

# MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

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**Xavier Scharwenka**, the Polish pianist composer, has several times been billed for a tour of the Pacific Coast during the last few years, but so far he has always disappointed us. It is now announced that he will certainly come here to give a series of recitals in October. Considerable interest will attach to his appearance, largely because of the familiarity of the pianoforte playing public with his compositions. Xavier **Scharwenka** has won considerable fame as a pianist, but the field of composition has had irresistible charms for him, and the list of his works to-day embraces over seventy-six numbers, among them a symphony which was performed by Theodore Thomas with the Philharmonic Society of New York, and an opera, "Mataswintha," which was performed at the Metropolitan

the owner of the land in Hartford upon which it stood had the wood preserved and caused a piano-case to be made of it.

Sigmund Beel, who was present at the jubilee, has been playing with great success at a number of fashionable private musicales in London. He has also appeared at several concerts with Mme. Blanche Marchesi, daughter of the Paris teacher. Mme. Blanche is quite the most popular singer in London this season. †

Mme. Nordica, having quarreled with Grau and the De Reszkes, and failed in Paris, seems to have decided that there is more money in concertizing in America than in chasing operatic engagements in Europe. She has signed for a tour of forty concerts in this



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