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ALBERT FERBER'S SUCCESSFUL RECITAL AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

In the last issue we announced that our compatriot Mr. Albert Ferber was going to give a piano recital at Queen Elizabeth Hall in London on 28th March. We are glad to report that, not only was Mr. Ferber accorded very enthusiastic applause by a large and appreciative audience, but the critics had much to say which was favourable. "The Times" referred to Mr. Ferber's "warmest tone and expansively rounded phrasing" in the rarely-heard Debussy Nocturne in D flat. Of the same work, the "Daily Telegraph" said that Mr. Ferber's "lively imagination caught the moods of these exquisite pieces (the other was "L'Isle Joyeuse") and the soft passages, always audible, were played with a melting touch". With reference to the interesting First Sonata by Scriabin, the writer commented "Mr. Ferber gave a rich and sonorous account of the slow movement". For those of us who were amongst the audience, the whole recital was a rewarding experience, and whilst Mr. Ferber invariably appeals to his audience with his rendering of Debussy, it was perhaps his Beethoven (the little-known Variations on Righini's "Vieni amore" and the two sonatas in E major Op. 109 and E flat major Op 31, No. 3) which, this time, left the most lasting impression.

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Two Iron Weddings (65 years) were celebrated, at Sion by Mr. and Mrs. Lugon (farmer and one of the oldest *Jäger* in Switzerland), and in Neuchâtel by Mr. and Mrs. Emile Maurer-Boss from Corcelles-Cormondrèche.

Mr. Paul Genevaz-Charotton, wood-cutter and Commune Councillor of Chomoz near Mont-la-Ville (Vaud) and his wife celebrated the most unusual wedding anniversary of 70 years. They are 93 and 98 respectively and were able to spend their Stone Wedding in good health.

[A.T.S.]

LEMAN

Our spirit moves with that unbroken line
Who lingered by your shores,
Your changing moods their wonder,
Their summer gone when your bright waters fled,
Flame of that shining world, your name strikes fire,
Grips the new day with memories unworn
Linked to this present hour by ties innumerable,
We greet you!

E.F.I.

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