

Prof. Groner Pleased With News of Success of Former Pupil and Friend —Miss Julia Porter Possesses Soprano Voice of Great Possibilities.

The report comes from Madame Lillian Nordica that she has discovered on her recent tour of the United States three young people who have rare musical possibilities. These "discoveries" are Miss Julia Porter, of Storm Lake, Iowa; Miss Muriel Wilson, of Vancouver, and Miss Alta Elmo, of Boise City, Idaho.

The first two have soprano voices, which, if properly developed, will win high honors, while the last, a mere child of seven years, shows remarkable talent as a pianist. These young ladies will be educated by Madame Nordica.

It is of interest to Ottawa people to know that Miss Porter was a pupil under Prof. Groner at Grand Island for four years, and that there a close friendship grew up between Prof. and Mrs. Groner and the young lady. Miss Porter has visited Ottawa twice within the past two years. Last year she sang at O. U. chapel exercises and was heartily received. She spent the holidays last Christmas at Prof. Groner's home.

Prof. Groner is in receipt of a letter from the young lady telling of her success in obtaining an interview with the great prima donna. She is teaching in Buena Vista college at Storm Lake, Iowa, and travelled from there to Waterloo to hear Nordica. While there she attempted to get an interview with her but only succeeded in

getting promise of an interview if she would come to Grinnell, Iowa, where Nordica was next to appear.

Miss Porter went full of hope for the outcome. True to her promise Nordica gave her a hearing. Miss Porter sang for her, received praises for her voice and was told that, if she would come to New York at a certain date the madam would take direct charge of her musical education at her own expense.

It is needless to say that Miss Porter was more than surprised as well as rewarded for her persistence. And those who have talked with Prof. Gro-
ner the past few days have been im-
pressed with the fact that the suc-
cess of Miss Porter has brought a very
great satisfaction to him, and that in
his mind he's saying, "I told you so."