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Whatever were the real religious sentiments of Wagner, the principles of salvation, as shown in his Music Dramas, declare the redeeming power of guileless innocence. In "The Flying Dutchman," the power of Santa's love frees the wandering Ahasrerus of the seas, though it rings her own destruction. Tannhaeuser escapes from the thrall of Venus and her nymphs by reflecting on the goodness and purity of Elizabeth. Parsifal is innocent to the point of ignorance; he fails even to comprehend the slightest meaning in the ritual of the Knights of the Grail, as they assemble in their hall to partake of the Lord's Supper. But in this very innocence is the capacity for regeneration. Through him the magic spear is recovered to heal the wound of Amportas, and to cause the awful spell of laughter to depart from the sorceress Kundry.

The Grail is the cup or chalice from which Jesus drank at the Last Supper, and which also received His blood on the cross. A company of Knights dedicated their lives to the guarding and adoration of this cup, the chief of CONTINUED ON PAGE 11.

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whom is Amfortas, son of Tittrel. Parsifal finally becomes one of the Knights, and through the strength of his goodness and innocence is made King, instead of Amportas.

The music here played is chosen from the scene in the Grail Castle on Mont Monsalrat. The Knights enter by twos, chanting the praise of the Grail-Angelic voices reply from the distance, answered by the chimes in the belfry, as Amportas uncovers the chalice, which reflect the purity of a single ray of light from above. Parsifal stands in rapt wonderment, unable to understand, and unable to withdraw his gaze.

## Wagner

Overture to "The Flying Dutchman"
While Wagner was still a young man, before he had made a reputation as a musician, he went to Paris with the hope of bettering his fortunes. Paris was then the center of the world of art. Meyerbeer was at the height of popularity, and Wagner felt that if he could only have a hearing before a cultured and intelligent audience, his fortune would be made. In Germany

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the managers conceded Wagner to be a good conductor of opera, but could see no merit in the score of his Rienzi. They considered him half crazy, and gave him no encouragement. In Paris he fared little better, but on the trip to Paris, whither he went by sea, Wagner read the legend of the "Flying Dutchman," which suggested an opera. This was his first great work. We cannot consider Rienzi such, notwithstanding many passages of great power and originality. In the "Flying Dutchman" the composer first begins to feel sure of himself, and has the first dawning ideas from which he developed the theory of the music drama.

The Flying Dutchman is a character similar to the Wandering Jew, who is doomed to sail the ocean forever, until he can find a pure, loving maiden who will sacrifice herself to give him freedom.

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But just fancy what a shock these wild strains, a burning expression of real emotions, gave the audiences of sixty-five years ago. "Trovatore" and "Rigoletto" were not yet written. "Norma" and "La Sonnambula" were the reigning favorites. Artificiality and conventionality were the order of the day, and public taste was not prepared for such music, and the opera was a failure.
"The Flying Dutchman" is now not often performed. . Perhaps if we had no "Lohengrin" or "Siegfried" or "Parsifal," it would be better known.

## Wagner

Selections from "Lohengrin"
Unlike most composers, Wagner wrote the librettos as well as the music to his operas, and music dramas. His idea was that the two component parts, the musicial and the dramatic, were of equal importance and deserved equal attention; and as he deemed himself the only one capable of writing a book that would absolutely fit his music, there was nothing to do but write it himself. How well he succeeded is'a question. Dramatically, the union is as perfect as may be. But from a literary standpoint there is much that will bear criticism. The archaic alliterative verse certainly will never stand on its own merits.

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On the other hand, the music can be, and is, played continually apart from the text. A review of the season's work of any Symphony Orchestra will show a preponderance of Wagner's music over that of any other one composer. Even separated from the accompanying text and dramatic situations, his operas furnish a mine of wealth for concert purposes. Sometimes, as in the present case, the music will bring up in our minds the accompanying situation in the opera, and we see again the associated action on the stageLohengrin's farewell to his swan, Elsa's scene on the balcony, the procession of bridesmaids, and Lohengrin's touching but dignified renunciation of Elsa.

Handel
Pastorale from "The Messiah"
It must be remembered that Handel's early manhood was passed in Italy, at that time the home of music as well as other arts. His style was formed by association with the music of the early Italian composers as much as by his earlier studies in Germany. In after years, while living in England, reminiscences of his younger days occasionally cropped out in his music, and the Pastoral Symphony-an intermezzo, one might call it-is an example. In Italy it was customary at Christmas time for the shepherds to come down

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from the hills into the towns and villages, and play on their pipes timely music of this character. The manner is distinctly in imitation of these "pifferari," as they were called, with a droning bass supporting little shakes and trills in the upper voices.

Bizet
Suite "L'Arlesienne" No. 2
Georges Bizet, born in Paris in 1838 , was in Halevey's class at the Conservatoire, and married his professor's daughter. Music was his chief passion, but not his only love. He was found of playing the piano, but was equally fond of history, philosophy and literature. Very few purely orchestral works come from his pen.

The work heard today is the second of two suites arranged from the entry' actes and incidental music to Alphonse Daudet's drama of that name, first given in Paris in 1872. The writing appealed to Bizet. His mother

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was from Provence, of which Arles is a part. "L'Arlesienne" means "The Woman of Arles." While now only a third rate commercial town, given over to making railroad cars, Arles was once the capital of a kingdom of that name in the Southeastern part of France. Earlier still it was a Roman outpost of importance and a stronghold of the Catholic Church. Through conquest and intermarriage it finally merged into France. The language of that part of the country, Provencal, was in the Middle Ages the dialect of the troubadours, who claimed that the niceties of amorous expression could be observed only in that tongue. There is now a strong movement, headed by the poet mistral, to revive the language, but like the Gaelic revival, it is so far only a fad.

Daudet is often compared with Dickens, but apart from certain tendencies toward exaggerations bordering on caricature, which constitute a form

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of symbolism, they have little else in common. His novel Sapho, by which he is best known in this country, is hardly a fair sample of his work and style.

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Prelude to "Le Deluge"
"Le Deluge"-biblical poem in three parts by Louis Galiet, with accompanying music by Saint Saens-was composed in 1875, a sacred cantata for soloists, chorus and orchestra. The prelude, which is now played for the second time at these concerts, is a short expressive movement in free-form for the string orchestra-a slow introductory passage, leading to a quasifugal treatment of a sustained subject, given out by the violas; following which the solo violin introduces a melodious obligata, which holds the foreground to the end.

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Moszkowski's opera was produced in 1892, and as can be expected of a composer of Moszkowski's powers and temperament, is full of oriental color. The piece played to-day is part of the ballet music, a peasant dance of Maloga, something like a fandango.

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