLaughlin, M. Marie, Miss
 McManus, Mary J., Miss
 McVey, Mary, Miss
 Mead, H. M., Miss
 Mead, M. T., Miss
 Mead, Mattie, Miss
 Meader, George C., Mrs.
 Meisel, Carl, Mrs.
 Mellen, H. L., Miss
 Mellen, H. M., Miss
 Mellen, H. S., Miss
 Mellen, Maria A., Miss
 Melvin, Carrie, Miss
 Merrill, E. W., Mrs.
 Merrill, Lizzie, Miss
 Merrill, M. W., Miss
 Merrill, S. M., Miss
 Merriman, A. E., Miss
 Merritt, Emma F., Miss
 Meston, L. B., Mrs.
 Metcalf, Lizzie, Miss
 Metcalf, Mary F., Miss
 Meyer, H. A., Mrs.
 Miles, L. H., Miss
 Milkins, Florence, Miss
 Miller, A. M., Miss
 Miller, E. H., Mrs.
 Miller, E. H., Miss
 Miller, Etta B., Mrs.
 Miller, G. E., Miss
 Miller, G. F., Mrs.
 Miller, Mary C., Miss
 Millett, Emily M., Miss
 Milliken, Georgie, Miss
 Milliken, Josie B., Miss
 Milliken, M. C., Mrs.
 Milliken, Mary, Miss
 Milton, M. Viola, Miss
 Minot, Carrie P., Miss
 Mirick, A. G., Mrs.
 Mirrick, Carrie, Miss
 Mitchell, Ada B., Miss
 Mitchell, Lucia H., Miss
 Mitchell, M. E., Miss
 Mitchell, N. B., Mrs.
 Monroe, Laura, Miss
 Moody, S. E., Miss

- Mooney, M. J., Mrs.
 Moore, Eva J., Miss
 Moore, Lucy A., Miss
 Moore, Mary R., Miss
 Moors, Mrs.
 Morgan, Sarah A., Mrs.
 Morrill, C. A., Miss
 Morrill, Viola E., Miss
 Morris, Etta, Miss
 Morris, Lizzie M., Miss
 Morris, M. A., Mrs.
 Morrison, A. P., Miss
 Morrison, Eleanor Le F., Miss
 Morrison, Rebecca, Miss
 Morse, Alice A., Miss
 Morse, C. A., Mrs.
 Morse, E. Isabella, Miss
 Morse, E. S., Miss
 Morse, Ellie C., Miss
 Morse, Ethel, Miss
 Morse, Etta, Miss
 Morse, H. J., Miss
 Morse, I., Miss
 Morse, M. E., Miss
 Morse, S. J., Mrs.
 Morton, A. E., Miss
 Morton, F. W., Mrs.
 Morton, Mary B., Miss
 Morton, S. R., Miss
 Moses, Fannie, Miss
 Moulton, Annie J., Miss
 Moulton, E. B., Mrs.
 Mullaly, J. C., Mrs.
 Mullen, A. B., Mrs.
 Mullen, J. R., Mrs.
 Munroe, Abby M., Mrs.
 Munroe, Alice, Miss
 Munroe, Charles, Mrs.
 Munroe, E. T., Miss
 Munroe, J. W., Mrs.
 Munroe, L. B., Mrs.
 Munroe, L. C., Mrs.
 Munroe, L. F., Miss
 Munroe, Laura, Miss
 Munroe, Mary E., Mrs.
 Munroe, S. E. H., Miss
 Murray, Minnie S., Miss
 Nash, S. A., Mrs.
- Nason, C. M., Mrs.
 Nason, G. H., Mrs.
 Nason, G. W., Mrs.
 Natale, Lizzie, Miss
 Naughton, M. A., Miss
 Neale, E., Miss
 Neff, E. G., Miss
 Neilson, Lizzie, Miss
 Nellis, Adaline, Miss
 Nettleton, Mrs.
 Newell, F. H., Mrs.
 Newhall, Lute M., Miss
 Newhall, William, Mrs.
 Newman, Nellie T., Mrs.
 Nice, Abby M., Miss
 Nichols, C. B., Miss
 Nichols, E. A., Mrs.
 Nichols, M. A., Miss
 Nichols, Mary, Miss
 Nichols, Mary E., Mrs.
 Nichols, S. W., Mrs.
 Nicholson, Abby N., Miss
 Nickerson, Abby C., Miss
 Nickerson, Ella L., Miss
 Nixon, Georgia, Miss
 Nixon, Lizzie, Miss
 Nolen, Caroline, Miss
 Norris, E. L., Mrs.
 Norwood, Bertha, Miss
 Nowell, Mrs.
 Nowell, J., Miss
 Noyes, C. C., Mrs.
 Noyes, Jennie M. P., Mrs.
 Noyes, M. G., Miss
 Noyes, Mary E., Miss
 Nutter, Ida, Miss
 Nye, A. S., Mrs.
 Nye, J. A., Mrs.
 Nye, Sarah A., Mrs.
- Oakes, George H., Mrs.
 O'Brien, Nellie, Miss
 Oldham, Sarah W., Mrs.
 Olive, Douglas, Mrs.
 Olive, Grace, Miss
 Olive, M. R., Mrs.
 Ollver, Leslie, Miss
 O'Neill, E. G., Mrs.
 Orcutt, Isa C., Miss

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Orcutt, Kate W., Miss	Parsons, M., Miss
Orcutt, M. A., Miss	Partelow, Fanny, Miss
Ordway, E. A., Mrs.	Partridge, C. C., Mrs.
Ordway, O., Mrs.	Partridge, Charles G., Mrs.
Osborn, C. H., Miss	Patch, E. O., Miss
Osborne, Alice J., Mrs.	Patchen, Ida E., Miss
Osgood, Annie M., Miss	Patten, Fannie G., Miss
Osgood, C. E., Miss	Payson, C. D., Miss
Osgood, H. W., Miss	Payson, C. L., Miss
Osgood, M. A., Miss	Payson, L. R., Miss
Otis, Annie E., Miss	Peabody, L. M., Miss
Oviatt, Bertha G., Miss	Peabody, Sarah S., Miss
	Pearson, D. A., Miss
Packard, Carrie B., Miss	Pearson, M. L., Miss
Packard, E. A., Miss	Peck, E. A., Miss
Packard, Emma R., Miss	Peirce, M. F., Mrs.
Packard, Helen E., Miss	Peiver, M. E., Miss
Packard, M. I., Mrs.	Pendleton, Ellen L., Miss
Page, J. C., Mrs.	Percival, F., Miss
Page, J. E., Mrs.	Perkins, Carrie A., Miss
Page, Jennie E., Miss	Perkins, E. E., Mrs.
Page, Nellie, Miss	Perkins, E. F., Miss
Paige, C. F., Mrs.	Perkins, H. M., Mrs.
Paine, Alice I., Miss	Perkins, M. P., Mrs.
Paine, Fannie E., Miss	Perkins, N. M., Mrs.
Paine, Isabella S., Miss	Perkins, R. W., Mrs.
Paine, Jennie F., Miss	Perkins, S., Mrs.
Paine, Nellie V., Miss	Perkins, W. M., Mrs.
Palfrey, S. H., Miss	Perrin, Julia, Miss
Palmer, G., Miss	Perry, F., Miss
Palmer, P. F., Miss	Peterson, S. L., Miss
Pancoast, Mary A., Miss	Petterson, L. E., Mrs.
Papendiek, Miss	Pettingill, M. E., Miss
Parcher, Eva A., Miss	Pevear, Abbie F., Miss
Park, Nellie F., Miss	Pewtress, C. E., Miss
Parker, Alice Q., Miss	Pewtress, J. B., Mrs.
Parker, Delia, Miss	Pfordte, Rosa, Miss
Parker, H. A., Mrs.	Pfelps, A. D., Mrs.
Parker, H. G., Mrs.	Phelps, Lizzie A., Miss
Parker, Mary E., Miss	Philbrick, G., Miss
Parker, Nellie, Miss	Philbrick, H. F., Miss
Parker, R. S., Mrs.	Philbrook, A. E., Miss
Parker, W. F., Mrs.	Philbrook, G. H., Mrs.
Parker, W. T., Mrs.	Philbrook, J. H., Mrs.
Parkes, Rene S., Miss	Phillipps, E. M., Miss
Parks, J. A., Mrs.	Phillips, Clara B., Miss
Parmelee, Alice E., Miss	Phillips, M. T., Miss
Parry, Edith F., Miss	Phillips, Olive A., Miss
Parsons, C. L., Miss	Phillipson, E. F., Miss

- Phipps, Alice C., Mrs.
 Pickernell, Etta, Miss
 Pierce, A. S., Miss
 Pierce, Fanny, Miss
 Pierce, L. Y., Miss
 Pierce, M. E., Miss
 Pierce, Mary, Miss
 Pierce, V. R., Mrs.
 Pike, E., Miss
 Pike, J. H., Mrs.
 Pillsbury, L. A., Miss
 Pinkham, A. P., Mrs.
 Pitkin, Belle A., Mrs.
 Plimpton, Bessie, Miss
 Plimpton, Hattie H., Miss
 Plummer, E., Miss
 Plummer, Grace H., Miss
 Plummer, William H., Mrs.
 Poland, Ellen M., Miss
 Poland, Mary C., Miss
 Polley, N. M., Miss
 Pool, S. F., Miss
 Poole, Clara J., Miss
 Poole, Hattie C., Miss
 Poole, Josie C., Miss
 Poole, L. B., Miss
 Poole, Lucy J., Mrs.
 Poole, S. A., Mrs.
 Poole, S. F., Miss
 Poor, Georgietta, Miss
 Poor, Lina S., Miss
 Pope, A. A., Mrs.
 Pope, A. S., Mrs.
 Pope, Agnes, Miss
 Pope, L. C., Miss
 Pope, Lizzie, Miss
 Porter, J. E., Miss
 Porter, L. C., Mrs.
 Potter, B. R., Miss
 Potter, Fannie, Miss
 Powell, Charlotte A., Miss
 Powers, Rosamund, Miss
 Pratt, A. F., Miss
 Pratt, C. E., Mrs.
 Pratt, E. F., Mrs.
 Pratt, Ellen, Miss
 Pratt, H. M., Mrs.
 Pratt, Isabella B., Miss
 Prentiss, S. B., Mrs.
 Prescott, Mrs.
 Prescott, C., Miss
 Prescott, Flora M., Miss
 Prescott, Laura, Miss
 Prescott, O. C., Mrs.
 Preston, Elizabeth, Miss
 Preston, P. V., Mrs.
 Price, Alma, Miss
 Priest, J. E., Mrs.
 Prince, C. C., Miss
 Proctor, Mrs.
 Prout, Anna S., Miss
 Pushaw, M. A., Mrs.
 Putnam, A. C., Miss
 Putnam, H., Miss
 Putnam, Helen G., Miss
 Putnam, J. S., Mrs.
 Putnam, M. A., Miss
 Putnam, Mary A., Mrs.
 Putnam, S. S., Miss
 Putnam, W. H., Mrs.
 Quimby, E. F., Mrs.
 Quincy, J. P., Mrs.
 Quinlan, E. M., Miss
 Raddin, Eda B., Miss
 Rametti, Jessie, Miss
 Rametti, Joseph, Mrs.
 Rametti, Kate, Miss
 Rametti, Kate H., Mrs.
 Rametti, Winnie B., Miss
 Ramsay, F. M., Mrs.
 Ramsdell, Ella M., Miss
 Ramsey, Annie L., Mrs.
 Randall, A. M., Miss
 Randall, Edith, Miss
 Rawson, M. E., Miss
 Raymond, Alice M., Miss
 Raymond, Annie, Mrs.
 Raynard, Abby T., Mrs.
 Rea, C., Miss
 Rea, F. L., Miss
 Read, M. A., Miss
 Read, Mary M., Mrs.
 Redmond, Kate, Miss
 Reed, Hannah P., Miss
 Reed, Jennie E., Miss
 Reed, W. B., Mrs.
 Regan, M. E., Miss

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Reid, Mary H., Miss
 Rein, Selma, Miss
 Remick, D. R., Miss
 Remick, Grace M., Miss
 Resler, Lydia K., Miss
 Ribas, H., Miss
 Rice, Edwin, Mrs.
 Rice, F. L., Miss
 Rice, G. M., Miss
 Rice, H., Miss
 Rice, Mary F., Mrs.
 Rich, Annie E., Mrs.
 Richards, H. M., Miss
 Richards, M. F., Miss
 Richardson, E. G., Miss
 Richardson, E. V., Miss
 Richardson, Ena, Miss
 Richardson, J. A., Mrs.
 Rickards, A. A., Miss
 Ridgeway, Graziella, Miss
 Ridlon, Hattie, Miss
 Riker, Isabel, Miss
 Riley, Bessie, Miss
 Rimbach, M. B., Miss
 Ring, Helen M., Mrs.
 Ringot, E., Miss
 Ripley, D. A., Miss
 Roaf, H. N., Mrs.
 Roaf, R. N., Mrs.
 Robbins, A., Miss
 Robbins, Fannie F., Miss
 Robbins, J. A., Mrs.
 Robbins, M. A., Miss
 Robbins, M. H., Miss
 Robbins, S. M., Mrs.
 Roberts, H. E., Miss
 Roberts, H. G., Miss
 Roberts, J. W., Mrs.
 Roberts, Josie S., Miss
 Roberts, O. L., Mrs.
 Robertson, Edith, Mrs.
 Robertson, Marie, Miss
 Robinson, A. A., Miss
 Robinson, E. F., Mrs.
 Robinson, E. T., Miss
 Robinson, Eva, Mrs.
 Robinson, Florence N., Miss
 Robinson, H. A., Miss
 Robinson, H. L., Miss
 Robinson, Howard, Mrs.
 Robinson, J. E., Miss
 Robinson, J. T., Mrs.
 Robinson, Jennie E., Miss
 Robinson, Lillian A., Miss
 Robinson, Orina, Miss
 Rodenmayer, C. W., Mrs.
 Roffe, A. H., Mrs.
 Rogers, A. J., Mrs.
 Rogers, M. D., Miss
 Rogers, S. C., Miss
 Rogers, Sarah, Miss
 Roome, Mary, Miss
 Rose, Mary, Miss
 Rosenberger, Jane, Miss
 Rosenblatt, Stella, Miss
 Ross, Eliza, Miss
 Ross, Lillie C., Miss
 Rossiter, Josie L., Miss
 Rowe, E. F., Mrs.
 Rowe, Lottie E., Mrs.
 Rowe, M. E., Mrs.
 Rudd, Kate E., Miss
 Rugg, A., Miss
 Ruggles, Anna, Miss
 Ruggles, Julia, Miss
 Rundlett, L. M., Mrs.
 Rundlett, R. S., Mrs.
 Runey, E. F., Miss
 Runey, Etta, Miss
 Russell, Mrs.
 Russell, Carrie E., Miss
 Russell, Fannie F., Miss
 Russell, H. A., Miss
 Russell, Kate, Miss
 Ryan, Alice C., Miss
 Ryan, Nellie, Miss
 Ryder, F. W., Miss
 Ryder, M. T. F., Mrs.
 Rydingsvärd, Carl von, Mrs.
 Ryerson, Mary A., Mrs.
 Safford, A. E., Miss
 Safford, A. M., Miss
 Safford, A. N., Miss
 Safford, Agnes, Miss
 Safford, Alida, Miss
 Safford, M. A., Miss
 Sale, Edith M., Miss

- Salisbury, Eloise E., Miss
 Salisbury, Lutie, Miss
 Sampson, Mary F., Miss
 Sampson, Olivia R., Miss
 Sanborn, G. P., Mrs.
 Sanderson, L., Miss
 Sargent, A. J., Miss
 Sargent, Louisa, Mrs.
 Sargent, R. W., Mrs.
 Sautelle, Fannie E., Mrs.
 Sautelle, Lillian M., Miss
 Sawyer, E. E., Mrs.
 Sawyer, Hattie, Miss
 Saxton, M. A., Miss
 Scamman, J. B., Mrs.
 Schaefer, Minnie E., Miss
 Schelling, M. P., Miss
 Schouler, M. C., Miss
 Scott, Mrs.
 Scribner, Alice, Miss
 Scribner, Emma N., Miss
 Scribner, Ida F., Miss
 Sears, Fred. S., Mrs.
 Seavey, D. F., Mrs.
 Seavey, Edith H., Miss
 Seavey, J. W., Mrs.
 Segee, E., Miss
 Senna, Ida F., Mrs.
 Severance, Ella, Miss
 Shackford, Miss
 Shackford, May K., Miss
 Shapleigh, E., Miss
 Shapleigh, E. M., Mrs.
 Shapleigh, H. E., Mrs.
 Shapleigh, W. H., Mrs.
 Shapleigh, W. T., Mrs.
 Sharland, J. B., Mrs.
 Sharpe, Hannah H., Miss
 Shatswell, Clara, Mrs.
 Shattuck, Anna, Mrs.
 Shaw, Helen M., Miss
 Shaw, J. B., Mrs.
 Shedd, Clara L., Miss
 Sheldon, M. C., Mrs.
 Shepley, Charles H., Mrs.
 Shepple, Mrs.
 Sherman, Harriet, Mrs.
 Shimff, Annie, Miss
 Sibley, Etta, Miss
 Sibley, L. W., Mrs.
 Sibley, M. A., Miss
 Silver, Hattie E., Mrs.
 Simmons, Kate, Miss
 Simonds, Mabel, Miss
 Singleton, Emily G., Miss
 Singleton, Esther, Miss
 Skoog, Nana P., Miss
 Slater, A. J., Mrs.
 Slayton, Mary L., Miss
 Small, Beulah, Miss
 Smalley, Laura A., Miss
 Smart, Clara E., Miss
 Smith, A., Miss
 Smith, A. C., Miss
 Smith, A. E., Miss
 Smith, Abbie A., Miss
 Smith, Annie E., Miss
 Smith, C. E., Miss
 Smith, Corbett, Mrs.
 Smith, E. T., Miss
 Smith, Edward, Mrs.
 Smith, Eliza B., Miss
 Smith, Ella E., Miss
 Smith, Emma T., Miss
 Smith, G. M., Miss
 Smith, H. E., Mrs.
 Smith, H. J., Miss
 Smith, H. M., Mrs.
 Smith, Harriet, Miss
 Smith, J. A., Miss
 Smith, Juliette, Miss
 Smith, L. E., Miss
 Smith, Lizzie A., Miss
 Smith, Louise, Miss
 Smith, M. C., Mrs.
 Smith, M. E., Miss
 Smith, Mary M., Miss
 Smith, Mary T. S., Miss
 Smith, Mattie R., Miss
 Smith, S. A., Mrs.
 Smith, S. S., Mrs.
 Smith, W. E., Mrs.
 Smythe, A. C., Miss
 Smythe, George A., Mrs.
 Smythe, S. I., Mrs.
 Snelling, Carrie, Miss
 Snow, Helen M., Miss
 Snow, W. H., Mrs.

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Snowman, M. W., Mrs.	Stevens, A. M., Miss
Sowers, I. F., Mrs.	Stevens, A. R., Miss
Spalding, S. M. R., Mrs.	Stevens, E. D., Miss
Sparrow, A., Miss	Stevens, E. F., Miss
Spaulding, M. R., Mrs.	Stevens, E. L., Miss
Spaulding, W. W., Mrs.	Stevens, Ida C., Miss
Spear, Isabel F., Miss	Stevens, M. D., Miss
Spear, S. J., Miss	Stevens, Mary S., Miss
Spencer, A., Miss	Stevens, N. W., Miss
Spencer, C., Miss	Stevenson, Annie B., Miss
Sperry, Beda S., Miss	Stevenson, B., Miss
Spillam, Maria F., Miss	Stewart, R. A., Mrs.
Spillane, Josephine, Miss	Stickman, L., Mrs.
Spiller, A. W., Miss	Stickney, John H., Mrs.
Spiller, Lura S., Miss	Stickney, R. H., Mrs.
Spokesfield, C. A., Miss	Stickney, S. B., Miss
Spokesfield, E. L., Miss	Stiles, Z. A., Miss
Spokesfield, H., Miss	Stillings, S. E. G., Mrs.
Sprague, C. A., Miss	Stockman, L., Miss
Spring, Kate L., Miss	Stockman, O. P., Miss
Spring, Minnie E., Miss	Stoddard, H. H., Miss
Squire, Mary, Miss	Stoddard, S. S., Miss
Squires, J. B., Mrs.	Stone, Agnes, Miss
Squyer, J. R., Miss	Stone, Alice, Miss
Stackpole, Carrie B., Miss	Stone, Anna, Miss
Stackpole, E. B., Miss	Stone, Annie L., Miss
Stackpole, S. E., Miss	Stone, Charles W., Mrs.
Standish, S. B., Mrs.	Stone, E. F., Miss
Stanford, C. D., Mrs.	Stone, Ellen, Miss
Stanley, A., Mrs.	Stone, George T., Mrs.
Stanley, A. F., Mrs.	Stone, H. L., Mrs.
Stanley, A. S., Miss	Stone, J. M., Miss
Stanley, Nettie, Miss	Stone, Julia, Miss
Starbird, Etta, Miss	Stone, L. G., Mrs.
Stark, Eva A., Miss	Stone, N. J., Miss
Stark, Grace A., Miss	Store, T. G., Miss
Stearns, E. D., Miss	Stone, W. H., Mrs.
Steele, Carrie L., Mrs.	Storer, Agnes, Miss
Steele, E. Alice, Miss	Storer, M. W., Miss
Steele, Emma A., Miss	Stowers, N. M., Miss
Steere, Etta A., Mrs.	Strater, P. P., Mrs.
Steere, H. L., Mrs.	Strickland, Mary, Miss
Stephenson, Belle, Miss	Sturgiss, M. H., Miss
Stetson, C. W., Miss	Sturtevant, A. E., Miss
Stetson, E., Miss	Swain, Amy, Miss
Stetson, E. J., Miss	Swain, Nellie E., Miss
Stetson, H. H., Mrs.	Swan, Ellen M., Miss
Stetson, J. W., Mrs.	Sweeny, Madelena, Miss
Stevens, A. D., Mrs.	Sweeny, S. L., Miss

- Sweet, E. B., Mrs.
 Swett, E. E., Mrs.
 Swett, M., Mrs.
 Swett, Miriam B., Miss
 Swett, William B., Mrs.
 Swett, William G., Mrs.
 Sylvester, C., Mrs.
 Sylvester, C. T., Mrs.
 Sylvester, E., Miss
 Sylvester, E. R., Miss
 Sylvester, H. E., Mrs.
 Sylvester, J. A., Mrs.
 Sylvester, N., Mrs.
 Sylvester, Nellie, Miss
 Symonds, L. H., Miss
- Taft, Mrs.
 Talbot, E. F., Mrs.
 Talbot, Jennie M., Miss
 Talbot, M. E., Miss
 Tappan, Eugene, Mrs.
 Tarbell, A. A., Miss
 Tarleton, Miss
 Tate, H. A., Mrs.
 Tate, Helen, Mrs.
 Tate, S. W., Mrs.
 Taylor, A., Miss
 Taylor, A. B., Miss
 Taylor, A. J., Mrs.
 Taylor, A. S., Mrs.
 Taylor, C. A., Miss
 Taylor, Ella E., Mrs.
 Taylor, Gertrude H., Miss
 Taylor, H., Miss
 Taylor, H. H., Miss
 Taylor, Jennie, Miss
 Taylor, Julia, Miss
 Taylor, L. P., Miss
 Taylor, M. P., Miss
 Taylor, N., Miss
 Tedford, Laura D., Miss
 Teele, A. E., Miss
 Temple, Hattie, Miss
 Tenney, Mary, Miss
 Tetlow, Ella, Mrs.
 Thayer, F. S., Mrs.
 Thayer, J. W., Mrs.
 Thomas, Anna L., Miss
 Thomas, J. B., Miss
- Thomas, M. A., Miss
 Thomas, M. E., Mrs.
 Thomas, W. J., Mrs.
 Thompson, Mrs.
 Thompson, Andrina L. T., Miss
 Thompson, Lizzie, Miss
 Thompson, M. E., Miss
 Thorndike, Eva M., Mrs.
 Thorndike, Grace M., Miss
 Thorndike, Mary V., Miss
 Tibbetts, Louise, Miss
 Tilden, Clara, Mrs.
 Tilden, Helen, Miss
 Tinkham, E. T., Miss
 Tinkham, Emma, Miss
 Tinkham, Lucy E. T., Miss
 Tirrell, Florence, Miss
 Tirrell, M. A. T., Miss
 Tirrell, Miriam A., Miss
 Tirrill, Carrie, Miss
 Titcomb, J. P., Miss
 Titus, E. E., Miss
 Titus, Eliza J., Miss
 Titus, Minta C., Miss
 Todd, Mabel L., Mrs.
 Todd, Mildred, Miss
 Tobey, Mary E., Miss
 Toffey, Kate, Miss
 Tolles, H. F., Miss
 Tolman, H. M., Mrs.
 Tonett, K., Mrs.
 Tower, Carrie, Mrs.
 Towle, O. A., Miss
 Towne, M. E., Miss
 Tozier, S. A., Miss
 Tozier, Sarah, Miss
 Travis, Mrs.
 Treadwell, A. O., Mrs.
 Treadwell, Clara M., Mrs.
 Treadwell, E. C., Miss
 Treadwell, J. B., Mrs.
 Treadwell, M., Miss
 Treadwell, Olive A., Miss
 Treat, Sarah, Miss
 Trow, M., Miss
 Truett, H., Mrs.
 Trull, O. J., Mrs.
 Tucker, Bertha J., Miss
 Tucker, Maud, Miss

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- Tucker, W., Mrs.
 Tuckerman, E. M., Miss
 Tuckerman, Mary F., Miss
 Tuckerman, Mildred E., Miss
 Tuckerman, S., Miss
 Tufts, Cora L., Miss
 Tufts, Eleanor Vaughan, Mrs.
 Turner, Ella S., Mrs.
 Turner, Mary G., Miss
 Turrill, M. C., Miss
 Twichell, Ellen M., Miss
 Tyler, Jennie, Miss
 Tyng, A., Miss

 Underhill, Emma, Miss
 Upham, Katherine B., Miss
 Upham, M. E., Miss

 Varney, Grace S., Miss
 Varney, Sarah E., Miss
 Vernon, Annie, Miss
 Verry, Eliza, Miss
 Very, H., Mrs.
 Very, Harriet G., Mrs.
 Very, T. K., Mrs.
 Vinal, Josephine, Miss
 Vinal, M. A., Miss
 Vogel, S. C., Mrs.
 Vogel, S. E., Miss
 Vogl, Susie, Mrs.
 Vose, A. M., Miss

 Wade, C. H., Mrs.
 Wadleigh, Addie, Miss
 Wadleigh, W. H., Mrs.
 Wadsworth, Edna, Miss
 Wadsworth, Florence L., Miss
 Waitt, S. W., Miss
 Wakefield, Ella, Miss
 Wakefield, Grace, Miss
 Walberg, Anna, Miss
 Waldmeyer, M. P., Miss
 Waldo, E. C., Mrs.
 Walker, A. S., Miss
 Walker, Amira, Miss
 Walker, Attie M., Miss
 Walker, J. A., Mrs.
 Walker, M. J. E., Mrs.
 Walker, Mary E., Mrs.

 Wallace, E. L., Mrs.
 Wallace, M. E., Mrs.
 Walters, Maggie, Miss
 Walton, E. B., Miss
 Walton, L. A., Miss
 Walton, M. B., Miss
 Ward, H. P., Mrs.
 Ware, H., Miss
 Ware, L. P., Miss
 Warman, Effie E., Miss
 Warner, Ella M., Miss
 Warner, J. C., Mrs.
 Warren, J. F., Miss
 Washburn, Emily P., Miss
 Washburn, Evelyn F., Miss
 Washburn, Henry, Mrs.
 Washburn, J. P., Mrs.
 Washburn, Jennie P., Miss
 Wason, Annie, Miss
 Wasson, A. J., Miss
 Waterhouse, R. J., Mrs.
 Waterman, H. E., Miss
 Waterman, L. L., Miss
 Waterman, S. E. V., Mrs.
 Waterman, S. L., Miss
 Waters, A. F., Mrs.
 Waters, G. W., Mrs.
 Waters, Irene F., Miss
 Watjen, Cora, Miss
 Watson, Elizabeth, Miss
 Watson, Emma, Miss
 Watton, E. B., Miss
 Weale, Emma S., Miss
 Weale, Marie E., Miss
 Webb, C. E., Miss
 Webb, E. K., Miss
 Webb, E. R., Mrs.
 Webber, Miss
 Webber, Charles F., Mrs.
 Wedger, E. S., Miss
 Weed, H. M., Miss
 Weeks, Carrie S., Mrs.
 Weeks, Emma M., Miss
 Weeks, M. M., Mrs.
 Weeks, N., Miss
 Weld, Lina S., Miss
 Wellington, A. C., Mrs.
 Wellington, A. F., Miss
 Wellington, Annie, Miss.

HISTORY OF THE HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY.

Wellington, Cora L., Miss	White, Agnes E., Mrs.
Wellington, Edith, Miss	White, C. A., Miss
Wells, Addie, Miss	White, E. Y., Mrs.
Wells, H. G., Mrs.	White, Elva G., Miss
Wells, Julia A., Miss	White, Grace F., Miss
Wells, M. Frances, Mrs.	White, L. A., Miss
Wells, Mary, Miss	White, Lizzie F., Miss
Wells, S. A., Miss	White, M. Louisa, Miss
Wells, Susan E., Miss	White, Villa W., Miss
Wemyss, C. C., Mrs.	Whitehouse, E. A., Mrs.
Wentworth, L. J., Mrs.	Whiting, C. H., Mrs.
Wessells, E. O., Mrs.	Whiting, Henry, Mrs.
West, Fannie K., Miss	Whiting, N. M., Mrs.
West, Lizzie, Miss	Whitman, Mrs.
Westcott, Sara H., Miss	Whitman, J. F., Miss
Weston, Isa G., Miss	Whitmore, Fanny A., Miss
Weston, M. E., Miss	Whitmore, Helen R., Miss
Weston, W. E., Mrs.	Whitmore, J. C., Mrs.
Wetherbee, Cora M., Miss	Whitney, F. P., Mrs.
Wetherbee, Helen F., Miss	Whitney, Florence S., Miss
Wetherbee, M., Miss	Whitney, H. J., Mrs.
Weymouth, A., Miss	Whitney, H. M., Miss
Weymouth, A. J., Miss	Whitney, Hattie, Miss
Weymouth, C., Miss	Whitney, L., Miss
Weymouth, E., Miss	Whitney, M. E., Mrs.
Weymouth, J. W., Miss	Whitney, M. W., Mrs.
Wheaton, Hattie B., Miss	Whiton, A., Miss
Wheeler, C. J., Miss	Whittemore, Alice, Mrs.
Wheeler, Clara, Miss	Whitten, Lucy H., Miss
Wheeler, Dora, Miss	Whittier, Charles R., Mrs.
Wheeler, E. B., Mrs.	Whittlesey, Ellen, Miss
Wheeler, H., Mrs.	Whorf, Abbie, Miss
Wheeler, Lena C., Mrs.	Wiggin, Lucy P., Mrs.
Wheeler, Lizzie A., Mrs.	Wilbur, Belle, Miss
Wheeler, Marie S., Miss	Wilcox, Ellen L., Miss
Wheeler, Nellie F., Miss	Wild, H., Miss
Wheeler, S. M., Miss	Wilde, Hiram, Mrs.
Wheeler, Sarah W., Mrs.	Wilde, Laurette M., Miss
Wheeler, W. H., Mrs.	Wilde, Millie, Miss
Wheelwright, Josie, Miss	Wilder, F. A., Miss
Whitcomb, Anna L., Miss	Wilder, L. L., Miss
Whitcomb, Clarence P., Mrs.	Wilder, S. L., Mrs.
Whitcomb, H. P., Mrs.	Wilkins, H., Miss
Whitcomb, N. O., Mrs.	Wilkins, M. F., Mrs.
White, A. S., Mrs.	Willard, G. F., Mrs.
White, A. W., Miss	Willard, Susannah, Miss
White, Abbie, Miss	Willet, Mary, Miss
White, Ada G., Mrs.	Willey, Cora J., Miss
White, Agnes A., Miss	Willey, G. H., Mrs.

LADIES OF THE CHORUS, 1865-1890.

Williams, Caio, Miss	Wood, L. Augusta, Miss
Williams, Carrie, Miss	Wood, M. F., Miss
Williams, F. M., Mrs.	Wood, S. A. W., Miss
Williams, J. L., Mrs.	Woodbury, B. F., Mrs.
Williams, L. M., Miss	Woodbury, Nellie L., Miss
Williams, Maud K., Miss	Woodman, R. P., Mrs.
Williams, S. A., Mrs.	Woodman, S., Miss
Willis, Miss	Woodman, S. A., Miss
Willis, Ellen S., Miss	Woods, Annie L., Miss
Willis, Julia, Miss	Woodward, H. M., Miss
Wilmarth, M. E., Miss	Worcester, J. R., Mrs.
Wilson, A. L., Mrs.	Worth, Mary R., Miss
Wilson, Annie A., Miss	Worthen, Inez, Miss
Wilson, E., Miss	Wright, C., Mrs.
Wilson, Jennie, Miss	Wright, C. J., Mrs.
Wilson, M., Miss	Wright, Chandler, Mrs.
Wilson, W. C., Mrs.	Wyman, Florence, Miss
Wing, J. A., Mrs.	Wymau, Lizzie, Miss
Winnard, Mary, Miss	
Winslow, Emma, Miss	
Winslow, M. Q., Miss	Yeager, Mary, Miss
Winward, A. J., Miss	Young, D. M., Mrs.
Winward, Lizzie, Miss	Young, Etta R., Miss
Wiswall, George C., Mrs.	Young, H. O., Miss
Wood, Abhy E., Miss	Young, H. T., Mrs.
Wood, Alice C. S., Mrs.	Young, Ida J., Miss
Wood, Anna E. H., Miss	Young, J. H., Mrs.
Wood, C. H., Miss	Young, Jessie M., Miss
Wood, F. A., Miss	Young, Marion F., Miss
Wood, Katherine, Miss	Young, Mattie C., Miss

HONORARY MEMBERS,

1815-1890

Nahum Mitchell	Bridgewater, Mass.	May 21, 1816
Bartholomew Brown	" "	" " "
Alexi Eustaphie	Boston	" " "
Thomas Smith Webb	"	Sept. 15, 1817
Oliver Shaw	Providence, R. I.	Mar. 13, 1818
Augustus Peabody	Boston	" 21, "
John R. Parker	"	" " "
Moses Noyes	Providence, R. I.	Nov. 25, "
David Lawrence Brown	Boston	Dec. 8, "
Daniel Staniford	"	Jan. 13, 1819
John Pickering	Salem, Mass.	Feb. 19, "
Samuel P. Taylor	Boston	Jan. 10, 1820
Reuben D. Muzzy	Hanover, N. H.	Jan. 21, 1823
J. H. Bingham	Alstead, N. H.	" 28, "
Thomas Hastings	Albany, N. Y.	" " "
A. P. Heinrich	Kentucky	Mar. 4, "
Amos Albee	Watertown, Mass.	July 1, "
Benjamin Brierly	Portsmouth, N. H.	May 4, 1824
Joshua Stone	Boston	Aug. 17, 1826
William Staunton, Jr.	"	" " "
Prentiss Mellen	Portland, Me.	Jan. 5, 1827
Edward Howe	" "	" " "
Henry K. Oliver	Salem, Mass.	" 12, "
John Meachum	Albany, N. Y.	Sept. 13, "
George Oates	Augusta, Ga.	" " "
Samuel Bigelow	Charleston, S. C.	" " "
John Wills	Boston	" 25, "
George W. Lucas	Northampton, Mass.	Sept. 12, 1828
Solomon Warriner	Springfield, Mass.	" " "
E. Ives, Jr.	Berlin, Conn.	" " "
A. F. Putnam	Dartmouth, N. H.	" " "
George Dutton	Utica, N. Y.	" " "
Amatus Robbins	Troy, N. Y.	" " "
H. Sewall	Augusta, Me.	" " "
John Paddon	Boston	" " "
Abraham G. Tannatt	Springfield, Mass.	" " "
Charles E. Horn	London, England	Feb. 17, 1829

HONORARY MEMBERS, 1815-1890.

Gottlieb Graupner	Boston	Nov. 20, 1829
Bryant P. Tilden	"	Jan. 26, 1830
Charles F. Kupfer	"	" " "
*Abijah M. Ide Berkley	Attleborough	June 10, 1831
Adoniram Crane	Berkley	" " "
T. Hopkins	Boston	Aug. 19, "
John Pierpont	"	" 29, "
Nathaniel L. Frothingham	"	Aug. 6, 1832
Charles Zeuner	"	" " "
Jonathan Huntington	"	Mar. 28, 1833
Jonathan M. Wainwright	"	Jan. 29, 1834
Samuel H. Jenks	Nantucket, Mass.	Oct. 10, "
Otis Everett	Boston	" " "
Benjamin Holt	Lancaster	" " "
Allan Pollock	Boston	" " "
Joseph Bailey	New York	" " "
John W. Webster	Cambridge	" " "
John Mackay	Boston	" " "
E. R. Hansen	Providence, R. I.	Nov. 22, "
Amasa Winchester	Boston	July 12, 1836
Thomas Power	"	June 8, 1838
Robert C. Winthrop	"	Sept. 4, "
Sigismond Neukomm	London, England	May 25, 1839
A. U. Hayter	Boston	Nov. 12, "
Samuel H. Parker	"	Dec. 9, "
George Cushing	"	Jan. 28, 1840
Moses Whitney, Jr.	"	May 15, "
Charles W. Lovett	"	" 21, "
John Braham	London, England	Nov. 27, "
T. B. Hayward	Boston	July 29, 1841
Peter Wainwright	Roxbury	Sept. 8, "
Louis Ostinelli	Italy	Nov. 23, 1843
William Brown	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 25, 1845
J. L. Hatton	England	Mar. 11, 1850
William Learnard	Dorchester, Mass.	Aug. 6, "
Nathaniel Harris	Boston	July 24, 1856
Carl Zerrahn	"	Oct. 2, 1867
John P. Putnam	"	" " "
J. Baxter Upham	"	Oct. 27, 1871
Robert Franz	Halle, Saxony	Dec. 8, 1876
B. J. Lang	Boston	Apr. 29, 1887

* The record distinctly states that Abijah M. Ide Berkley, of Attleboro' (Bristol County), was elected an honorary member. Yet the whole record of this date concerning the election of honorary members is confused; and an inspection of the whole record leaves little doubt that the recording officer erroneously incorporated into the name of Ide the residence of Crane (elected at the same meeting), and that the name in question is Abijah M. Ide.

APPENDIX.

ERRATA IN AND ADDENDA TO VOL. I., NO. 1.

Page 6, note, line 11. For "Ein fester Burg," read "Ein feste Burg."

Page 8, note, line 3. For "sing them with *withal*," read "sing them *withal*."

Page 12, note 2. Concerning the Old Hundredth Psalm, the reader may consult History of, by the Rev. W. H. Havergal, 1854. Fr. F. Müller ascribes Old Hundredth to Claude Goudimel (see *Musical Magazine*, Hach. III., 199). Ravenscroft's Psalms, of which Gov. Endicott's copy is preserved in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, were republished by the Rev. Mr. Havergal, in 1865.

Page 13. Many secular tunes, turned to ecclesiastical uses in the sixteenth century, are given in Becker's *Musik in Deutschland*, 1840.

Page 15, note 2. For "Th. Ravenscroft," etc., "published in 1628," read "Th. Ravenscroft (b. about 1582; d. about 1630 or 1635), . . . published in 1621."

Page 25, line 26. For "nor in any instance," read "nor destitute in many instances," etc.

Page 33, line 27. Strike out "father of Mrs. Ostinelli." Mrs. Ostinelli was the daughter of James H. Hewitt.

Page 33, note 7. For "Mem. Hist. of Boston, I., 116," read "IV., 416."

Page 35, note 3. For "*Columbia Centinel*," read "*Columbian Centinel*."

Page 36, line 6. For "source of," read "service of," etc.

Page 36, note 2. Miss Catherine, sister of Gottlieb Graupner, who sometimes played the organ at the rehearsals of the Handel and Haydn Society, married a Mr. Cushing. Miss Harriet Graupner, daughter of Gottlieb, still survives. His adopted daughter, Olivia, was living in 1871.

Page 38, line 22. For "Thomas L. Webb," read "Thomas S. Webb."

Page 42, line 18. For "George I. Webb," read "Samuel Webbe (b. 1740; d. May 26, 1816)." The anthem for five voices by this well-known English glee writer, "When winds breathe soft along the silent deep," here referred to, is printed in the first volume of the *Old Colony Collection*, page 53, and in Vol. III., page 83.

Page 43, Programme, Part II. For "Chorus. They played in air, etc.," read "Anthem. They played, in air the trembling music floats." Anthem composed by Sir John Stevenson. Printed in first volume of the *Handel and Haydn Collection*, page 98.

Page 43, note 1. Mr. Melvin Lord, who was a member of the chorus in 1815, used to tell the story referred to. He described with much emphasis the vexation of the president at their not making better work with it.

Page 44, line 17. For "*Transcript*," read "*Advertiser*, Supplement, Saturday, Dec. 23, 1871."

Page 47, line 21. Mr. Stockwell. It is related of this gentleman, who was small of stature, that at a rehearsal, after the intermission, when all were ready, he alone was not at his post. Samuel Richardson, a large and powerful man, volunteered to find him, and going round behind the organ, where the members resorted for a glass of brandy, which was the regular and invariable refreshment between the parts, soon returned, holding the delinquent by the collar of his coat, with his legs dangling helplessly in the air, and placed him at the organ.

Page 48, line 3. "Reconsidered the matter, as we shall see." This is an error. It was S. P. Taylor, of New York (see *Musical Library*, page 27), as mentioned on page 52, who officiated as organist at the four concerts given by the society on the 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th of April, 1817, and not Dr. Rayner Taylor, mentioned on page 47, who, according to a writer in the *Euterpiad*, Vol. II., page 162, used to relate that when he was a choir boy at the King's Chapel Royal (1754-1760), he attended Handel's funeral (April 27, 1759), and that "on this solemn and memorable occasion his hat accidentally fell into the grave, and was buried with the remains of that wonderful composer." "Never mind," said some one to whom he told the story, "he left you some of his brains in return." After Taylor ceased to be a chorister, he found employment as composer, vocalist, organist, and harpsichord player. Having taught for several years at Chelmsford, he became director of music at the Sadlers Wells Theatre. His song, "A Sailor's Life at Sea," and his comic trio, "Chin-chat-quaw," written at this time, became very popular. About 1792, Taylor came to America with his family, and found employment as organist and teacher in various cities. In 1821 he was still living at Philadelphia. "The Faded Lily" and "The Beech Tree's Petition," songs, which he published in this country, were much admired. The writer in the *Euterpiad* speaks of him as a master of the best style of organ playing. This seems hardly compatible with his alleged fondness for singing Vauxhall ballads and caricaturing Italian operas extemporaneously at the piano.

Page 48, note 3. For "1774, choir boy," etc., read "1754." In explanation of Dr. Jackson's refusal "to have anything to do with the Society," etc., mentioned line 15 of page 48, it may be said, that being conscious of very superior knowledge, he felt certain that if he were brought into close contact with a chorus of amateur singers, quarrels would inevitably ensue. "His only safe course," says a writer on this matter, "was to keep at a distance from what they would call his pretensions, and save them from his contempt for what he would know to be their ignorance."

Page 50, note 2, line 5. John Mackay, here spoken of, was lost at sea on a voyage to South America.

Page 52, line 22. S. P. Taylor (misprinted Taylof), b. in England, 1778. began his career as a chorister, and played the organ at the age of twelve. In 1806 he came to America, and the next year was appointed organist at Christ Church. He directed oratorios (concerts?) at St. Paul's, and first introduced the chant in New York. In 1863, Mr. Taylor, then eighty-five years old, played Luther's (so-called) Judgment Hymn at the dedication of a new organ.

Page 52, line 24. Last word "or" should be "of."

Page 52, note 1, line 4. After first "it" insert date (1852). Line 6. "music" should be "Music." *Ibid.* For "p. 26," read "p. 25." *Ibid.* After "cites" insert "(Note, p. 26)."

Page 53, line 20. Oliver Shaw, a native of Middleboro', Mass., studied singing under Dr. Rinterhead at Newport, and afterwards the organ and piano under Graupner. He taught singing schools, presided over musical societies in Dedham and Providence, sang often in public, and died in 1848.

Page 53, line 25. For "listened," read "listened."

Page 53, note 2. The concert referred to in this note was given at the Chauncy Street Church.

Page 53, note 3, line 2. For "honorably having," read "honored by having," etc.

Page 54, Programme, Part I., No. 10. For "There rest the sinful Mary's tears," read, —

" Were not the sinful Mary's tears
An offering worthy heaven,
When o'er the faults of former years
She wept, and was forgiven?"

Page 54, note 2. The quotation from the *Centinel* ends with the word "animated," fourth line. There should be no quotation-marks after the word "*jealousy*."

Page 56, line 30. "The print." The *Transcript* for June 7, 1873, contains S. J.'s correspondence with Mrs. Jonathan Preston about her father's portrait. The "precipitous and most unnatural mountain," spoken of in the thirty-third line, appears, on closer inspection, to be that common funereal emblem, the willow-tree.

Page 57, Historical Synopsis, second line. For "Eleventh annual meeting," read "First annual meeting."

