SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSE OF WILLIAM KNABE & CO. CELEBRATED IN BALTIMORE.

Importance of the Occasion Fully Appreciated by the Officials of Baltimore as Well as by Those Directly Connected With the Company—Elaborate Set of Resolutions Signed by Every Employee Presented to Officers of Company—Mayor Preston, Congressman Lithicurn, Charles Keidel, President of Wm. Knabe & Co., and Others Speak.

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One of the most important events in the industrial history of Baltimore was the celebration last week of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the piano manufacturing business of Wm. Knabe & Co., a business that has advanced and developed steadily throughout the three-quarters of a century and which has been devoted to the production of pianos that have made the name of Knabe world famous.

Wm. Knabe, the founder of the company, acquired a thorough knowledge of piano making in all its branches in Germany before he came to this country in 1833. After working at his trade in Baltimore for about four years he established the present home of Wm. Knabe & Co., in 1837, and with his mechanical genius as a foundation, began to manufacture instruments that immediately received earnest consideration, especially in the southern sections of the country. When, in 1864, Wm. Knabe died, the firm was continued with equal success until the time when the business was incorporated with a capital stock of $1,000,000 and became a division of the American Piano Co. in 1898.

The house of Knabe throughout its country-wide connections has always been known for its artistic associations. Years ago it reached a position particularly its own in the concert and recital fields, which position it has fully maintained up to the present day, being the chosen vehicle for the display of their genius of many pianists of international prominence.

With such a reputation to look back upon, the seventy-fifth anniversary of Wm. Knabe & Co.'s piano house, its uniform success during the last seventy-five years, starting from humble beginnings and now become the leading piano manufacturing house of the United States, marks a distinction in the history of piano making and in the progress and development of the city of Baltimore. The product of your factory has been known Baltimoreans and have continued to be down to the time of this amalgamation with the great American Piano Co. Its product is recognized all over this country as the finest production of a musical instrument that artistic and musical and structural conception can accomplish.

Mayor Preston Delivering Speech.

The Crowd Listening to the Various Speeches at the Knabe Anniversary Celebration at West End Park.