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AN ADDRESS TO CHILDREN.

Most children, says Dr. Harold Davies, catch the most beautiful and silly little ditties, that are as far from music as "Comic Cat is".

The question—What music was asked and answered in an interesting way as the Exhibition Building last night by many hundreds of woolly-headed, comical little city school children. There were, he said, some wonderful things in the world that people never noticed, if they did not want to. And combined them in different ways, exactly as any other instrument a good violin and some black and some yellow notes, and made various shapes out of them.

If we were to turn this instrument into a huge invention, we might say—"The child is a musical instrument that can be invented." This is quite true, and quite foolish.

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A Glorious Art.

The second answer was that music was invented to please the child, then no music would have been invented. And if this was true, it was not at all for us to know how musical children were made music and sang their own nature—how the singing of the lark, the nightingale, the owl, and the bird, was a sure sign that their natural life was as well as possible.