

Latest Music.

It is some little time since I had the pleasure of reviewing any music published by the leading firm of publishers in the British Empire, namely Messrs. Chappell & Co. The selections to hand by the mail are indeed the best we have had this year. When on sale here in South Africa, they should be in great demand. First of all there is an excellent, all-round selection for the pianoforte of the most popular tunes in the "Music Box Revue", in which that accomplished artist Rene Riano, who is now delighting South African audiences, made so great a success. Then there is the second of the new Sullivan selections. This consists of gems from the famous operas by Gilbert & Sullivan, and in this new selection there are to be found such well known numbers as—"There lived a King" from the Gondoliers; "A Wandering Minstrel" from the Mikado; "The Judge's Song" from Trial by Jury; "Twenty years Ago" from Princess Ida"; etc. and etc.

We are at present having a deluge of song fox-trots, and whilst many of them are scarcely worth the paper they are printed on, this cannot be said of those in this new list, and amongst are—Norah Blaney & Gwen Farrar's sensational success "The Cat's Whiskers", "Tom Tom"; "Chanson"; whilst in the Valses there is "The Ghost"; which has a wonderful haunting melody; and "A Kiss in the Dark". Coming to the ballad songs, I can cordially recommend the following:—"Molly O'Donegal"; "Dolores"; "The Piper"; "I Hear You Singing"; "Morning Will Come"; "Marcheta", and last but not least there is a very effective composition for a Morris Dance called "Skipton Rag".

B. Feldman & Co

One of the objects of Feldmanism is to provide the right song for the right situation, and in a hefty batch of latest publications received from Messrs. B Feldman & Co., their is a variety of music to suite all tastes, and in the popular song-dance music there are the following:—"I Dream of a Castle in Spain"; "It was in April"; "Imperial Blues"; "Rain or Shine"; "Bebe"; "When will the sun shine for Me". Coming to the ballad songs there are:—"That Tacoma Home O' Mine"; "One Week of Love"; "Call me and I'll come to You"; "Sun-God"; whilst coming to the lighter type of songs there are:—"Alabama Black Sheep"; "Wont you while away a little while with Me"; "Hotsy Totsy Town"; "All the girls are fond of Sailors".

SOUTH AFRICAN SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE FOR UKRAINIAN JEWISH ORPHANS.

The Fund has definitely taken over 86 orphans who are pogrom victims from the Ukraine at present in Palestine, where they were taken by Mr. Belkind, a well known Jewish public worker, which, together with the 44 orphans from the Ukraine brought out to Palestine and maintained by the Jewish Orphans' Committee of Durban, will make a total of 130 children, with which the United South African Jewish Children Settlement in the colony of Balfouria, Palestine, to be maintained by South African Jewry, will be started.

The following cables which have passed between the Fund, Mr. S. Hillman of Johannesburg, who until a few days ago was in Palestine, and the Palestine Orphans Committee in Jerusalem, giving further information on this important subject have been issued for publication:—

1. From the Fund to Mr. S. Hillman care Zionist Executive, Jerusalem:—"Palestine Orphans Scheme, please interview Miss Berger refer to her letter August 28th. for an explanation of position. Others are also urging us to take over children on spot; it is impossible to come to the decision who are to be taken; 86 is the utmost we can provide for as Executive must leave room for Ukraine children when obtainable; investigate position together with Berger and provisional committee; telegraph decision as early as possible; Congress held here, must take immediate action; also visit Balfouria, investigate title deeds and also telegraph estimate of building.

2. From the Fund to Palestine Orphans Committee, Jerusalem:—"Cabled Hillman our representative care Zionist Executive Jerusalem full instructions, consult him and act jointly".

3. From Mr. S. Hillman to Fund:—"Orphans investigating cabling earliest".

4. From Mr. S. Hillman to Fund:—"Referring to your telegram 28th., all parties have agreed subject to immediate confirmation taking over 86 Belkind children; repay £860 original transportation; require further about £8,000 for building and equipment; inspected and approve of Balfouria; finally arranged your representatives Guardians (Palestine Orphans Committee.)

telegraph them £2,000 initial instalment".

5. From the Fund to Mr. S. Hillman care Zionist Executive, Jerusalem:—"Yours thirteenth, Executive meeting nineteenth, will cable result".

6. From the Fund to Palestine Orphans Committee, Jerusalem:—"At Hillman's request of 13th December, telegraphing to you £2,860. £2,000 initial instalment balance transportation, Executive agrees to take 86 Belkind children, consider estimate £8,000 buildings and equipment too high above our means; we assume immediate responsibility maintenance children, make temporary arrangements for them. Send plans and specifications for our approval and estimates for buildings on the cottage system, also ground plans of Balfouria, await our consent before proceeding with buildings. Assume Durban children included in all calculations".

The sum of £2,860, has already been remitted to Palestine, and South African Jewry's responsibility for the maintenance of these children began from the date of the last cable, namely, December 21st 1923.

A wasteful custom that may be easily dispensed with is the sending of telegrams of congratulation or condolence on festive occasions or when death invades the family of friends. A letter will answer just as well and express the good wishes or sympathy of the sender a great deal better, and the money thus saved, could certainly be put to a more practical use.

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