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MUSIC AND MEN OF GENIUS.

Total Absence of Any Appreciation of Music  
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One of the most singular phenomena of genius is the total absence of any appreciation of music among many famous men of letters. Andrew Lang, in fact, goes so far as to say most poets and literary men hate music, confessing that for his own part he can "bear a song" if the words are pleasing, and that he is touched by the refrain of Gregorian chant much as a dog howls when certain notes are struck on the piano. On the whole, he agrees with Dr. Johnson, who spoke of music as "the least disagreeable of sounds."

According to Mr. Cunningham Moffet, who writes in Music, the absence of the musical ear is not an intellectual but a cerebral characteristic. Mr. Moffet instances the case of General Grant, whose repugnance to music was so great that it caused him intense suffering to sit through a grand opera or even to hear a song. His common reply to the question, "What shall I sing?" was the rather dampening one, "Something short." Catherine II of Russia, after trying in vain to cultivate a love of music, said that to her it was "noise and nothing but noise." The two Napoleons also found it difficult to tolerate music.

Mr. Moffet agrees with Lang that many men of letters have had little ear for music, but he instances among the music lovers the names of Gautier, De Musset and a large proportion of the English and Scottish writers, including Shakespeare, Milton, Coleridge, Addison, Goldsmith, De Quincey, Moore, Charles Reade, Darwin and even Carlyle, who declares music to be "the speech of angels." But when we come to look at the other side of the picture, says Mr. Moffet, we find a large array of famous names:

"Charles Lamb has told us all about his musical capacities, or incapacities, in his essay on 'Ears.' He was apparently destitute of what is called a taste for music, as much of it usually confused him, and an opera was simply a maze of sounds in which he almost lost his wits. A few old tunes ran in his head, and now and then the expression of a sentiment, though never of song, touched him with rare and exquisite delight. He has told us, however, how he revered the fine organ playing of Mr. Novello and admired the equally fine singing of his daughter.

"I don't know whether Macaulay really disliked music or not, but he certainly cared very little for it and remembered less. Writing to his journal for June 15, 1851, in giving an account of a dinner at Windsor Castle that he attended, he says: 'The band covered the talk with a succession of sonorous tunes. "The Campbells are Coming" was one.' To this his biographer and nephew, Sir George Otto Trevelyan, adds in a foot-note: 'This is the only authentic instance on record of Macaulay's having known one tune from another.'

"Dean Stanley had absolutely no ear for music; he really detested it as much as General Grant did, and fled from it when he could. Professor Max Muller, in a recently published book, quotes him as saying to Jennie Lind after she had sung Handel's 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth': 'You know I dislike music; I don't know what people mean by admiring it. I am very stupid, tone deaf, as others are color blind. But,' he added with some warmth, 'tonight when from a distance I heard you singing that song I had an inkling of what people mean by music. Something came over me which I had never felt before; or, yes, I had felt it once before in my life.' Jenny Lind was all attention. 'Some years ago,' he continued, 'I was in Vienna, and one evening there was a tattoo before the palace performed by 400 drummers. I felt shaken, and tonight, while listening to your music, the same feeling came over me; I felt deeply moved.' 'Dear man,' she added, 'I know he meant it, and a more honest compliment I never received in all my life.'

"Dr. Thomas Arnold of Rugby was also entirely lacking in musical taste. Speaking of this defect, he says: 'I can no more remedy it than I could make my mind mathematical, or than some other men could enter into the deep delight with which I look at a wood anemone or wood sorrel.' Charles Kingsley belonged to the same class; he liked music because it was 'such a fine vent for the feelings.' Henry Buckle, the historian, could not tell one tune from another, although, like Macaulay, he had a most marvellous memory for almost everything else. He once acknowledged, however, that he was moved when he heard Liszt play in London. Byron had no ear for music, and Rossetti found the art 'cool unto the sense of pain.'

"Shelley had a voice, it is said, like a peacock's and Tennyson had only verbal music in him. Sir Humphrey Davy had a fine perception of the beautiful in nature, but had so poor an ear for sound that he could not even catch the simple air of the British national anthem. He was also deficient in time, for while a member of a volunteer corps he could never keep step. Dean Hook used to maintain that Handel's 'Messiah' had turned more sinners to righteousness than had all the sermons that were ever preached. Yet the dean

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It is rather too bad that those of our merchants who buy calendars to present to their patrons would not get away from the opinion that a grand splash of bright colours is necessary on a calendar. The pictures and colours on most of these things used by our local merchants are perfect nightmares. A boy of the mature age of ten years might have selected them, to look at them. The are simply oriental in their rich warmth of inharmonious and hideous colors, and the piece that contains the days of the month is so small and apparently of such slight importance that one can scarcely see it. Please give us a little more calendar and a good deal less vulgar colouring.

In this province we have heard of cases in which newspaper men ran up against judges, and war between the Bench and the Press ensued. The immediate triumph, generally, was for the Bench, though when the people came to express their views the judges were not always proved to be right, according to the vulgar mind, which is a very different thing from the judicial mind. Late English papers record an interesting affair between Mr. Justice Darling and the editor of the Birmingham Daily Argus. It seems that there was a trial of a case in which the defendant was charged with publishing obscene works. The judge warned the newspapers against publishing a detailed account of the case. Thereupon the Argus referred to His Lordship as "an impudent little man in horse hair—a microcosm in conceit and empty-headedness." Of course the editor was promptly hauled up for contempt, and he did, what was the wise, if not the more dignified thing, humbly apologized. He was let off with a fine of £100 and £25 costs, and was told that if it had not been for his frank apology he would have been run to prison for a not inconsiderable period. Pshaw! though, if this journal called a judge of the New Brunswick court such names, the whole blankety blank staff would have been sent to penitentiary for life.

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