## SINGING SHOULD COME FIRST

**Famous English Musician Gives Advice as to Musical Education of the Child.**

Italicized in an article by Sir Dan Godfrey is this sentence: "No child should be given piano lessons until it has sung for some years in order to develop its musical instinct." He points out that perfection in lisping baby songs is attained very early in life, and this power brings contact with beauty before drawing is developed or color appreciated. Singing is such a personal art that it lends itself to the development of the individual as nothing else does. The joy which a child gets in reproducing beautiful melodies is like no other experience in life. Piano playing requires so much attention that the little performer often hears very little of the music. The capacity of children for memorizing and performing suitable music is very great, and few, in proportion, have no ear for music. Generally speaking, they are better performers than listeners, except when listening to music they know. School without music would be a dreadful place, for, apart from its educational value, good music provides a bond of sympathy between teacher and pupil. In this short article Sir Dan Godfrey has given a lead to parents on the right lines. He wants children's ears to be trained, their taste awakened, their listening powers developed, and their love of the beautiful cultivated through musical study.—Montreal Family Herald.


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### FOR THE YEAR 1922.

**Superintendent's Books:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Rents uncollected for 1921 | $1,274.06 |
| Assessments for 1922 | 12,033.41 |
| Assessed for 1923 | 5.01 |
| | $13,312.48 |
| Rents collected for 1922 | $11,621.31 |
| Rents collected year 1923 | 5.01 |
| Delinquent for 1922 uncol | 1,686.16 |
| | $13,312.48 |

**Treasurer's Books:**

**Receipts:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1921 | $3,623.94 |
| Received from Supt. 1922 | 11,626.32 |
| Trans. from Sav. Acct | 1,050.00 |
| | $16,300.00 |

**Disbursements:**

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|---|---|
| System | $2,078.56 |
| Pump House | 3,952.05 |
| Office | 213.27 |
| Interest | 2,412.50 |
| Bonds | 1,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 348.00 |
| Transferred to Sav. Acct | 2,700.00 |
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1922 | 3,095.88 |
| | $16,300.26 |

**Savings Account:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1921 | $2,200.06 |
| Interest | 149.83 |
| From Active Account | 2,700.00 |
| | $5,049.89 |
| Transferred to active account | 1,050.00 |
| Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1922 | 3,999.89 |
| | $5,049.89 |

The books of the Superintendent and Treasurer have been examined and found correct as per the above statement. Vouchers for all disbursements in the report are on file at the office of the Water Board, and they and the books are open to inspection.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans Court for Kent County letters of administration on the personal estate of

ELMER GORDON,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of June, 1923, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

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### To Drain Large Cypress Swamp.

Five thousand acres of cypress swamp, in the extreme lower part of Sussex county, Delaware, now a low spongy, wet and dismal tract, is to be reclaimed and converted into numerous farms, flowing with milk and honey and exuding an atmosphere of health, prosperity and happiness, if the plans of Lanreth L. Lapton Jr., and others interested in this project, materialize.

Mr. Layton, a prominent business man of that city is the leading factor in the reclamation work and at present has a dredge at work digging a canal in order to drain the water to what is known as Baltimore Mills, an abandoned mill pond about two miles from Frankford. According to plans the canal will be about nine feet deep and possibly 15 feet wide and will extend over a territory of possibly four miles. It will cost thousands of dollars to drain the large tract of land which at present is almost worthless. Mr Layton owns many hundreds of acres of the swamp.

The Pocomoc river, a sluggish stream in Maryland, has its source in this swamp which is often referred to as the everglades of Delaware.

Representative Caleb R. Layton, of that city has for many years ben interested in draining this large tract of land, and some months ago he introduced a bill in Congress authorizing the Federal Government to take it over and reclaim it for the soldiers returning from France who desired to follow agricultural pursuits. The measure, however failed of passage.

### WASHINGTON COLLEGE

The student body on march 6, accepted a new constitution for its government which will go into effect on the beginning of the scholastic year 1923-'24. The new constitution is in many respects like the old one, yet the two differ in some sections.

First, the old name, The Student's Protective Union was changed to Students Government Association. The first name, as Mr. Hiram Brown pointed out to the Student Council at a previous meeting, implied that the students were trying to protect themselves from their own selves. The latter name was suggested to the Council by Mr. Brown, and was accepted by the unamious vote of the student body. Under the present constitution the faculty advisor is elected by the student body and he has only adviser powers. The faculty representative to the council will be elected by the faculty and will have to be sanctioned by the students, and that faculty member will enjoy executive power in the council in the extent of having a vote in its affairs. There were other changes made regarding officers of the Student Council, class representatives, elections, impeachments, quorum, scope of work, etc. By far the most important additions to the new constitution are those regarding the honor system. The jurisdiction of the Council over violations of honor will be considered in the future not only cheating in tests and examinations, but also the giving and receiving of aid in class recitations as well. The Council will not only govern the students' actions in classes, dormitories and campus, but also in town and public meetings. The new constitution aims to instill high ideals of honor into Washintgon students so that they can reflect in the future those ideals taught them by their Alma Mater, to the credit of Washington College.

The program for the Adelphia Literary Society for March 15, 7.45 p. m., is as follows:

Bit of Jazz, Bankard, Byron, Lohran, Powell; debate, "Resolved, That France's occupation of the Ruhr Valley is justifiable." Affirmative, Nelson and Miller; negative, Buchanan and Ray. Moonbeam, Cooper; Critic's report, the critic.

### ROCK HALL

A great many of our sick are improved, but we still have many on the list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, residing on Ringgold's Point farm, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Moffett are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl, who arrived Saturday.

Mr. Weldon Blackisotn, who has been employed at Chester, Pa., for several months, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blackiston.

Miss Lillian Orr spent the week-end from the Normal School at Towson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Orr.

Mrs. Lewis Ayres is on a visit from her home near Tolchester to her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Beck.

Mrs. William N. Ayres, of Baltimore, is on a visit to he rson-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coleman.

Mrs. William Clark is spending a week with Baltimore friends.

Mrs. Clarence Hersch visited Baltimore from Saturday until Monday.


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## "SNAKE HILL" HISTORIC SPOT

**Eminence in New York Fortified by Hessians During the Revolutionary Conflict.**

A hill in Mount Morris park in New York city was called "Snake Hill" by the Dutch when they settled New Harlem, because it was infested with snakes in large numbers.

During the Revolution the snakes were dispossessed of their habitat by British troops, who built upon the summit of the hill a square redoubt. This work was garrisoned by Hessians. Lieut. Charles Philip Von Krafft, a Hessian, who had hard work spelling local names, tells in his diary how the "rebels" in Morrisania were "terribly bombarded from Shnek Hill" in July, 1781. He was several times in active command on "Shnek Hill"

Snake hill was a lovely little eminence, and when, in 1835, it was suggested for a park the committee of public lands and places of the common council described it as "crowned with various kinds of forest trees, many of them of great antiquity and possessing a very peculiar and distinctive character." The committee also pointed out that "its insular situation, its great height, its conical figure and the trees with which it is covered furnish the greatest capabilities for converting it into a place of the greatest ornament and beauty and which will be looked upon with pride and admiration by our successors."

## DARWIN'S THEORY OF LIFE

**Opinion That Has Been Sharply Attacked and Hotly Defended Since He Expressed It.**

Charles Darwin published in 1859 a work entitled "Origin of Species," in an attempt to prove that the numerous species now existing on the earth sprang originally from one, or at most, a few primal forms, and that the present diversity is due to special development and natural selection.

According to Darwin's theory, those plants and creatures that are best suited to the conditions of their existence survive and become fruitful; certain organs called into play by peculiar conditions of life grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength, until they become so much a part and parcel of their frames as to be transmitted to their offspring. The conditions of life being very diverse cause a great diversity of organic development, and of course every such diversity which has become radical is the parent of a new species.

### A Pair of Gloves.

One keen, biting winter morning half a dozen grizzled, stoop-shouldered old men were cleaning off the snow and ice from the sidewalk of an eastern city. They were warmly clad, and all wore thick gloves or mittens except one; he was trying to work barehanded.

While he was alternately swinging his pick and stopping to blow on his fingers a tall, broad-shouldered man came walking along the pavement. He wore a fur coat and a pair of beautiful heavy gloves. When he came opposite the old man who was resting a moment from his work, he suddenly snatched off his gloves, thrust them vigorously into the hand of the laborer, and with the tenderest and merriest of smiles went right on, without even turning round, and was lost in the crowd.

The old man straightened and stood staring after him in utter bewilderment. Then, shaking his gray head over and over as if he were unable to explain the generosity of the stranger, he slowly drew on the comforting gloves and continued his hard work.—Youth's Companion.

### Memories Perpetuated by Lamps.

A curious custom exists among the natives of the island of Raiatea (the chief island of the Leeward group of the Society islands) to preserve the memory of deceased relatives. In the large church at Uturoa, the principal settlement on that island, will be seen a great number of brass hanging lamps hanging from brackets all about the building. Each of these has been presented by some native family in memory of some beloved member of the clan who had died, and they constitute a memorial, such as a bronze tablet or a stained-glass window would represent in European countries.

### Microbes Hard to Destroy.

Though some microbes are very tough and can stand great extremes of heat and cold, the majority of them are easily killed if the right methods are used. But what puzzled scientists for many years was that "killed" microbes seemed able to come to life again. You could kill them as dead as door nails, but in a very short space of time they would appear in swarms and as lively as crickets. Then a discovery was made. It was found that many microbes bred by means of seeds or spores, which are almost indestructible, save by fire.

### Great Work Done by Librarians.

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### MILLINGTON

The supper which was held in Comegys Hall last Saturday evening for the benefit of the New Fire Department, was well patronized and quite a success.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson is quite sick at her home on South Crane St.

James P. Stevens, aged 21 yrs., and son of Mr. Benjamen Stevens, of near Blanco, died last Tuesday, March 6, at 10 a. m. of Pneumonia. The funeral was held on Thursday at 9 a. m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Clayton, Del. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Connell and Mr. J. A. Tobin was the undertaker. Interment in Dover Cemetary. The deceased was also a nephew of Mr. Thomas Moffett, of this town.

Mrs. N. A. Wallen, who has been quite sick for several weeks at her home on West Cypress St., went to the Emergency Hospital, Easton, Md. last Sunday for special treatment. Besides her husband, she was accompanied by her son Carlton, Mrs. A. J. Lockman and Mr. Sidney Dixon. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. William Jarman, of Crumpton, visited her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Robinson, this week.

Mrs. John E. Wiest, of near Sudlersville was the guest last Tuesday of relatives in town.

Miss Annie Blackiston died last Saturday night at the home of her niece, Mrs. R. W. Moffett, after a short illness, aged 88 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at 1.30 p. m. from Trinity M. E. Church, South, of which she had been a member for a number of years. Rev. H. A. Wilson officiated and Mr. J. A. Tobin was the undertaker. Internment in Millington Cemetary. The pall bearers, Messrs. Liston Pennington, W. T. Jones, Charles Legg, F. S. Bottomley, Howard Stevens and J. E. Higman.

Clarence son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wallace, of near Crumpton, was taken to the Emergency Hospital, Easton, last Saturday for special treatment. He was accompanied by his mother, his aunt, Mrs. Hamilton Neal and Mr. Warner Porter.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held on Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. George Clough.

### KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. Howard Jester and family and Mr. Harry Merdille of Baltimore were week-end guests of Mr. Richard Haggerty and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caldwell and children of near Galena spent Sunday with Mr. James Weer and family.

Mr. John Hessner and wife have been visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Service this Sunday morning at Grace Church at eleven o'clock, Rev. B. B. Slatts, Pastor.

Those on the sick list are Miss Lula Van Dyke, Mrs. Maggie Webb, and Mrs. James Weer, Mrs. Cleve Tucker, Mrs. George Glenn. All are improving at this writing.

Mr. Ritter spent the week end with his parents at Woodlain, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hurlock returned home on Friday eve from Tampa, Florida.

Miss Sue Johnston returned to Washington on Sunday.

Mr. Cleve Tucker spent Sunday with Mrs. Tucker, returning to Washington on Monday.

Mrs. Elwood Baker spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Augusta Hessner.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pennington celebrated their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th.

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