

## GAUL'S NEW SACRED CANTATA

# THE TEN VIRGINS

#### FIRST PERFORMANCE AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

"The first performance of a new work by a composer of established reputs is an event of such unfrequent occurrence in this locality that the production of Mr. Alfved R. Gaul's new sacred Cantata, 'The Ten Virgina,' at South Shielda, on Wednesday night, must not be passed over lightly. We have had in this city occasional performances of works conducted personally by their composers; we have pleasant re-collections of the late Henry Smart, Mr. Randegger, Dr. A. C. Mackensle, Mr. Ebenser Prout, and Mr. Hamish MacCuan visiting us under such circumstances, but in none of these cases was the performance the first production of the work. In the present instance, not only did Mr. Gaul conduct his work personally, but, as we have already said, the performances was the very first occasion upon which the Cantata had been heard in public. Usually the first production of a work of the dimensions of 'The Ten Virgins' is reserved for one of our great provincial centres, as in the case of Mr. Gaul's 'Holy City,' which was produced at the Birmingham Mesical Festival a few years ago, and the same composer's 'Joan of Arc,' which was entrusted for a first perform-ance to the Birmingham Festival Choral Society ab Mr. Gaul, in entrusting them with the first production of his latest work, was a great one, and one which the members of the society should, and we believe do, appreciate very highly. We maybere mention, in order that our readers may better estimate the importance of the occasion, that the audience of Wednesday night included, not only many of the leading musicians in the North of England, but also some who had journeyed all the way from Birmingham Jafaland, but also some who had journeyed all the way from Birmingham Staffordhire, and other distant parts to be present at the production of the work. It is very gratifying to know that Mr. Gaul was immensely pleased with the manner in which his vork was performed, and paid very high compliments to the chorus, soloists, and orchestra. '

work was performed, and paid very high compliments to the chorus, soloists, and orchestra. ' "In our issue of Tuesday last we gave at some length a description of the new work, together with such an opinion of its merits as could be gathered from a perusal of the score. All that remains for us now, therefore, is to see how far our opinions are confirmed upon hearing the work performed, and to pass a few remarks upon the work and its performance. In the first place, let us say at once that the Cantata more than realises our expectations. As we said in our preliminary notice of the work, the parable of the Ten Virgins lends itself admirably to musical illustration, and in dealing with the story Mr. Gaul has shown considerable discretion and knowledge, which is the outcome of much experience. It was a happy thought to utilise Miss Winkworth's translation of the ancient German chorale, the appropriateness of which cannot be denied. How effectively Mr. Gaul has worked in the chorale-and particularly the opening phrase, which is used as the text upon which the Cantata is founded, and which is most ingeniously introduced into the principal situations as the work develops-must have been palpable to all who listened to the performance on Wednes-day night. Miss Winkworth's translation, which differs materially appropriate that one might easily imagine that the words had been expressly written for the work. The version runs as follows :-'Sleepers, wakel a voice is calling;

'Sleepers, wakel a voice is calling; Midnight bears the welcome voice, And at the thrilling cry rejoices; Come forth, ye Virgina, night is past: The Bridegroom comes; a wake! Your leave with didness the Your lamps with gladness take. Hallelujah ! And for His marriage feast prepare, For ye must go to meet Him there.'

It was an equally happy thought to introduce Lord Tennyson's beau-tiful poem commencing 'Late, late; so late!'... The libretto is indeed most carefully compiled, and proves Mr. Gaul to be the fortunate

Cantata is, to our mind, the thoughtful and reverent way in which has treated his subject musically. The devotional setting of portions of the Lord's Prayer, and of such lines as 'Thou art the Guide of our youth,' and 'Wisdom crieth in the streets,' is most affecting, and could scarcely fail to reach the beart of the attentive listener. The musicain will admire the skilful use which Mr. Gaul's method in this work to that of Mendelssohn in his 'Lobgesang,' but Mr. Gaul's method in this work to that of Mendelssohn in his 'Lobgesang,' but Mr. Gaul makes, perhapa, a greater use of his principal theme than did the composer of 'Elijah.' Thus we find that the theme is heard first in the introduction to the work, whils the choral 'Stepren, water' to only the introduction to the work, whils the choral of the frat chorus. It is afterwards frequently heard, notably in the dnet 'They that trust in the Lord' (the opening phrase of which is founded upon it), in the Intermesso, in the Festal March, and at the close of the final chorus. There are other themes also somewhat extensively used, such as the opening phrase of the Festal March, which is heard frequently, after the manner of the *litimotiv*, which introduce the Narrator will not escape notice among many other features of interest. We do not, however, intend to go over the ground already covered in our former notice of the work; suffice it to say that all the beauties of the Cantata then pointed out were intensified by the performance, and that our predictions of the success of the work were more than wrified. Among the most successful numbers we may mention the tenor solo. 'The kingdom come,' the words of which are a portion of the Lord's Prayer, during the singing of which the audience rose from their seats and remained standing. The setting of the prayer is most impressive, and lits remarkably fine closing movement, also had a marked effect upon the singing of which hit actuation of the success of the solo.' The discould are applause. The devotional character of the

are either uninteresting or impracticable to ordinary provincial choral societies. Mr. Gaul's works stand out as a protest against such things, and to this fact, combined with their artistic merit and interesting nature, must be attributed the enormous success which they have achieved. We have no hesistion in saying that the success of 'The Ten Virgins' will equal that of any work from the same pen, and that, it will be admitted, is saying a great deal when we remind our readers that 'The Holy City' has reached its fitieth thousand. We have left ourselves very little space to speak of the performance of the work, and will have to content ourselves with saying that in every respect it was most excellent. . . . The work was received with the utmost enthusiasm, the composer being recalled to the platform at its close by cheers which were deafening, and bespoke the high appreciation of his audience. The hall was crowded in every part, and hundreds of people could not find seats.

most carefully complied, and proves and could to be the fortunate audience. The hall was crowded in every part, and numbers of people post-saor of attainments other than those ordinarily found in a musician. "The work is announced for performance at the Bow and Bromley "Having been fortunate in his choice and treatment of a subject, it is not surprising to find that Mr. Gaul has entered heart and soul into the spirit of his work. One of the most pleasing features of the *Tyme Daily Journal*, November 22, 1890.

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# ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS.

#### No. 1.—INTRODUCTION (INSTRUMENTAL).— "Moonlight on the Nile."

#### THE BURNING BUSH.

#### No. 2.-HEBBEW CHOBALE.

God called and said, "I am the God of thy father, The God of Abraham, The God of Isaac, And the God of Jacob. I am That I Am. I have surely visited you, And seen that which was done to you In Egypt."—*Exod.* iii. 6, 16.

#### THE DELIVERANCE.

No. 8.—CHORUS.

So He brought forth His people with joy, And His chosen with gladness.—Ps. cv. 42.

#### THE WILDERNESS.

No. 4.—INTERMEZZO (INSTRUMENTAL).— "Daybreak."

No. 5.—CHOBUS.—For Men's Voices.

Comrades, rise! The day is breaking: Grey and chilly comes the dawn. Comrades, rise! The day's provision Falleth for us with the morn. Pale the dawning shows and ghostly Through the opening of the tent: Comrades, rise! and gather Manna Ere the morning hour be spent! Pass we from the tent's enfolding. See what lieth on the ground ! With the morning dew it falleth, Small and white, and sweet and round. Angels' Food to us is given : Fresh the marvel ever new ! As our daily bread it cometh, Falling for us with the dew. Not as in the House of Bondage, Where we made our weary moan :

Light the toil, and glad the labour, Thus providing for our own. Sweet the Food His Hand hath given, Sweet the portion He hath sent: With His Blessing all is blessèd, So He add therewith content.

See the Cloud, all night of Fire, Paling in the growing day ! Over yonder purple mountain Swiftly rise the golden ray ! Ere the tent's long shadow shorten, Ere the morning hour be done, Let us hymn our praises duly, With the rising of the sun.

#### No. 6.-HEBREW CHORALE.

O God, again to Thee we raise Our morning hymn of prayer and praise, While yet the day is new: For aid from dangers of the night, For blessings of the new-made light, Our thanks are ever due.

From hostile hand and traitor heart, From pestilence' envenomed dart, Thy love hath guarded still : Oh may the lives Thou dost prolong To Thee for evermore belong, In word and deed and will ! Oh may we ever bear in mind The House of Bondage left behind,

The Promised Land before ! Oh, Father, keep, as Thou hast kept. Both while we waked and while we slept, And bring us to that Shore.

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#### No. 7.—AIR.—Soprano.

Sing to the Lord and praise His Name : Be telling of His salvation from day to day. *Ps.* xcvi. 2.

#### No. 8.-DUET.-Tenor and Baritone.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised :

He is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:

But it is the Lord that made the heavens. Ps. xcvi. 4, 5.

#### No. 9.-CHORUS.

Declare His honour unto the heathen : and His wonders unto all people. *Ps.* xcvi. 8.

#### No. 10.—SOLO (Tenor) AND CHORUS.

But there was no water for the people to drink. And the people thirsted there for drink. And they said—

Give us water! Give us water, that we may drink! Exod. xvii. 1, 2.

#### No. 11.—AIR.—Baritone.

While in the sultry Wilderness we faint, Fond recollection turns to Egypt's stream;

The lordly river, bursting all restraint, In memory haunts us as a mocking dream: While in the sultry Wilderness we stray, And our hearts die within us day by day.

Memories of toil, of bondage, all decay; The cruel bondage and the weary task:

But never shall remembrance fade away

Of that cool stream from whence a draught we ask.

Sweet are thy waters, Nilus, to the taste, While here we perish in this arid waste.

Yet yonder, where the purple mountains glow, See, at their base a lake of water clear!

The fronded palms beside the margin grow : Haste, comrades, haste! the goal of hope is here !---

'Tis but the mirage with its mocking gleam, Blended with memories of Egypt's stream.

No. 12.-RECITATIVE.-Tenor.

So the people cried unto the Lord in their trouble :

And He delivered them from their distress. Ps. cvii. 6.

He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out:

So that rivers ran in the dry places. Ps. cv. 40.

#### No. 13.—CHORUS.

Sweet to the thirsty soul The waters cool and clear; Sweet in their rippling flow, Alike to eye and ear. He smote the stony rock, The healing waters flowed; And He Who freedom gave Hath life again bestowed. Then praise we now His Name, With thankful heart and voice t 'Who heard us in our grief, Who bids us now rejoice ! Our children's weary cry, Our patient flocks' appeal, Ah 1 hard were these to bear,

Hard, burning thirst to feel. But now, with thankful heart, The Lord we praise and bless, Who looked upon our grief, Who pitied our distress. Yea, praise we now His Name, With thankful heart and voice ! Who heard us in our grief, Who bids us now rejoice !

#### No. 14.—AIR.—Soprano.

The waters of the riven Rock Gleam in the sun to-day, Secure we rest us in the shade From noontide's sultry ray; And think of her who wandered here, As we to-day have done, And gazed in anguish on her boy, Our great Forefather's Son.

As Hagar thro' the desert drear With faltering footstep passed, She deemed of all her weary days She then had seen the last.

But help was near her in that hour Of agony and thirst :

An Angel Guide was there to shew Where hidden waters burst.

- Like her, we wander here to-day; Like her, have tasted grief;
- Like her, we too have thirsted sore And He hath given relief.

Like her, we find a shelter sure Beneath a Father's Hand :

The Shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land.

No. 15.—DUET.—Soprano and Tenor.

As the Manna falling From the morning skies, So God's daily mercy Round about us lies. Take the day's providing, Trust Him for the rest: He will shape the morrow As He knoweth best.

Has He ever failed us For our daily bread? Pure and sweet His mercies Over all are shed. Share we then His bounties With who needeth more: It shall add contentment And blessing to our store. As the Manna falling, &c.

Trust Him, ever trust Him, Who hath been our Stay; Trust Him, ever trust Him, Thro' both night and day. Trust Him in the sunshine, Trust Him in the shade, Trust Him in the tempest, Trust, nor be afraid.

Sow we in the furrows, Then in safety sleep, While the harvest's Master Watch o'er all doth keep. Vain without His keeping Were our toil and care, He, while we are sleeping, Harvest doth prepare. Trust Him, ever trust Him, &c.

### THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT.

No. 16.-CHANT.-Full Choir.

Yet for all this they sinned more against Him:

And provoked the most Highest in the wilderness. Ps. lxxviii. 18.

They thought not of His hand :

And of the day when He deliver'd them from the hand of the enemy.

How He had wrought His miracles in Egypt : And His wonders in the field of Zoan.

(He turned their waters into blood :

So that they might not drink of the rivers. Ps. lxxviii. 43-45.

Their land brought forth frogs :

Yea even in their kings' chambers.

He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies:

And lice in all their quarters.

Ps. cv. 80, 81.

(He smote their cattle also with hailstones: (And their flocks with hot thunderbolts. Ps. lxviii. 49.

the hail Ran along upon the ground. Exod. ix. 28, 24. He brought the east wind, and the east wind brought the locusts: And they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. Exod. x. 13-15. (He sent darkness and it was dark, Even darkness which could be felt. Exod. x. 21. (He smote all the first-born in their land : Even the chief of all their strength. Ps. cv. 85. But as for His own people, He led them forth like sheep: And carried them in the wilderness like a flock. Ps. lxxviii. 58. But they thought scorn of that pleasant land : And gave no credence unto His word.

He sent thunder with hail, fire mingled with

Ps. cvi. 24.

No. 17.—AIR.—Tenor.

O fertile Land of Egypt ! We ne'er shall see thee more ! Where earth outspread her bounty, And lavished all her store. The watered fields are glowing, Outstretched for many a mile : The palms their branches drooping Above the waves of Nile.

The fisher on the margin Rejoiceth in his toil As from the flowing waters He draws the silv'ry spoil. How green the boughs are waving ! How ripely glows the corn ! The sevenfold ears are bending Beneath the smile of morn.

We look'd from off our labour Upon the laughing plain : Here, in the dreary desert, We see it all again ! While here we gather Manna, Light food our souls abhor : O fertile Land of Egypt ! We ne'er shall see thee more !

No. 18.-CHORUS (UNACCOMPANIED).

Set your affections on things above, Not on things on the earth. Fear God, and keep His commandments : For this is the whole duty of man. *Col.* iii. 2.

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# ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS.

## Moonlight on the Mile.



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### The Deliverance.



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## The Milderness.



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\* A crotchet in this movement to be a little faster than a dotted crotchet in the previous movement. A. R. Gaul's Sacred Cantata-" Israel in the Wilderness."











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\* This motive is the Ancient Hebrew theme tor Sabbath prayers, and is perhaps the oldest example of a mode. A. B. Gaul's Sacred Cantata-" Israel in the Wilderness."























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\* If preferred, this number may be sung by all the Tenors and Basses of the Choir.

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A. R. Gaul's Sacred Cantata-" Israel in the Wilderness "









A. B. Gaul's Sacred Cantata-" Israel in the Wilderness "

















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No. 11 AIR (BARITONE).—" WHILE IN THE SULTRY WILDERNESS."















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No. 16. CHANT (FULL CHOIR) .-... "YET FOR ALL THIS THEY SINNED MORE AGAINST HIM."

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# The Ten Virgins

A SACRED CANTATA

FOR FOUR SOLO VOICES AND CHORUS

BY

### ALFRED R. GAUL

(OP. 42)

COMPOSER OF "THE HOLY CITY," "RUTH," "PASSION SERVICE," "JOAN OF ARC," &c.

"PHILMARMONIC AND ST. PAUL'S CHORAL UNION.—Two of Mr. Alfred R. Gaul's Cantatas, 'Joan of Arc' and 'The Holy City.' have been previously performed in Leamington. The verdict on 'The Ten Virgins' must be that it quite fulfils the rich promise of these former musical essays. There are the same excellent orchestral writing, the same melodious solo numbers, the same massive choral effects; and in some respects there is a noticeable gdvance on the previous works—a still greater unity of design, the finer touch of the true artist-musician. The libretto of 'The Ten Virgins' has been compiled with admirable tasts from the Scripture marative of the parable, and from other portions of the sacred writings. To these there are some happily selected additions, of which the most noticeable are Miss Winkworth's translation of the German chorale 'Sleepers, Awake,' and Lord Tennyson's 'Too Late,' one of the pearls of song that stud the jewelled verses of 'The Idylls of the King.' The composer has made use of the chorals in the happiest manner imaginable, while the chorus from Lord Tennyson has received a musical setting which it is the highest compliment to any is in every way worthy of the poetry. There is a pleasant absence of musical pyrotechnics and tricky effect in 'The Ten Virgins', and a wekcome return to the first musical principles which gave us the great compositions which are always likely to stand unrivalled before the word. The choral writing in 'The Ten Virgins' is alone something to be thaniful for, and as we have intimated, it is only one of the many musical virtues of the Cantata... The soprano air 'Sun of my soul, one of the gerns. ... The soprano air 'Sun of my soul, one of the gent of a sinner,' a strikingly dramatic air. ... The quartets contain not a little very charming mu sic."—Leam-ington Chronicia. ington Chronicle.

"A new work from the pen of the composer of 'The Holy City' and 'Joan of Arc' will be heartily welcomed by all who love the art of music."--Newcastle Journal.

"Mr. Gani is to the fore with a new Sacred Cantata, and Choral Societies are pleasantly concerned thereat, for they admire the Midland composer because he gives them good music without putting too great a strain upon executive means. The work will certainly go through Sacondom in the wake of its predecessors from the same pen."-Londom Daily Telegraph.

"Must attain popularity wherever heard, and will assuredly soon be placed among the foremost compositions of this kind by present-day writers... treated in a thoroughly artistic manner... a perfect wealth of melody and striking individuality of style. Infinitely superior to any previous effort of the composer."—Liverpool Daily Courses

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devoted to Gaul's new Cantata 'The Ten Virgins.' The opinions expressed on the occasion of its production at South Shields we still maintain, further acquaintance only serving to confirm them. The Cantata is replete with charming music of that school which every one can appreciate, and which found so distinguished a master in Mendelasohn. If composers would have their works popular with choral societies, it is only reasonable to expect that they will bestow a fair share of their attention upon the choruses. The old masters hnew this, and there is no doubt that the fact has much to do with the long-continue, popularity of their works ; and there is cqually little doub, we think that the principal cause of the failure of so many works produced now-a-days is the uninteresting nature of the choruses. Com-pare the choruses of the three most popular works ever produced—'The Messiah,' Creation,' and 'Elijah'—with a large number of modern works, and our meaning will be clear. If we mistake not, such thoughts as these passed through Mr. Gaul's mind when he set himself to com-pose these works which have placed him in the front rank of English composers—the 'Holy City.' Joan of Arc,' and 'The Ten Virgins — and that the public endorse his views is proved by the enormous sale which these works have had.''—Newcastie Daily Journed, Dec. 17, 1800.

The subject is an excellent one for a Cantata a strong than 'Joan of Arc.' . . . Melodious, vocal, and of moderate difficulty, and, like Mr. Gau's earlier Cantatas, will be eagerly welcomed by societies in search of new works having these characteristics."-Newcastle Daily Leader, Dec. 16, 1890.

"Bow AND BROMLEY INSTITUTE CHOR.—On the 22nd ult. this Society came forward with the first performance in London of Mr. Gaul's new Cantata 'The Ten Virgina.' The hall was overcrowded by an audience that was disposed to encore every other number of the work. If the verdict of a miscellaneous audience, that could have no possible reason for being favourably prejudiced, is of any account in estimating the merit of a new work, a career that will rival that of the sam composer's 'Holy City' may be predicted for 'The Ten Virgina.' That Mr. Gaul should have secured this undoubted popular success with a work far more contrapuntal than any of his former works, is a remarkable tribute to his power of welding science and beauty into one whole."—Musical Times, Dec. 1, 1890.

"Not only full of good music, but displays individuality of style Mr. Gaul's powers of melodic invention still flow on, and his treatment of the voices is as noteworthy as ever for neatness of workmanship and knowledge of effect... a distinct advance upon any of its pre-decessors."—Birmingham Daily Post.

superior to any previous effort of the composer."—Liverpool Daily Courier. "A very large audience assembled in the Town Hall (Newcastle-on-Tyne) on Monday night..., The first part of the programme was at he has achieved."—Birmingham Daily Gazztie.

The above Cantata has been specially planned to meet the requirements of Musical Societies, the greater portion being choral, including three numbers for Sopranos and Contraltos (The Virgins). In the matter of the Orchestral parts, the following plan has been adopted—*i.e.*, when the Strings are *tacet*, instead of employing rests, anything that is written for other instruments will appear in small notes in the string parts, and a similar plan has been adopted with regard to the reed instruments—*i.e.*, any Clarinet or Oboe Solo will be expressed in small notes in the Flute part. This arrangement, it is hoped, will make it possible to give a fair rendering of the work with a limited orchestra.

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ON

# A. R. GAUL'S CANTATA "UNA."

#### COMPOSED FOR AND PRODUCED AT THE NORWICH MUSICAL FESTIVAL, 1893.

"Has made its way wherever heard.... Full of the melodious tuneful spirit which breathes in all Mr. Gaul's work, and will add yet another leaf to the wreath which has crowned the efforts of the masterly composer of the 'Holy City' and other works."—*Puttusy Borough News*.

"Mr. Gaul's music is, as usual with him, replete with spontaneous melody. The soprano solo, 'O love will love,' is really a delicious piece of writing."-Manchester Examiner.

"Mr. Gaul's choral writing is always fluent and pleasing, and this is fast becoming something to be thankful for."—Leeds Mercury.

"Is in kceping with Mr. Gaul's previous works.... Contains some beautiful numbers, especially the Angelus chorus, with the campanel utroduction...*South Workd*."

"This composer sees no reason to change the method which has popularised his name wherever choral societies need music that is musicianly, melodious, and within the scope of moderate executive means. The result, in the present case, leaves no doubt that into all the places which know his previous compositions 'Una' will find a way and become as much a favourite as its forerunners..., K. Gaul considers before all things the elegance and symmetry of his melodic phrases..., The two orchestral numbers—an Introduction and an Intermezzo entitled 'Early morning in the woods '—are both in the gentle, flowing, and melodious style which seems the natural expression of Mr. Gaul's musical feeling."—Musical Times.

"To the list of works which have proved widely acceptable, 'Una' should be added, for the flow of pleasant unaffected tune and the simple and suave part-writing are just as noteworthy as in 'The Holy Uity' and 'Joan of Arc.'"-Altienzum.

"Over the country there exist hundreds of choral associations who demand music within their means. For these Mr. Gaul has catered, and it only remains to inquire whether he has done his work well. This undoubtedly can be answered in the afirmative. The best appreciated numbers to-night were an 'Angelus' chorus, with bell accompaniment; a tenor ballad, a duet for the tenor and contralto, a soprano solo for Um., and a chorus of the forest people with waltz velrain."—Daily News.

"Where our townsman is mostly at home is in his charming flow of melody and effective and flowing choral writing. The whole work is from beginning to end replete with delicious passages, and will prove one of the best productions from his fertile pen. No one knows better than Mr. Gaul what is suitable and acceptable to choral societies and what the masses like. He writes for his people, and his success lies in that direction. We may safely predict for 'Una' a similar popularity to that accorded to 'The Holy City.''-Birmingham Daily Mail.

"Without doubt the Concert of Wednesday evening was the most popular feature of the whole Festival, for in addition to the attraction afforded by the appearance of M. Paderewski, the interest of the Norwich people was aroused to the fullest by the production of Mr. Gaulis 'Una,' a new work specially written for the occasion by a fellow-citizen by birth, and a distinguished musician as well. Every seat was occupied, and the audience included distinguished members

of society, social and artistic, who, as the evening advanced, threw of all restraint and united together in giving a hearty East Anglican welcome to the Norwich musician and his artistic associate, M. Pade rewski. The performance of Mr. Gaul's new work was a self-eviden success. Mr. Gaul has his hand in a favourable position on the pulse of the public, and no one is better acquainted with the qualifications which go to make up a successful Cantata. The Angelus chorus made a lasting impression on its hearers, the introduction of the campanels (which were especially made for the occasion by Messri Martineau and Smith, of Birmingham) giving a most picturesque colouring to the whole. The heartiness which marked the performance augured well for the future of the work, and was also shown in the reception given to Mr. Gaul at the conclusion, when he was heartily congratulated. Further evidence of the favour with which the Cantata is regarded may be inferred from the announcement that six performances of it have already been arranged."—Norfolk Chronicle and Norwick Gasette.

"We believe that Mr. Gaul has attained greater popularity with small English provincial choral societies than any other composer, living or dead."—London Daily Graphic.

"Musicianly, melodious, and pleasing. Mr. Gaul has for a long time been well known, and has done good service to the divine at. This new work of his, 'Una,' is quite one of his best."—Musical Standard.

"The general features of the work are those we have had occasion to notice before. Refinement and finish in the vocal writing, the accompaniment subordinated to the voices, whether solo or chorus; elegant part-writing, and well-rounded phrasing. The form is that of the classic school, before dramatic demands worked the revolution so conspicuous in the music of to-day. Mr. Gaul has apparently set himself limits he has no desire to overstep, but within those limits he moves with always increasing freedom; and the conviction is borne upon one that if he sought to be more ambitious he has the power to achieve his aim... Distinguished by sound musicianship, if also with product of his pen."—Birmingham Daily Post.

"The pleasant and unaffected vein of melody noticeable in his 'Joan of Arc,' 'The Holy City,' and other works is evidently not exhausted. The Cantata may be heartily recommended to the notice of the innumerable smaller bodies which now flourish in every corner of the United Kingdom."—Standard.

"Is there not a definite mission for those who make good music possible without a London orchestra and expensive principals ? I think there is."—Norfolk Daviy Standard.

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