

rendered the "Kol-Nidrei" of Max-Bruch, and later an "Irish Lullaby," and excelled himself in the "Scherzo" of Van Goens.

The singing of old English ballads by Mr. Gervase Elwes charmed all his hearers. "So Sweet is Shee" (seventeenth century), "Bredon Hill" and "Brittany" brought down the house; and although Mr. Elwes had given us six songs, he generously gave an encore selected by Her Royal Highness the President.

Of the magnificent power as a pianist of Miss Susanne Morvay there was no doubt from the moment her fingers touched the keys, and her charming smiles flitted away, leaving her expressive face to indicate the forceful emotions which inspired her genius. Never, surely, were a player and her instrument more in harmony!

Miss Morvay opened with selections by Chopin 1. Etude, F. Minor, Op. 25, No. 2, followed by Etude, F. Major, and a Valse, concluding with the magnificent Polonaise, A Flat.

Later she rendered the "Arabesque," by Debussy, quite exquisitely, and enthusiastic applause followed her splendid performance of Liszt's Rhapsodie, No. VI.

The selection of music at this concert was a rare and delightful treat, and charmed everyone present, including the Royal ladies, whose knowledge and appreciation of fine music is well known.

We once heard Dr. Stewart say that when he did entertain the nurse members of the R.B.N.A. he would see to it that the music should be the finest he could procure; and after the festival on Sunday we heard one of the guests say, "It lifted me into Paradise."

At the end of the concert everyone was invited to tea—and thoroughly enjoyed the dainties provided, and many confided in us that their thanks to their host and hostess seemed to fall far short of all that they wished to express.

After the concert, the following had the honour of being presented to Her Royal Highness the President:—Mrs. Temple-Mursell (Lady Consul of the R.B.N.A. in South Africa), and Mr. Temple Mursell, Dr. Mayo (member of the Council of the South Australian Branch), Miss Halkett, of Pittfirrane, Dunfermline, and Miss Ethel Budd.

#### BALLADS SUNG BY MR. GERVASE ELWES.

##### SO SWEET IS SHEE.

Have you seen but a whyte lillie grow  
Before rude hands had touched it?  
Have you mark't but the fall of the snow  
Before the earth had smutcht it?  
Have you felt the wool of the beaver  
Or swan's down ever?  
Or have smelt of the bud of the bryer,  
Or the nard in the fire?  
Or have tasted the bag of the bee?  
O so whyte! O so soft!  
O so sweet is Shee!

Ben Jonson.

#### IN SUMMERTIME ON BREDON.

GRAHAM PEEL.

In summertime on Bredon,  
The bells they sound so clear;  
Round both the shires they ring them,  
In steeples far and near,  
A happy noise to hear.

Here of a Sunday morning,  
My love and I would lie,  
And see the coloured counties,  
And hear the larks so high  
Above us in the sky.

The bells would ring to call her  
In valleys miles away:  
"Come all to church good people;  
Good people, come and pray."  
But here my love would stay.

And I would turn and answer  
Among the springing thyme:  
"Oh, peal upon our wedding,  
And we will hear the chime,  
And come to church in time."

But when the snows at Christmas  
On Bredon top were strown,  
My love rose up so early  
And stole out unbeknown,  
And went to church alone.

They tolled the one bell only,  
Groom there was none to see,  
The mourners followed after,  
And so to church went she,  
And would not wait for me.

The bells they sound on Bredon,  
And still the steeples hum:  
"Come all to church, good people"—  
"Oh, noisy bells, be dumb;  
I hear you, I will come."

A. E. Housman.

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