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MÖLLER ORGAN BUILT FOR TOPEKA CHURCH

#### THREE MANUAL WITH ECHO

First Presbyterian Instrument Has Antiphonal Division of Four Sets of Pipes and Chimes, Played From the Great.

The First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Kan., has a new three-manual organ installed in time for Christmas by the forces of M. P. Möller. There is an echo division of four sets of pipes and chimes, played from the great. The stop scheme of the instru-ment is as follows: GREAT ORGAN

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Harp, 49 notes. SWELL ORGAN. Bourdon, 16 ft., 73 pipes. Diapason, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Viol A'Gamba, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Viol Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Viol Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Viol d'Gamba, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Flute Triangulaire, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Flute Triangulaire, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Contra Fagotto, 16 ft., 73 pipes. Oboe, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Lieblich Flöte, 8 ft., 73 pipes. CHOIR ORGAN.

Lieblich Flöte, 8 ft., 73 pipes. CHOIR ORGAN. Viola, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Concert Flute, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Unda Maris, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Unda Maris, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Rohr Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Rohr Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Rohr Larigot, 1½ ft., 61 pipes. Harp, 49 bars. ECHO ORGAN. ECHO ORGAN. ECHO Flute, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Vox Angelica, 4 ft., 61 notes. Notes. Margan M CHOIR ORGAN

Chimes, 21 bells. PEDAL ORGAN. Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Vioione, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Octave, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Bourdon, 5 ft., 12 pipes. Flute, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Super Octave, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Trombone, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Trombas, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Trombas, 8 ft., 12 pipes.

## IN FATHER COUGHLIN CHURCH

IN FATHER COUGHLIN CHURCH Kilgen Forces Installing Four-Manual Organ at Royal Oak, Mich. The four-manual organ built by George Kilgen & Son of St. Louis for the Shrine of the Little Flower at here. The organ, described in the No-verber, 1933, issue, is composed of the gallery section—swell, great, choir, solo and pedal, with a four-manual con-sole—and a sanctuary division of two manuals and pedal, installed in a cham-ber under the church floor, with tone organings through the floor near the sanctuary, with its duplicate and sep-ings through the floor near the sanctuary, with its duplicate and sep-ing through the floor should be two the gallery and a two-manual organ to the gallery and a two-manual organ in the sanctuary. In the course of construc-tion, however, the console arrangement varies four-manual console, one in the gallery and one in the sanctuary. The Shrine of the Little Flower is one of the country's most elaborate starge capacity of over 3.000. The Rev. Charles E, Coughlin, pastor, is interna-tionally known for his radio talks.



PIETRO YON, the organ virtuoso, from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. and honorary organist of the Vatican, who has returned from what may be called conservatively a "triumphal tour" of the West, the Pacific coast and the South, played seventeen recitals in less than a month. Everywhere he met

# NEW ORGAN FOR M'KINSTRY

Dedication Recital at Church of the Unity, Springfield, Mass. F. Carroll McKinstry, organist and choir director at the Church of the Unity, Springfield, Mass., who assumed his duties there Oct. I, opened the new Aeolian-Skinner organ in the church Dec. 15.

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A professional chorus choir was organized and held rehearsals for a month preceding the re-dedication of the church, which took place Nov. 17. This re-dedication followed extensive re-modeling of the front of the church, the building of a new chancel and the installation of the organ.
Mr. McKinstry went to the Church of the Unity from the Arlington Street Church in Boston, where for the past year he was organist and assistant choir director, working with Dr. Thompson Stone, conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston. Mr. McKinstry is a pupil of William E. Zeuch of Boston and has had Ruth Bampton and Katherine Gitchell as piano teachers. For eight years he was organist of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church in Barre. Vt. When he went to that church in 1925 he was the youngest regular church organist in New Kinstry's program opening the Frederick Harris memorial organ included the following works: Prelude and Fugue in G major, Bach; "Varia-

with a cordial reception and his perwith a coronal reception and ms per-formances were attended by large audiences. The success of his tour was such that Mr. Yon has been asked for return engagements later this sea-son, and Bernard R. Laberge, his man-ager, is arranging his spring tour through the South and the East.

tions de Concert," Bonnet; "In the Woods" ("White Mountain" Suite), Whitford; Allegro Vivace and Finale, Symphony No. 1, Vierne. The Whit-ford composition is dedicated to Mr. McKinstry and was played from manu-ceriet script.

# TO OPEN PITTSBURGH ORGAN

Bidwell to Play Acolian-Skinner at Third Presbyterian Jan. 8. Jan. 8 is the date set for the open-ing recital on the large new organ in the Third Presbyterian Church of Pitts-burgh. Marshall Bidwell, Mus. D., organist of the church and of Carnegie Music Hall, will preside at the console of the latest work of the Acolian-Skinner Company and it is expected that vir-tually every organist of Pittsburgh and vicinity will be out for this event. The service of dedication of the organ is set for Dec. 29 at the morning service.

# BIGGS TO PLAY IN NEW YORK Will Give His Two Bach-Handel Pro-grams at St. Thomas' Church.

grams at St. Thomas' Church. E. Power Biggs of Cambridge, Mass., is to play his two Bach-Handel pro-grams at St. Thomas' Church, New York City, Jan. 19 at 8 p. m. and Jan. 20 at 5 p. m. The recitals are being arranged by Mr. Biggs' manager, Ber-nard R. Laberge, at the invitation of Dr. T. Tertius Noble of St. Thomas'. The programs include six Trio-Sonatas of Bach recently played by him at of Bach, recently played by him at Harvard University.

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## WALTER HENRY HALL ANSWERS FINAL CALL

#### NOTED ORGANIST-CONDUCTOR

Professor Emeritus at Columbia Dies After Illness of More Than a Year-A Founder and Former Warden of A. G. O.

Warden of A. G. O. Walter Henry Hall, professor emeri-tus of church and choral music at Co-lumbia University, New York City, died Dec. 11 at his home, 39 Claremont avenue, after an illness of mony years a prominent organist in New York, and previously held important positions in Philadelphia and Albany. He was known as one of the ablest choral con-ductors of the metropolis and was a nationally known authority on choral music. Dr. Hall was a founder of the American Guild of Organists and was warden of the Guild in 1900 and 1901. Theretal services for Dr. Hall were held at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia Univer-sity. Dr. David McK. Williams was at the organ and Ruth Shaffner of St. Bartholomew's Church sang. Chaplai Naymond C. Knox was in charge, assisted by Dr. Sargeant of St. Bartholomew's. Many organists of New York were present and the musical faculty of co-umbia University sain a body. Walter Henry Hall was born in Lon-on, April 25, 1862. He attended Eng-fish grammar schools and then entered by dr. April 25, 1862. He attended for ony, April 25, 1862. He attended for ony, April 25, 1862. He attended for ony, Philadelphia. Thence he went of St. Luke's Church, Germani on St. St. St. Thence he went of St. Luke's Church, Meay, and St. James' Church, New York. For a period of ten years he was at St. Mat-thew's and St. Timothy's Episcopal on was its first conductor. He also was conductor of Musurgia, a choral was its first conductor. He also was conductor of Musurgia, a choral was its first conductor. He also was conductor of Musurgia, a choral was its first conductor. He also was conductor of Musurgia, a choral was its first conductor. He also workey in Manhattan, and served as for Olumbia as lecturer in music and

In 1909 Professor Hall was called to Columbia as lecturer in music and director of choral music. Later he became conductor of the chapel choir and director of the university chorus. The latter organization usually gave two concerts each year, presenting Handel's "Messiah" in the Riverside Church at Christmas. From 1913 until 1930 Professor Hall held the rank of professor of music in

From 1913 until 1930 Professor Hall held the rank of professor of music in Columbia University. In that year, coincident with his appointment as professor emeritus, he received the de-gree of doctor of music from Wesleyan University niversity

University. In addition to composing many an-thems and other church music, Profes-sor Hall was the author of "Essentials of Choir Voice Training." Professor Hall is survived by his widow, the former Celestia M. Young-man of Oneonta, N. Y., whom he mar-ried April 7, 1885; two sons, Alan Hall of New Canaan, Conn., and Cecil J. Hall of Newton Center, Mass., and a daughter, Mrs. Hubert Merryweather of Bethlehem, Pa.

"The Messiah" at Richmond, Ind. "The Messiah" at Richmond, Ind. At Reid Memorial United Presbyte-rian Church, Richmond, Ind., selections from Handel's "Messiah" were pre-sented Dec. 15. The choir, under the direction of Robert Booker Dafter of the Westminster Choir School, did a fine piece of work. Mary Carman Slade, organist of Reid Memorial Church, was the accompanist. The selections which were presented consisted of the first part and the Hallelujah Chorus. The second part of the oratorio is to be sung at Easter.

## KIMBALL INSTALLED IN CHAPEL OF COLLEGE

MARSHALL, MO., DEDICATION

Claude L. Fichthorn Plays New Organ at Missouri Valley College-Three-Manual Instrument of Twentysix Sets of Pipes.

six Sets of Pipes. The dedicatory recital on a Kimball three-manual organ just installed in Stew-art Chapel at Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., was played Dec. 5 by Claude L. Fichthorn, M. A., A. A. G. O., dean of the school of music. President George H. Mack gave a description of the instrument. Mr. Fichthorn's program was as follows: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Second Symphony, Widor; "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Russell; "Marche Champetre," Boex; Largo from "New World" Symphony, Dvorak; "In the Forest," Fichthorn; "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," Delius; Berceuse and Finale from "Fire-Bird" Suite, Stravinsky. The organ is the W. W. Kimball Com-many's latest contributions. It has a total of twenty-six sets of pipes, harp and chimes with an agregate of 2025 pines

in educational institutions. It has a total of twenty-six sets of pipes, harp and chimes, with an aggregate of 2,025 pipes. The stop specification is as follows: GREAT. Contra Gemshorn, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Diapason I, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Diapason I, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Harmonic Flute, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Gemshorn, 8 ft., 61 notes. Octave, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Flute (from Choiry, 4 ft., 61 notes. Mixture, 3 rks. (12, 15, 19), 183 pipes. Trumpet, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Chimes. Chimes Harp. Celesta. Tremolo

Tremolo. SWELL. Lieblich Gedeckt, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Geigen Principal. 8 ft., 73 pipes. Rohrföte, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Flute Colce, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Flute Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Salicional, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Octave Geigen, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Plute d'Amour, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Nasard, 2% ft., 61 notes. Waldhorn, 16 ft., 73 pipes. Yrompette, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Yrompette, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Yox Humana, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Clarion, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Harp. Celesta. Tremolo.

Celesia. Tremolo. CHOIR. Diapason, 8 ft., 61 notes. Melodia, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Judiciana, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Unda Maris, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Pute, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Dulce twelfth, 2% ft., 61 notes. Pice Twelfth, 2% ft., 61 notes. Dolce Tierce, 1% ft., 4 pipes. Prench Horn, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Clarinet, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Clarinet, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Harp. Harp. Celesta. Tremolo.

Tremolo PEDAL. Acoustic Bass, 32 ft., 32 notes. Open Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Contra Genshorn, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Lieblich Gedeckt, 16 ft., 16 pipes. Octave, 8 ft., 32 notes. Flute Ouverte, 8 ft., 32 notes. Stillgedeckt, 8 ft., 32 notes. Stillgedeckt, 8 ft., 32 notes. Super Octave, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Trombone. 16 ft., 12 pipes. Trombot. 16 ft., 12 pipes. Trombot. 16 ft., 32 notes. Chimes.

Thirty adjustable combination pistons are operated by means of the new Kim-ball remote control system, in conjunction with which a new method of non-rigid

with which a new method of non-rigid sound-absorbing construction results in the console operations being as nearly silent as possible. The organ is entirely enclosed in two expression chambers. **H. N. Malsack Dies in Milwaukee**. Three days after he collapsed at his home while preparing to go to church, Harry N. Malsack, 43 years old, or-ganist of St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Milwaukee and director of the St. Cecelia Choir of the church for the last twenty-six years, died at his home Dec. 3. Mr. Malsack was born in Sheboygan, Wis. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons. sons

# **BEAUTIFUL EVENTAT CAPITAL**

# Candle-Light Concert at Washington Will Be Repeated Jan. 5.

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The Washington Choral Society, at the invitation of Rev. Dr. ZeBarney Experimentation of Rev. Dr. ZeBarney T. Phillips, gave its annual candle-light Christmas concert Friday after-noon, Dec. 20, in Epiphany Episcopal Church, Washington. This concert is the choral society's Christmas gift to eighty voices was under the direction of height washer. The chorus of over eighty voices was under the direction of houries A. Potter, F. A. G. O., accompa-nied by Walter Nash, F. A. G. O., and Lyman McCrary at the organ and piano and a chamber orchestra composed of fourteen players from the National Symphony Orchestra. The program was in two parts, preceded by a prelude on the organ and the McKim memorial chimes by Adolf Torovsky, A. A. G. O., organist of Epiphany Church. The soloists were Mrs. Helen B. Turley, contraito of the National City Christian Church; Justin L. Lawrie, hoirmaster and soloist at the Foundry M. E. Church, tenor, and Charles trowbridge Tittmann, nationally known interreter of Bach. Basso. The chorus, which included many fib adiace and gave a becautiful read-ing of the various best-known numbers asigned to it. This service has come to be one of the musical events of the vara at the capital and is always at-ing the dayay. Mr. Potter has built to cultivate better musical standards. The service will be repeated at to m.

ORGANS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

#### Möller's Latest Order from Church at Heilbron. Orange Free State.

Heibron, Orange Free State. With a contract for an organ for the Dutch Reformed Church in Heilbron, Orange Free State, South Africa, the M. P. Möller Company not only adds to the number of organs made by it for that continent, but increases its foreign list, which includes Argentina, Australia, Uruguay, Mexico, Japan, Canada, Denmark and other nations. This latest South African contract brings into sharp contrast conditions in that part of the African continent and those in northern Africa. In the Orange Free State peace and progress go hand in hand. The organ for the church at Heilbron is a two-manual. Teakwood is used for the case. The front pipes are

The organ for the church at Heilbron is a two-manual. Teakwood is used for the case. The front pipes are finished in natural zinc. Another organ, built by M. P. Möller for the Dutch Reformed Church at Newville, Newlands, Johannesburg, is engineered to compensate for the higher altitudes and has stood the test of climatic conditions. The case of the Newville organ is of light-colored ma-hogany, matching the chancel and the console, which is attached. A two-manual built by M. P. Möller for the Dutch Reformed Church at Randgate was officially opened by John Connell, city organist at Johannesburg, a month ago.

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## Musical Services in Harrisburg.

Musical Services in Harrisburg. Frank A. McCarrell, organist and director at the Pine Street Presbyte-rian Church of Harrisburg, Pa., is con-ducting a series of splendid musical services this season. The series began with the singing of Mendelssohn's "Ninety-fifth Psalm" Nov. 3. On Dec. 1 Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving" was the offering. Dec. 22 a candle-light carol service was held and Dec. 29 "The Messiah" was sung. The re-maining monthly offerings consist of: Feb. 2—"Hymn of Praise," Mendels-sohn.

hn. March 1—"The Creation," Haydn. April 10—"The Crucifixion," Stainer April 12—"The Redemption,

May 3-"The Vision of St. John,"

Coombs. -

# "Portativ" Goes on the Air.

Portativ Goes on the Air. Parvin Titus played Handel's Tenth Concerto on the new Holtkamp "Por-tativ" in a radio program broadcast over the Columbia system Dec. 14 at 11 a. m. The program originated on station WKRC in Cincinnati.

## ERNEST WHITE

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IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

Events of the past year in the organ world are placed on record in a comprehensive review prepared from the twelve issues of THE DIAPASON.

First installment of reminiscences the late Edwin H. Lemare is published.

Henry Willis reports on awards

made at the Brussels Exposition to European organs of latest design. American Guild of Organists hears American presentation of "Nebuchadnezzar" under direction of Dr. William C. Carl.

#### PHILADELPHIA HYMNSOCIETY

### Organization Formed with Dr. William C. Covert as President.

• C. Covert as President. The Hymn Society of Philadelphia was organized Dec. 3 by a group of men and women representing six or more major Christian communions. At a meeting in St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church the society elected the Rev. Dr. William Chalmers Covert president; Ralph Kinder, organist of Holy Trinity Church, and the Rev. Dr. J. S. Ladd Thomas, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Germantown, vice-presidents; the Rev. Herbert Haslam, pastor of the Tioga Baptist Church, corresponding secre-tary; Henry Barraclough, choirmaster of the Tioga Presbyterian Church, re-cording secretary, and Harry Hodges treasurer. Objects of the new organi-zation include promotion of a deeper appreciation of the values in church hymns and of their intelligent use in worship; encouragement of the writ-ing and publishing of hymns "that ex-

appreciation of the values in church hymns and of their intelligent use in worship; encouragement of the writ-ing and publishing of hymns "that ex-press contemporary life and thought" and research and discussion in the field of hymnology. Guests of homor at the meeting were Miss Emily S. Perkins, founder of the New York Hymn So-ciety, and Ralph Kinder. A service of worship interpreting hymns and anthems written in Phila-delphia was conducted the same eve-ning in St. Stephen's Church by the newly-organized society. The leaders were the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's: the Rev. Dr. William Chalmers Covert and the St. Stephen's choir, directed by Edward Shippen Barnes, organist of the church. Virgil Fox's Tour Starts Jan. 4.

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Virgil Fox will start his tour of the Middle West and the South on Jan. 4 in Hamilton, Ont. He will then appear in St. Louis, Fort Worth, San An-tonio and Austin, Tex., and in Bloom-ington, Minneapolis, Kewanee, Prince-ton, Galesburg and other cities. .....

Throng Hears "Messiah" in Memphis. Adolph Steuterman's choir at Cal-vary Episcopal Church in Memphis. Tenn., gave its twelfth annual perform-ance of "The Messiah" Sunday evening. Dec. 15, under his direction and more than 300 people had to be turned away because the church could not hold the concretion congregation.

#### THE DIAPASON

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# ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY A CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE on

Wednesday, January Twenty-Seco Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Six

at PRESSER HALL

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ERNEST WHITE, now of Bard College. Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., will be in Philadelphia in January to give a series of recitals at his old church, St. James', on Monday evenings. Mr. White's programs, which will attract many of the organists of Philadelphia and vicinity, will be made up as fol-lows.

and vicinity, will be made up as fol-lows: Jan. 6-Chorale Prelude, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" and Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Buxtehude; Chorale Preludes, "H er 21 ie b ster Jesu," "Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele" and "O Welt, ich muss Dich lassen," Brahms; Chorale in E major, Franck; "Upon Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," Frederick Delius; Chorale Preludes, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," "Jesu, meine Zuversicht," "Nun freut Euch" and "Erbarm Dich mein, O Herre Gott," Bach; Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach. Jan. 13 – Prelude, Chaconne and Fugue, Buxtehude; "L'Orgue Mys-tique" (Purificatio B. V. M.), Tourne-mire; Chorale in B minor, Franck; Pastoral Suite (four movements), Bach; "The Mirrored Moon," Karg-Elert; Prelude and Fugue in B flat major ("St. Ann"), Bach. Ian. 20-Chorale Prelude, "In dulci Jubilo," Buxtehude; "Symphonie de l'Agneau Mystique," de Maleingreau.

Jan. 20—Chorale Prelude, "In duici Jubilo," Buxtehude; "Symphonie de l'Agneau Mystique," de Maleingreau; Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Franck: Prelude, "Passion Chorale," "Pater Noster" and "Aus der Tiefe rufe ich," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Bach.

Bach. Jan. 27—Chorale Prelude, "Gelobet seist Du, Jesu Christ," Buxtehude; Chorale Preludes, "Aus tiefer Not," "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden" and "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," Bruno Weigl; Canon in B major, Schu-mann; Credo and Prelude on "St. Co-lumba," Harry C. Banks; "Alleluia Pascha Nostra," Everett Titcomb; Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Bach.

Bach. Among Mr. White's latest programs at Bard College, on the new Austin organ, have been the following: Dec. 8—Fugue in E flat major, Bach; Canon in B major, Schumann; Chorale in A minor, Franck. Dec. 15—Prelude, Fugue and Cha-conne, Buxtehude; Christmas section of the "Little Organ Book" (Ten Pre-ludes), Bach; Chorale Prelude, "Vom Himmel hoch," Pachelbel.

Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was sung Nov. 24 and Handel's "Mes-siah" Dec. 29 under the direction of Roberta Bitgood, M. A., F. A. G. O., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, N. J.



# MRS. IDA BURR BELL, INDIANA ORGANIST, DIES

## HELD HIGH POSTS IN MUNCIE

# At First Baptist Church for Eighteen Years and Member of College Faculty-One of the Founders of State A. G. O. Chapter.

of State A. G. O. Chapter. Mrs. Olin Bell, for eighteen years or-ganist of the First Baptist Church of Muncie, Ind., and instructor of piano at Ball State Teachers' College for nine years, died at her home in Muncie Dec. 16. Illness last spring made it necessary for Mrs. Bell to obtain a leave of absence from her duties on the college faculty. Her last classes were held during the spring term. Mrs. Bell was well known in Indiana for her activities in music. — Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church. Ida Burr Bell was born near Worces-ter, Mass., the daughter of Freder-ick P. Burr, who served in the Civil War, and Adelaide Isham, who came from Vermont. When a child she was taken to Kansas, where the family had moved, locating in Lawrence. At 13 she began to play a two-manual reed organ in a Congregational church, con-timing for five years. At this early age an experience playing for Mr. Mc-Granahan, the composer of gospel hymns and song leader with Major Whitle's evangelistic party, was help-ing school, she entered the school of ing at Kansas University, taking fourses in piano, voice, harmony and hoery and receiving the degree of bachelor of music. A year of post-graduate study of piano followed and several years of organ under Dr. Charles S. Skilton and the late Edward Kreiser of Kansas City. For seven

graduate study of piano followed and several years of organ under Dr. Charles S. Skilton and the late Edward Kreiser of Kansas City. For seven years she sang in the quartet of Plym-outh Congregational Church. From 1906 to 1913 she was organist of the First Methodist Church. Then fol-burd two years a granist of the

Joans and same and the quarter of span outh Congregational Church. From 1906 to 1913 she was organist of the First Methodist Church. Then fol-lowed two years as organist of the Episcopal Church.
 Mrs. Bell was state president of the National Federation of Music Clubs from 1910 to 1917, conducting the first young artists' contest held in Kansas. She was also secretary of the Kansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists during the same period.
 In 1917 Mrs. Bell moved to Muncie, Ind., where Mr. Bell continued his music business. She immediately re-sumed teaching and soon was appointed to the post of organist of the First Baptist Church, giving the dedication recital on the new three-manual organ. Later this church built a \$350,000 edifice. At the first state music teach-ers' meeting she attended she was one of the group who organized the In-diana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and she served as secre-tary for several years.
 Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband and by two daughters-Grace Bell Brush, bachelor of music from the Uni-versity of Kansas, and Dorothy Bell, a well-known harpist of Chicago.
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More than 2,000 people packed the auditorium and several hundred were turned away, to return to their homes to listen to the broadcast of "The Messiah," by Handel, presented as the Christmas concert of the University of Illinois chorus, orchestra and soloists, Sunday night, Dec. 8, at Urbana. A finished presentation, directed by Pro-School of Music, pleased the music-lovers who crowded into the auditorium. This was Professor Miles' debut as conductor of the chorus and orchestra. John Glenn Metcalf presided ably at the organ.
Death of Mark H. Pearson.
Mark H. Pearson, a prominent musican of all River, Mass, died sudden by at the age of 57 years. Mr. Pearson was born in Fall River March 20, 1878, and spent his lifetime there. He was formerly organist at the Unitarian Church and for twenty-five years was organist at St. Faul's M. E. Church, which was destroyed in the fire of 1928.

IDA BURR BELL, INDIANA ORGANIST TAKEN BY DEATH

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Had Been Prominent Troy, N. Y., Organist for Half Century. Miss Clara Stearns, dean of Troy, N. Y., church organists and one of the

Miss Clara Stearns, dean of Troy, N. Y., church organists and one of the most highly respected musicians of New York state, died suddenly Dec. 1. She was ill but two days. During the many years Miss Stearns had been playing at the Second Presbyterian Church she was absent at a Sunday morning service only once previous to the day of her death. Miss Stearns had been associated with church music in Troy for more than half a century. She was the last of an old Troy family, being the daugh-ter of James M. Stearns, who once operated the old Troy House, and Amelia Matthews Stearns. A brother, James A. Stearns, died in New York City in 1929. Miss Stearns' musical education began at the organ under the late James E. Van Olinda, then or-ganist at the Second Church and once conductor of the Troy Choral Union. She later studied with Dr. William C. Carl. Her teaching career began in the days when the Tray Conservatori Carl. Her teaching career began in the days when the Troy Conservatory of Music was connected with Emma Willard School. In 1901 the new Troy Conservatory of Music was founded with Miss Stearns as one of the organizers

# Kansas City Music Club Meets.

Kansa City Music Club Meets. Kansa City Music Club Meets. The first meeting of the organ de-fartment of the Kansas City Music Giub was held Oct. 28 at the First Bap-tist Church. Miss Margaret Boulter, of interesting organ solos and Harold Miller, director of the choir, sang a Boulter. At the close of their offer-ings Peter Nielsen, formerly a sales-man of the Austin Organ Company. gave an interesting talk on "The Trend of the organ. Monday, Nov. 25, hy dedicated Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. After a few words of wel-the gran department met at the new-by dedicated Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. After a few words of wel-the gran gran sites of the Middle West, the newly elected organist of the Gunty Club Christian Church of Kanson Kity. Mr. Burns' offering was aroup of four Bach chorales and the Kymphony, played from meny. The second half of the hour was devoted

DEATH OF CLARA STEARNS Had Been Prominent Troy, N. Y., Organist for Half Century, Miss Clara Stearns, dean of Troy,

Win Cup in New York Choir Contest. A junior choir contest was held Sat-urday, Nov. 16, in the Middle Collegiate Church, New York City, and the St. Cecelia Choir of St. Mary's-in-the-Garden, on West 126th street, won a silver cup for the third time in the unison class. This gives them the honor of being the first choir in these federated contests in New York to have accomplished this feat and elimi-nates them from further competition in this class. Last year St. Mary's choirs won another cup in the two-part class and retain it this year, as no choir com-peted for it at the last contest. These contests are held under the New York State Federation of Music Clubs and due to the activity and enthusiasm of the state president, Mrs. Etta H. Mor-ris, New York has more contests and more federated junior choirs than any other state in the Union under the Na-tional Federation of Music Clubs, with which New York state is affiliated. Mrs. Ruth Harsha, Charles E. Fellows and Mrs. Ralph A. Harris were adjudica-tors. All the choirs combined for the Thanksgiving festival service at St. Mary's. Nearly 125 choristers were in the procession. Win Cup in New York Choir Contest.

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## CHURCH MUSIC THEME OF ILLINOIS MEETING

VIRGIL FOX AS RECITALIST

# Illinois Wesleyan University Sponsors First Annual Conference Jan. 22 at Bloomington-To Rededicate Hinners Four-Manual.

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloom-ington, Ill., will hold its first annual church music conference at Presser Hall Wednesday afternoon and eve-ning, Jan. 22. A program of unusual interest has been arranged. The high-light of the conference, so far as or-ganists are concerned, is the rededica-tion recital on the recently rebuilt and enlarged four-manual Hinners organ in the auditorium of Presser Hall. The recitalist for this occasion will be Virgil Fox. This will be Mr. Fox's third ap-pearance at Illinois Wesleyan in the last three years. The program of re-dedication will begin at 8:15 in the evening. A brief service will precede the recital and will be participated in by President H. W. McPherson of the university, President A. W. Hinners of the university, President A. W. Hinners of the university, President A. W. Hinners of the university. President A. W. Hinner

audience. The four-manual organ was enlarged this year by the addition of eight stops; two new tone openings were added, and the console was moved into a prominent place for recitals. A recital organ of excellent tonal ensemble has been the result of this enlargement program

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# Barnes Plays in Father's Memory.

Barnes Plays in Father's Memory. William H. Barnes, Mus. D., gave a recital in memory of his father. Charles Osborne Barnes, at the Epworth Methodist Church, Chicago, Sunday evening, Dec. 8. The three-manual Möller organ in this church was pre-sented by Mr. Barnes' family in his memory. The program for the occa-sion included these selections: "St. Ann's" Fugue, Bach: "Christmas in Sicily," Yon: Toccata in G minor, Matthews: "Ronde Francaise," Boel-mann: Prelude to "The Coming of the King," Buck.

The West Side Chorus of seventy-five voices in Elgin, Ill., sang Hawley's "The Christchild" at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, Dec. 15, under the baton of Robert L. Schofield. The soloists and accompanists were from the musical forces of various Elgin churches. The church was filled.

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# Events of 1935 in the Organ World in Review

In order to give our readers a picture of the events of the year 1935 in the organ world, we herewith present a compact review of the principal items of news chronicled in each issue of The Diapason during the twelve months' period which has just come to a close:

## January

The National Association of Organ-ists held its final dinner in New York Dec. 10 and it took the form of a farewell preceding the union with the

G. O. The merger of the Guild and the N. A. O. was celebrated by the Guild at a large Christmas party Dec. 26 in New York. THE DIAPASON became the official magazine of the American Guild of

The DIAPASON became the omicial magazine of the American Guild of Organists after having served the N. A. O. in the same capacity for more than fifteen years. Dr. Clarence Dickinson played the dedicatory register than f Dr.

Dr. Clarence Dickinson played the dedicatory recital on a four-manual organ built by M. P. Möller for the West Presbyterian Church of Bing-hamton, N. Y., Nov. 27. The Westminster Choir School for-mally opened its new buildings at Princeton, N. J., Dec. 13.

# February

February Dr. William Churchill Hammond's fiftieth anniversary as organist and director at the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke, Mass., was the occasion for a great two-day celebra-tion Feb. 3 and 4. A series of recitals at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York by men of national reputation opened Jan. 23 with a program by Parvin Titus of Cincinnati. The performers who fol-lowed in February were D'Alton Mc-Laughlin of Toronto, R alph W. Downes of Princeton University, Ernest White of Philadelphia and William E. Zeuch of Boston.

Zeuch of Philadelphia and William E. Zeuch of Boston. The Illinois Chapter, A. G. O., opened a series of noteworthy Monday atternoon recitals the first of February. The performances by Chicago organ-ists drew large audiences of all classes.

The performances by Chicago organ-ists drew large audiences of all classes. In the presence of a party of guests of the Austin Organ Company Profes-sor E. Harold Geer of Vassar gave a recital to demonstrate the new three-manual installed at Bard College, An-nandale-on-Hudson, N. Y. Mason Slade, a prominent Chicago organist and former pupil of Guilmant, fell dead on the street at Evanston, Ill., Jan. 14. He had been at St. Peter's Episcopal Church for several years. Leslie Hudson Frazee, president of the Frazee Organ Company and for a generation prominent as an organ builder, died at his home in Everett, Masso, Dec. 21, in his sixty-fifth year. Ralph Kinder gave his annual series of January Saturday afternoon recitals at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, for the thirty-sixth successive year. Raymond Nold, in charge of the music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. New York, was honored Jan. 21 on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary at this church. At a dinner for him a substantial purse was pre-sented to Mr. Nold. March

#### March

March More than 850 children from the junior choirs of twenty-seven New York churches sang in a junior choir festival under the auspices of the Amer-ican Guild of Organists at St. Thomas' Church Feb. 11. Upward of 300 organists, choir direc-tors and ministers attended "church music day" under the auspices of Northwestern University at Evanston Feb. 12. The climax was a Bach serv-ice in the evening at St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, in memory of Dr. Peter C. Lutkin. Lutkin

Lutkin. Dr. Raymond B. Mixsell, noted child specialist and amateur organist. of Pasadena. Cal., was honored Feb. 1 when the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France was conferred on him.

## April

Dr. R. Huntington Woodman, or

ganist and director of the First Pres-byterian Church of Brooklyn since 1880, was honored at a special service March 3 to mark his fifty-fifth anni-versary at this church. Three visiting choirs took part, with the clergy of their parishes. All the anthems and hymns were dedicated to Dr. Wood-man

man. A four-manual organ by Aeolian-Skinner was to replace the one wrecked when an ill wind took the roof from Calvary Episcopal Church at Memphis, Tenn., and the specification was pub-lished. This organ was opened in No-vamber in A the Section of the sectio

Tenn, and the specification was pub-lished. This organ was opened in No-vember by Adolph Steuterman, organ-ist of the church. Robert E. Pilcher, chairman of the board of directors of Henry Pilcher's Sons, Louisville, Ky., and for fifty years connected with the Pilcher firm, died March 22 at the home of his son-in-law, the Rt. Rev. Clinton S. Quin, Episcopal bishop of Texas, at Houston. A group of his devoted punils sur-

Episcopal bishop of Texas, at Houston. A group of his devoted pupils sur-prised Frank A. McCarrell, organist of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church at Harrisburg, Pa., March 2 to celebrate the completion of twenty-five years of teaching by him in Harrisburg. To mark the event the McCarrell Club was organized, with Clarence E. Heckler as president president. Six recitals during Lent by wellas

Six Stx recitals during Lent by well-known organists were arranged by Dr. David McK. Williams of St. Bartholo-mew's Church, New York. The first was played March 6 by Virgil Fox and the succeeding ones were by Hugh Porter, Ralph W. Downes, Paul Calla-way, William R, Strickland and Mau-rice Garabrant

Porter, Ralph W. Downes, Paul Cana-way, William R. Strickland and Mau-rice Garabrant. Thousands of people in Chicago saw the console built by the W. W. Kimball Company for the great instrument it had constructed for the Town Hall at Pretoria, South Africa. The console was displayed in a show window of the Kimball Building. Francis Eugene Bonn, organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, N. Y., for forty-seven years, died March 5 at the age of 86 years. He was highly esteemed and had received a decoration from Pope Pius in 1930. The entire organ world was paying

a decoration from Pope Pius in 1930. The entire organ world was paying tribute to Charles Marie Widor, the distinguished French organist a nd teacher, whose ninetieth birthday was observed in February. Dr. Alle D. Zuidema completed twenty-five years' service at the Jeffer-son Avenue Presbyterian Church, De-troit, Mich.

#### May

Death took a heavy toll among

Death took a heavy toll among prominent American organists. John A. Bell, dean of Pittsburgh or-ganists, lost his life, as did Mrs. Beli and a friend. Miss Alice Benning, as the result of an automobile collision near Greensburg, Pa., April 6. Dr. Bell died April 8 and Mrs. Bell April 10. Dr. Bell had heen organist of the First Dr. Bell had been organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh for more than fifty years. He had been active for many years as a designer of

Edgar Priest, for twenty-five years organist and choirmaster of the Wash-ington Cathedral, died at the capital March 30. He was 57 years old, was born in England and came to this coun-

born in England and came try in 1901. Walter F. Skeele, dean emeritus of the school of music at the University of Southern California and one of the outstanding organists of the West, died April 18. He was born in 1865.

April 18. He was born in 1805. Edwin Stanley Seder, nationally known organist, died April 11 at his home in La Grange. III., at the age of 43 years. He had been organist and director at the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, III., for seven-teen vars teen years.

teen years. Announcement was made of the award to the Acolian-Skinner Company of the contract to build a large four-manual for the Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. Pietro A. Yon's new oratorio, "The Triumph of St. Patrick," was sung by the Mendelssohn Club of Pachford

Triumph of St. Patrick," was sung by the Mendelssohn Club of Rockford, Ill., March 28 with the composer at the organ. This was the premiere of the work west of New York. The Hammond electronic organ, in-

vented by Laurens Hammond, was an-nounced by the Hammond Clock Com-pany of Chicago April 15. It has no pipes or windchests and is entirely elec-trical in operation. The "Petite Ensemble," a small pipe organ which THE DIAPASON described as a "big little organ," made its ap-pearance at the factory of George Kil-gen & Son, Inc., in St. Louis.

### June

Forty-six choirs from churches of New York and vicinity united to form a chorus of 1,000 voices which honored Dr. Clarence Dickinson at a festival a chorus of 1,000 voices which honored Dr. Clarence Dickinson at a festival held in the Riverside Church May 18. Dr. Dickinson conducted the chorus. The event was arranged by alumni and students of the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary, of which Dr. Dickinson is the head.

At the annual meeting of the Amer-ican Guild of Organists May 20 Charles Henry Doersam was elected warden for a fourth year.

Tor a tourth year. The magnificent new East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh was dedicated May 12 and the large Acolian-Skinner organ was opened May 19 with a recital by William E. Zeuch of Boston. a recha Boston.

Boston. Reports for 1934, based on a survey of the organ industry by the National Association of Organ Builders, indi-cated a business gain of 17 per cent compared with 1933. The reports showed a total volume of \$1,884,144 for 1933, while in 1934 \$2,210,000 was ex-pended in the United States for organs and services.

pended in the United States for organs and services. The Northern Ohio Chapter, A. G. O., held a regional convention at To-ledo May 6 and 7, uniting with the Ohio Music Teachers' Association. The third tri-state convention of the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas chap-ters of the A. G. O. was held at Law-rence, Kan., May 1 and 2 and was a most successful event. Another tri-state Guild convention was held at Washington, D. C., April 25 and 26, with noted men playing and delivering addresses. The Pennsylvania Association of Or-ganists held its annual convention May 6 to 8 at Williamsport, with an ex-cellent program.

6 to 8 at Williamsport, with an ex-cellent program. New Jersey members of the A. G. O. held their annual rally day at Plain-field May 22 with a program of dis-tinction that was carried out at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. Florida organists held their ninth an-nual convention in Jacksonville May 13 to 15. The Chicago Club of Women Or-

The Chicago Club of Women Organists gave its spring ensemble con-cert May 6 at Kimball Hall and a pro-gram of American compositions was played before an audience which filled played b the hall. . .

## July

July The largest gathering of organists ever held in America marked the four-teenth general convention of the Amer-ican Guild of Organists, which took place in New York City the last week in June. Nearly 1,000 visitors regis-tered for the varied program of events. In addition to the usual recitals there were four presentations of choral music, on a large scale, and an orchestral concert of works composed by mem-bers of the Guild, which was broadcast over a national network from Radio City.

over a national neuronal formation of the Austin Organ Company, Hart-ford, Conn., announced that it would go out of business on the completion of work in hand. This meant the removal go out of business on the completion of work in hand. This meant the removal from the field of one of the oldest and most highly respected firms in the in-dustry, which had built 1,885 organs, including some of the largest and most famous instruments in America. The company was organized in 1899. Alexander McCurdy, Jr., of Phila-delphia was appointed to direct the organ department of Curtis Institute of Music.

Music Music

of Music. Dr. Franklin S. Palmer, a prominent and beloved organist and physician of Seattle, who over a long period presided at the console in St. James' Cathedral, died June S. He was born in 1866. Leon Verrees of Scranton, Pa., was announced by the judges as the winner

of a prize of \$100 offered by THE DIAFASON, to be awarded under the auspices of the A. G. O., for the best organ composition suitable for prac-tical use. The winning piece was a Chorale Prelude on "St. Ann." Porter Heaps of Chicago won the \$100 prize for an anthem offered by the H. W. Gray Company with his "A Thanksgiv-ing for All Created Things." The American Organ Players' Club

The American Organ Players' Club of Philadelphia celebrated the comple-tion of its forty-fifth year with a con-cert June 10 in the First M. E. Church of Germantown.

The scheme of the new Aeolian-Skin-ner organ installed in the great East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pitts-

Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pitts-burgh was published. Six hundred new members were added to the American Guild of Or-ganists as the result of a special six months' campaign by the expansion committee, headed by Uselma Clarke Smith of Philadelphia. The third annual Bach festival at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, under the direction of Albert Riemen-schneider, was held June 7 and 8 and the four concerts elicited the most en-thusiastic praise of the critics. The last of eight oreans built for

thusiastic praise of the critics. The last of eight organs built for United States army posts during the year, under the direction of Robert P. Elliot, who designed them, was com-pleted with the placing of a Möller at Langley Field, Va. Fourteen new fellows and thirty-five associates were added to the list of the A. G. O. as the result of the annual examinations.

examinations. The Canadian College of Organists completed its twenty-fifth year and the history of the organization was re-viewed by its president, Dr. Healey

Willan. Robert G. Barrow was appointed or-ganist and choirmaster of the Wash-ington Cathedral to succeed the late Edgar Priest.

### August

The scheme of a large three-manual for the Groton School, which was be-ing installed by the Acolian-Skinner Company, was published. An unen-closed positif organ was a feature of

Company, was published. An unen-closed positif organ was a feature of the specification. The W. W. Kimball Company was building a large three-manual for First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., and the specification of stops was published. Another three-manual which was under construction was for St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Alton, IIL, the contract for which was awarded to the Reuter Organ Company. The fourth important instrument to be noted was the three-manual Möller for the United States army chapel at Fort Myer, Va., the specification of which also was presented. Mrs. Wilbur Thoburn Mills, A. A. G. O., for a generation one of the most prominent organists of Columbus. Ohio, died in that city June 22. July 7 was observed by the Central Christian Church of Peoria, IIL, it be-ing the thirty-fifth anniversary of Ed-ward N. Miller as its organist. Archibald Sessions was appointed to succeed the late Walter F. Skeele as head of the organ department at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Mrs. Thonnas H. Harper (Elsie Mills

University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Mrs. Thomas H. Harper (Elsie Mills Harper), of Chula Vista, Cal., dean-clect of the San Diego Chapter of the A. G. O., and her husband, the Rev. Mr. Harper, pastor of the Chula Vista Congregational Church, were killed July 13 in an automobile accident near Cape Girardeau, Mo. Six of a total of ten candidates who took the first choirmaster's examina-tion of the A. G. O. passed the test and were awarded the new certificate.

# September

September Organists on the Pacific coast held a successful convention at San Diego Cal., July 23 to 26. New organs whose specifications were published included a three-manual Wurlitzer for St. Agnes' Catholic Church, Rockville Center, Long Island, N. Y., and a three-manual Möller for

the Park Street Baptist Church at Co-

the Park Street Baptist Church at Co-lumbia, S. C. Ernest F. White of Philadelphia was appointed organist of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y. Charles H. Finney was appointed organist and director at the Presbyte-rian Church of the Covenant, Erie, Pa. The Bach festivals at Leipzig and Zürich were reported for THE DIAPASON by Albert Riemenschneider. G. Huntington Byles was appointed organist and choirmaster of Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn. Virgil Fox was appointed to the position at Brown Memorial Presbyte-rian Church, Baltimore, Md.

position at Brown Memorial Presbyte-rian Church, Baltimore, Md. Harold Tower closed a service of twenty years at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., amid a demonstration of affection by the peo-ple of the parish, his choir and former choir members.

#### October

Extensive additions were being made by the Acolian-Skinner Company to the large organ at the University of Minnesota and the specification of the instrument as completed was published.

Another four-manual whose specifica-

Another four-manual whose specifica-tion was presented was one for Leb-anon Valley College, Annville, Pa., built by M. P. Möller. George W. Till rounded out thirty years of service in charge of the im-mense organ in the Wanamaker store in Philadelphia and told the story of the growth of the instrument from the time of its purchase by the late John Wanamaker at the close of the St. Louis Fair in 1904, for which it was originally built. Dr. Wilhelm Middelschulte returned to Chicago after a summer spent

Dr. Wilhelm Middelschulte returned to Chicago after a summer spent abroad, during which he was heard in recitals in Germany and Switzerland. The annual meeting of the National Association of Organ Builders was held in New York City Aug. 28 and discussed a number of problems con-fronting the industry. Charles Peaker reported for THE DRAPASO the conference of members of the Royal College of Organists, the Incorporated Association of Organists, held in London July 29 to Aug. 2, which was marked by various events of importance.

which was marked by various events of importance. Mrs. Alice E. DeLamarter, wife of Dr. Eric DeLamarter, associate con-ductor of the Chicago Symphony Or-chestra, organist and director at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, and dean of the Illinois A. G. O. Chap-ter, died Sept. 1 after a long illness. Recognition of the organ as a means of influencing the character of offenders was illustrated by the installation of a three-manual Möller instrument in the New York State Vocational School at West Cossackie.

New York State Vocational School & West Coxsackie. Dr. Louis Balogh was appointed or-ganist and choirmaster of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Ont. Paul Callaway of New York was ap-pointed organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. William E. Bretz was appointed or-ganist and director at the First Pres-byterian Church of Pittsburgh, suc-ceeding the late Dr. John A. Bell.

November Completion by Dr. Harold V. Mil-ligan of twenty years' service to the Rydramit and director of music, was organist and director of music, was observed with a special service on the aiternoon of Oct. 13. The choirs of ind the speakers included Dr. Harry merson Fosdick, pastor of the church. and Dr. Walter Damrosch. There years at the West End Collegiate Church in New York City and sixty years as a church organist and the Oct. 6. The Music Educators' Asso-function of New Jersey tendered Mr. Duncklee a banquet in Newark Oct. 22. Stanley R. Avery's service of twenty-function at Minneapolis was celebrated Church at Minneapolis was celebrated. Mark's Episcopal Church at Minneapolis was celebrated. Mark Schoristers at Kalamazoo, Mich, celebrated their golden jubilee in Cotober and sang Mendelssohn's Thian and the direction of Henry

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Overley, for the last sixteen years in charge at St. Luke's. Henry N. Switten was appointed to take charge of the organ work at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Hymn festivals throughout the coun-try were planned by the Hymn Society and one that would serve as a model was held Oct. 29 at the Church of the Covenant. New York, under the direc-Covenant, New York, under the direc-tion of Reginald L. McAll.

Northern Ohi Chapter, A. G. O., at its semi-annual convention Oct. 22 and 23. . .

### December

The historic First Presbyterian Church of Dauville, Ky., whose present edifice was built in 1831, was to have a new three-manual Pilcher organ, and the donor, F. Fox Caldwell, sent three truckloads of walnut trees to the Pilcher factory in Louisville to be used in mak-ing the organ case. ing the organ case.

The specification of the large new Acolian-Skinner organ in Trinity Church at New Haven, Conn., was

presented. Clara Foss Wallace, for many years Clara Foss Wallace, for many years organist and director at the First Pres-byterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and one of the most highly esteemed and capable organists of Buffalo, died in the waters of the Niagara River. Her car was found parked near the water and fifteen days later, on Nov. 14, her body was discovered. Mrs. Wallace was a former dean of the Buffalo Chap-ter, A. G. O., and a graduate of Vassar College.

ter, A. G. O., and a graduate of Vassar College. Charles E. Estes completed thirty years as organist of Robert College, Istanbul, and during his career has brought good organ music to the peo-ple of Turkey by means of his recitals and other activities. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the choir under the direction of Lloyd Morey was celebrated at Trinity Meth-odist Church, Urbana, III., the Church of the Wesley Foundation, Nov. 10. The Minnesota Chapter of the Amer-ican Guild of Organists observed its twenty-fifth anniversary Nov. 18 at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, where the chapter was organized. George H. Fairclough, the first dean. played a recital.

George H. Farriough, the first dean. played a recital. The headquarters members of the A. G. O. opened the season with a dinner in New York Oct. 28 which was at-tended by nearly 100. Mrs. Clarence H. Sweezy was made the object of warm tributes on the

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occasion of her fiftheft anniversary as organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, N. Y. Henry Pilcher's Sons were awarded the contract to build a three-manual organ for Trinity Baptist Church, Okla-

organ for Trinity Baptist Church, Okla-homa City, Okla. Edward A. Mueller was appointed organist and choirmaster of Trinity Cathedral at Trenton, N. J. Duke University was host to the North Carolina A. G. O. Chapter Nov. 7 and a feature was a recital by Palmer Christian of the University of Michi-ran gan

The Northern Ohio Chapter, A. G. O., assembled at Oberlin, Ohio, Nov. 18 for a church music conference planned by Professor Bruce Davis of Oberlin College. 0.

# Play for Artists' Association.

Marie Edwards Von Ritter, Edward Eigenschenk and William H. Barnes Marie Edwards Von Kniter, Edward Eigenschenk and William H. Barnes were the organists who played at a concert of the Chicago Artists' Asso-ciation in the Second Presbyterian Church Dec. 10. Mr. Eigenschenk opened the program with an Andantino by Haydn and the Theme and Varia-tions from Wildor's Fifth Symphony. Mrs. Von Ritter played: "Caprice de Concert." Archer: Reverie, Lemont-Von Ritter; Melody in A major, Dawes-Von Ritter, and Meditation and Toc-cata, d'Evry. Mr. Barnes, who closed the evening's performance, played: Prelude and Fugue in B flat, Bach; Ancient Bohemian Carol, Poister; Toc-cata in G minor, Matthews. Among organs completed before Christmes by M. P. Mölker are stroo-

Among organs completed before Christmas by M. P. Möller are a two-manual for the Mennonite Church at Upland, Cal., the specification of which was drawn up by Joseph W. Clokey of Claremont Colleges, and another two-manual for Christ Church at South Amboy, N. J.

# Necrology of 1935

Persons of prominence in the organ world, by virtue of their achievements as organists, composers or organ builders, who died in 1935, with the dates of their passing, have included the following:

Mason Slade, Chicago-Jan. 14. Robert S. Flagler, Poughkeepsie, N Y.-Jan. 6.

Marjorie Riggins Seybold, A. A. G. O., Camden, N. J.-Jan. 6.

Frank R. Field, Los Angeles, Cal.-Jan. 25.

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, Moscow, Russia-Jan. 28.

Dr. Clarence Grant Hamilton, Wellesley Hills, Mass.-Feb. 13.

J. Victor Bergquist, Minneapolis, Minn.-Feb. 28.

Ernest L. Mehaffey, Canton, N. -March 10.

Charles A. Weiss, Chicago-March 19. Robert E. Pilcher, Houston, Tex.

March 22.

Francis Eugene Bonn, Roches-ter, N. Y.-March 5.

Charles W. Walker, Elizabeth, . J.-March 6. N Carl A. Benson, Elizabeth, N. J.

March 16. Edgar Priest, Washington, D. C.

March 30. John A. Bell, Pittsburgh, Pa .--

April 6. William Herbert Bowes, White

Plains, N. Y.-March 13 Edwin Stanley Seder, Chicago-

April 11. Walter F. Skeele, Los Angeles,

Cal.-April 18. Henry Cowles Smith, Naperville,

-April 23. T11.-Miss Greta Brunswick, Middle-town, N. Y.—April 23. Albin O. Peterson, St. Paul, Minn.—May 22.

Bernard Johnson, Horning, Nor-

folk, England—May 19. Dr. Franklin S. Palmer, Seattle, Wash.-June 5

Clarence E. Morey, Utica, N. Y.

June 20. Mrs. Wilbur Thoburn Mills, Columbus, Ohio-June 22.

Nicholas I Elsenheimer Lim-

burg, Germany—July 12. Mrs. Thomas H. Harper, Chula Vista, Cal.—July 13.

Mrs. Richard B. Cowan, Macon,

Ga.—Aug. 12. Edward J. Napier, New York City—Aug. 18. Charles Lee Williams, Glouces-ter, England—Aug. 29. Miss Winifred M. Price, Mil-works Win Scott 2

Miss Winfred M. Frice, Mil-waukee, Wis.—Sept. 3. Henry E. Duncan, A. G. O., White Plains, N. Y.—Sept. 12. Mrs. Harry E. Talbott, Dayton, Ohio-Oct. 2

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Royal A. Merwin, Pottstown, Pa. Oct. 20. Earl S.

S. Gere, Raçine, Wis .-Oct. 20. Charles M. Kirk, Marshall, Ind.

Oct. 25.

Mrs. Clara Foss Wallace, Buf-falo, N. Y.-Nov. 14. Miss Clara Stearns, Troy, N. Y.

Dec. Dr. Walter Henry Hall, New York City—Dec. 10. Mrs. Ida Burr Bell, Muncie, Ind.

Dec. 11.

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## Ensemble Programs at Muskegon.

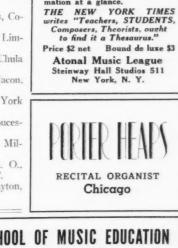
Francis Hopper has been emphasiz-ing chamber nusic, which has supple-mented his organ numbers at the pro-grams for his vesper musicales in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Muskegon. Paul's Episcopal Church at Muskegon, Mich., during Lent. He has been hav-ing the assistance of a violinist and a 'cellist and has presented piano and organ compositions with the aid of Robert W. Hays at the organ. Dec. 15 he had the support of a string quartet. Dec. 8 the program included: Organ, Andante (Concerte No. 4). Handel: Dec. 8 the program included: Organ, Andante (Concerto No. 4), Handel; Trio in B flat, Op. 11 (Allegro-Adagio), Beethoven; Trio in D minor, Op. 63 (first movement), Schumann: organ, "Christmas Slumber Song," Whitehead; "Benedictus," Reger. Dor's Choir Heard Over NBC. St. Luke's Choristers of Long Beach.

Dorr's Choir Heard Over NBC. St. Luke's Choristers of Long Beach, Cal., William Ripley Dorr director. sang Christmas carols and anthems over an NBC nation-wide hook-up of seventy-eight stations with short-wave to England. The program originated in the NBC Los Angeles studios Dec. 21 at 4:30 Pacific standard time. The broadcast was sponsored by MGM Studios to announce their new produc-tion of "A Tale of Two Cities," in which St. Luke's boys have several recordings. recordings

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# FOUR ORGANS SHOWN AT FAIR IN BRUSSELS

HENRY WILLIS AS THE JUDGE

Instrument of Sixty-two Stops, by Klais of Bonn, Wins "Grand Prix" -Modern Design in Europe Revealed at Exposition.

Four organs representing present-day ideas as to design and construc-tion on the continent of Europe were on exhibition at the Brussels "Exposi-tion Universelle" of 1935 and attracted attention from all those interested in the organ. Henry Willis, the distin-guished English builder, was invited by the Belgian government to judge these instruments and to make the by the Belgian government to judge these instruments and to make the awards, the exhibitors having agreed unanimously to accept his decisions. awards, the exhibitors having agreed unanimously to accept his decisions. Mr. Willis flew to Brussels Oct. 28 and on arrival at once proceeded to hear, inspect and personally to test the orrans organs

nearly inspect and personary to test the organs. In the Grande Salle des Festes, which seats 3,500 persons, the large instru-ment by Klais of Bonn, Germany, comprising sixty-two stops, occupies a dominating position at the end of the hall behind the platform. The appear-ance is unusual, as it is in the ultra-modern style, very popular today in Scandinavia and northern Germany, especially Sweden. It has no "front," as usually known, the appearance be-ing that of a suitable and balanced arrangement of the interior pipes of the organ.

"The specification, although the stop names are in French," Mr. Willis writes, "indicates the swing back to the sixteenth and seventeenth century de-signs that has carried all before it in Germany in recent years-known as the Baroque revival-that is, to the classical period of Bach and Silber the

"The all-electric console is a beauti-fully made one on modern German lines, with the usual 'free combination' piston controls—the pedalboard, it should be noted, being straight and

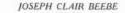
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slightly concave, according to conti-nental taste even in this year of Grace 1935! The action is electro-pneumatic. Many of the bass pipes are of copper in the old style." This beautifully manufactured and well-balanced instrument received a high percentage of points from Mr. Willis, in accordance with which it qualified for the "Grand Prix." The organ in the Luxembourg pavil-ion is by Happt of Lentgen, Luxem-bourg, and is a three-manual of mod-erate size having thirty-one stops. Badly placed owing to the exigencies of the limited space allotted, it is still an instrument of merit. Features of in-terest are the montre amabile on the positif and the violon, 4 ft., on the recit, which is of wood. With an all-electric console and electro-pneumatic action it represents a very creditable piece of work by the firm in question. The award was the "Diploma of Hon-neur." In the Church of "Old Brussels" a

In the Church of "Old Brussels" a In the Church of "Old Brussels" a very interesting organ by Gonzales of Paris was installed, a two-manual of only nincteen stops. It is a reproduc-tion of the type of instrument con-structed in France about the sixteenth century, there being no swell-box and the action being tracker to keys and couplers. Stops of particular interest are the plein jeu of five ranks on the first manual, the cor de nuit, 2 ft, the two-rank cymbale and the terciane, also consisting of two ranks (17 and 19), on the second manual. The con-struction generally is in the ancient style with the exception of pneumatic drawstop action and a provision of six

style with the exception of pneumatic drawstop action and a provision of six general pistons. In this case the gold medal was awarded. In the Catholic Chapel a small two-manual by Delmotte of Tournai (Bel-gian) is installed. This instrument was small and the extension system had been used. The award was the silver medal. de.

The new Presbyterian Hymnal was used with good effect in a vesper hymn festival at the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa., Nov. 24. Howard L. Ralston, organist and di-rector, was in charge.



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IOSEPH C. BEEBE, organist and choir-JOSEPH C. BEEBE, organist and choir-master of the South Congregational Church at New Britain, Conn., broad-casts a program every Tuesday after-noon from 3:30 to 4 over stations WNBC in New Britain and WELI in New Haven for the Connecticut Broad-casting System. His offerings, of the same standard as those which have made the recitals at his church musical treats to the community, have included the following among his most recent programs:

programs: Dec. 3 — Prelude and Fugue major), Buxtehude; "In Elysiu (C Dec. 3—Prelude and Fugue (C major), Buxtehude; "In Elysium" ("Orpheus"), Gluck; Evening Song, Schumann; Chorale, Honegger; "Adorn Thyself" (Chorale), Brahms; Trumpet Tune, Purcell; Largo (Twelfth Son-ata), Purcell. Dec. 10—Bach program: Passacaglia; Sonatina ("God's Time Is the Best"); Prelude and Fugue (Little E minor);

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"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." These radio programs have elicited much favorable comment and the results have been very satisfactory. The New Britain church also broadcasts its regular Sunday morning service over the same stations.

# GOES TO BRYN MAWR CHURCH

# George Gaskill Ashton Assumes Posi-

George Gaskill Ashton Assumes Posi-tion at Presbyterian Fane. George Gaskill Ashton, Mus. B., as-sumed his new position as organist and choirmaster of the fashionable Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Nov. 1. Mr. Ashton has a large four-manual Welte organ at his command. This organ is one of the largest in the East and is just six years old. On Dec. 15 excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" were sung, and Dec. 22 and Christmas Day carols from many nations were used. With the beginning of the new year Mr. Ashton will reorganize his choir. The new regime will consist of twenty-two pro-fessional voices and a solo quartet. In a recital at Christ Church, Indian-

In a recital at Christ Church, Indian-apolis, Ind., Dec. 9 Cheston L. Heath presented four of his organ pupils who played a program of compositions by Bach, Reger, Jongen, Franck and Wi-dor. Those who were heard were: Frederick E. Weber, Lois P. Entwistle, Sarah McKinley and Helene B. Pleasance





# Hymn Society News; Many Festivals Held: N. Y. Event Jan. 19

Many churches held hymn festival services Nov. 24, or on the following Sundays. This was due largely to articles in THE DIAPASON, the Methodist Christian Advocates, especially those pub-lished in the West, and many metropoli-tan papers, including a splendid article in the Boston Evening Transcript. The to-tal number of churches can only be guessed, but it is certainly greater than 200.

200. The idea was warmly received by many small churches in country towns. Several Episcopal churches adapted their morning service by adding hymns or by using them in place of one or more canticles. Requests were received not only for the general leaflet on hymn festivals, but for the descants and special suggestions for singing them. Organists also asked for speci-men programs.

them. Organists also asked for speci-men programs. Many church calendars containing festival programs were sent in, and it is hoped that others will be forwarded to the chairman at 2268 Sedgwick ave-nue, New York. From them we expect to prepare suggestive outlines for the planning of actual services, both in large and small churches. Several church programs contained suggestions for singing certain verses of the hymns differently, especially those used for descants requiring unison treatment. This raises again the question of uni-son singing by congregations. Many churches provide hymn-books with

This raises again the question of uni-son singing by congregations. Many churches provide hymn-books with music in the pews, chiefly for the benefit of those who can read and sing alto, tenor or bass. If the singing of hymns in church is based on the part-singing habits of individuals and of families and other small social groups, we can produce splendid singing in parts, in those tunes for which it is suitable.

parts, in those tunes for which it is suitable. We realize the effectiveness of unison for chorales or in the last verse of many other strong hymns. Moreover, one reason why hymn singing tends to become unison is that the new tunes now being introduced are often de-signed for unison singing. But "Sine Nomine" has three verses in harmony, permitting a thrilling climax in the last two unison verses.

two unison verses. It is obvious that unless there are a sufficient number of those who can sing their parts vigorously a stirring, fairly balanced, harmonic effect is not pos-sible. On the other hand, not all tunes lend themselves to doubling the air by the mee the men. Comment is invited in this column.

Comment is invited in this column, giving the reasons why services in which either unison or part singing is emphasized are successful. Is the uni-son treatment a goal, or a means of encouraging the learning of unfamiliar good material? Is the satisfaction ob-tained by those who sing in parts sufficient justification for part singing even if the effect is not well balanced or musically interesting?

It is expected to hold a hymn festival service in Riverside Church, New York, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, 1936. Hymn-singing people from the churches that have held their own festivals this year will sit in reserved sections all over have held their own festivals this year will sti in reserved sections all over the church, and will be prepared to sing the chosen hymns effectively. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick will give three meditations on the theme of the service, and there will be short anthems based on hymns. Organists in and near New York are most cordially invited to at-tend this unique service and to bring choir members and others. Further announcement will be made in the local papers. papers

REGINALD L. MCALL, Chairman, Hymn Festival Committee.

New Anthems Sung at York Service. New Anthems Sung at York Service. Under the direction of Adam H. Hamme a beautiful program of works of contemporary composers was pre-sented at Zion Lutheran Church, York, Pa., for the vesper service Nov. 10. Anthems by Thiman, Arthur B. Jen-nings and David McK. Williams were sung and Mr. Hamme played the Finale from Widor's Second Symphony.

#### DEDICATION IN NEW ORLEANS

Jacobs Plays Three-Manual Möller at Jackson Avenue Evangelical. A three-manual organ built by M. P. Möller for the Jackson Avenue Evan-gelical Church at New Orleans, La, was dedicated Nov. 28. Henry S. Jacobs, organist and director of music at the church, presided at the console and conducted a program by the choir. Following is the stop specification of this organ: GREAT ORGAN.

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Open Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Second Open Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Doppel Flöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Principal, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flute Harmonique, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Pictolo, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
SWELL ORGAN.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 61 pipes.
Stopped Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
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# Christmas Concert by Wismar.

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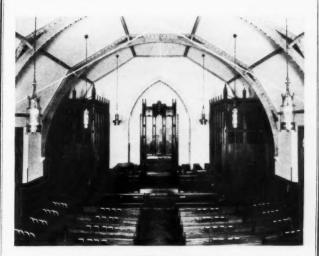
# For Westminster School Festival.

For Westminster School Festival. Many original compositions have been received by Professor Roy E. Harris of the Westminster Choir School, Princeton, N. J., for the fes-tival of music which will be held in Princeton next May. Compositions must be in Professor Harris' hands by Feb. 1. Full particulars of the festival may be obtained from him. The second semester of the Westminster Choir School opens Feb. 10 and runs to June 6. School June 6.

# M. P. MÖLLER INSTALLS second large organ (Three-Manual with Echo) in the FIRST M. E. CHURCH, MILTON, PA.

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THE DIAPASON

# "Organs I Have Met"; Reminiscences by the Late Edwin H. Lemare

[This is the first installment of a series of interesting reminiscences written by Mr. Lemare some time before his death. He was preparing to revise them and pre-pare them for publication when he was stricken with his fatal illness. These reminiscences have been turned over to us by Mrs. Lemare and will be published from month to month.]

room month to month.] The idea of introducing "Organs I Have Met" to my readers came to me several years ago; but on each occa-sion when I thought I had whipped it into shape for publication, something unforeseen would happen and hold my desire in abevance. desire in abevance

unforescen would happen and hold my desire in abeyance. I am hoping that my experience in matters musical will be accepted in the light of a great desire to further the advancement of the best in music, which can be done only with the aid of those engaged to look after the musical interests of the community. There is so much commonplace mate-rial; in fact, the best in life of any form has a constant struggle to keep a place in the world. Noone knows better than the artist himself how to retain his position in his musical sphere and there ought to be no hindrance to his endeavor to educate the public in the best he has to offer. If the public is to be educated, it must be done from a high standard—not the ordinary musical appreciation of the average citizen. If such is to dictate, any ordi-nary so-called musician will answer the purpose.

purpose. The general trend of music seems to be on the downward grade, and unless serious musicians assert their rights and stand together in the better-ment of matters musical, I fear the jazz craze or whatever takes its place will be so rooted as to give little hope of anything artistic in the future.

#### Organs I Have Met

In number they are legion. Large and small; good and bad; friends and enemies. Some have lured me on to my best work; others have nearly disenemies. Some have lured me on to my best work; others have nearly dis-tracted me. In many climes, too, have I played them. All over the British Isles, in France, Germany and Italy. Fitty-five times have I risked the perils of the North Atlantic to discourse on organs in Canada and America. Four times I have crossed the Pacific to meet some of the great instruments in Aus-ralia and New Zealand, under engage-ments with the civic authorities in va-rious cities of these colonies. Organs are like human beings; some are good, some are bad, and many are quite temperamental. I have played on some that are like friends when I first meet them, and others seem to fight me the minute I touch the keys. I don't think I have ever found two organs that were exactly alike. They have individuality, and even when I get used to them they have fits of obstinacy and temper.

used to them they have fits of obstinacy and temper. Pessibly the oldest organ on which I ever played dates back to the time of Handel. Its owner assured me that it actually belonged to George Fred-erick Handel. If tradition be true, the immortal Handel must have possessed quite a number of organs, as I believe that in England alone there are at least twenty antiquated specimens of the organ builder's art each claimed as a Handel organ. The first recital I gave in the United

organ builder's art each claimed as a Handel organ. The first recital I gave in the United States was in 1900 on a large organ in New York, which, like most Amer-ican organs of that period, had a lot of old-fashioned wooden stopknobs (with their faces turned up like those of the old reed organ), which could hardly be used independently because of their inaccessibility or stiffness of action. There were other awkward arrangements on this old-fashioned keyboard, but it is different now. On an up-to-date console every ivory stop-knob not only comes out or goes in with a rapid, noiseless action when the thumb pistons are touched, but any combination on any piston can be ad-justed instantly by the player at the keyboard while he is playing. Possibly the most clumsy organ on which I ever played was in a small town in Scotland, where in place of the usual stopknobs there was a set

of old organ keys placed on each side (with the names printed on the top), which you had to press down by hand and at the same time hitch to right or left under a notch to keep them down. Unfortunately the builders did not supply a staff of assistants to help the poor organist, and so he had an awful time.

# Built His First "Organ" at Age of 4

Built His First "Organ" at Age of 4 The first organ I ever met was built by myself when a boy 4 years of age. It consisted of two boards placed in the form of a "two-decker" (or manual) organ on which I painted black and white keys, with two upright pieces of cardboard on each side, with circles drawn to represent the stops. My dear old dad told me that I used to sit in front of this imaginary organ for hours at a time—thumping on the keyboard and singing at the top of my voice. Soon after this he bought me a reed organ, made by Kelly of London, and theaven of delight. Four years later my father—who was my first instructor in music—placed me on the organ bench at Holy Trinty.

my first instructor in music—placed me on the organ bench at Holy Trinity Church, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and allowed me to play some of the hymns at the regular services. As I could not reach them myself, he filled in the pedal notes.

pedal notes. Here let me say that until the spring of 1924 he sat on the same old bench in the same old church after having com-pleted a tenure as organist of more than sixty years—truly a heroic record!

# Organ Blowers

Organ Blowers It requires no intimate knowledge of organ construction to realize that some person or some mechanism must "raise the wind," so to speak, for the sounds, often tremendous in volume, that come from the manipulation of the person seated at the console of a pipe organ. Air is to the organ what "gas" is to the motor car; it is the medium which makes the thing go. Modern organs are blown by electrically driven rotary fans or other apparatus, but in other times the human organ blower worked behind the scenes, unhonored and un-sung, and even at the present day many of the older and smaller church organs are pumped by hand. I remember when organ blowing was then required several men at the pump handles or wheels; and in the old days it was impossible to practice without a blower. And here let me introduce the first man who ever "raised the wind" to me. His name was Plumnev—"Bot" It requires no intimate knowledge of

it was impossible to practice without a blower. And here let me introduce the first man who ever "raised the wind" for me. His name was Plumney—"Bot" Plumney we used to call him. He must have been over 65 years of age when I first knew him. He spoke the broad Isle of Wight dialect, which few understand except, perhaps, the old farmers in the interior of the island. The old "Isle-o'-Wighters" were nick-named "Isle of Wight dialect, which few understand except, perhaps, the old farmers in the interior of the island. The old "Isle-o'-Wighters" were nick-named "Isle of Wight calves," owing to the old story of two farmers who found a young calf with his head caught between the bars of a gate and, not knowing how else to release him, de-cided to cut his head off! To return to "Bot" Plumney. He was an interesting character—polite and respectful to all around him and one of nature's noblemen. He was a man of varied attainments, and apart from his accomplishments as an organ blower was often employed during the week by the town authorities to haul a heavy iron roller over the newly-made asphalt pavements. On Sundays he donned his best "Sunday-go-to-meet-ing" hat and clothes, and was at the blowing handle the very minute the service was due to commence—rarely a minute earlier and never a minute late. On practice days my father left me in his care, and if I stopped playing for a moment I would hear a gruff voice from the back of the organ saying: "Go on, sir; don't waste time!" Pre-cisely at the end of one hour the old fellow would appear from the side of the organ, pulling on his coat and wait-ing for his sispence—the pay for one hour whether or not there was another chord in the piece—the hour's work was done and that was the end of the matter. Sometimes the wind would go out suddenly on an *unresolved* discord, and I would have to burry home to the izano to "resolve" it.

EDWIN H. LEMARE

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bury, London. When not quite 12 years old I tried for the Sir John Goss scholarship in organ playing in com-petition with eighteen other candidates. This entitled one to three years' tuition at the Royal Academy of Music, Lon-don. The examination took place at St. George's, Bloomsbury, where, in-cidentally, my paternal grandfather for many years had been organist. The blower was a blind man, and he seemed to take special interest in me during my rehearsals. I was the last to play at the competition and at the finish the old blower said I was the best of them all and the prize would be mine. He was right! He was right

## Took His Chief Blower Along

In 1886 I was appointed organist and choirmaster of the fine old Parish Church. Sheffield—now a cathedral. The organ was a large three-manual with

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tubular-pneumatic action, which I after-ward had rebuilt, enlarged and moved into the transept. It was blown by four men, who turned wheels like a windlass, and, for hand blowing, was very steady. The head blower, or captain of the team, named Haigh, was a downed escrant of mine At every Note that the second second



S WE stand upon the threshold of 1936 we ponder our achievements of the past year and wonder what is in store for us during the ensuing twelve months. Some of us are delighted with our success while others are perhaps somewhat depressed. Nevertheless there is much to look forward to and a great deal to encourage us to maintain the high ideals of the American organ builder.

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# Poister Plays Bach and Franck with Love and Understanding

Chicago was one of the stopping-places of Arthur W. Poister on his latest transcontinental tour and he was latest transcontinental tour and he was heard by a goodly audience, including many of the local organ fraternity, in a very effective recital on the large Aeolian-Skinner organ at the Univer-sity of Chicago Chapel Dec. 12. The organize described to the

a very effective recital on the large Aeolian-Skinner organ at the Univer-sity of Chicago Chapel Dec. 12. The program was devoted to Johann Sebastian Bach and Cesar Franck; but noone could say that he tired of hear-ing compositions of only two great men. The explanation no doubt lies in the fact that Mr. Poister possesses not only a thorough understanding of, but an overweaning love for, these works and treats them with an affection that is communicated to his hearers. He has been known for several years, although he is one of America's younger concert organists, as one of the best Bach players; his recital convinced one that he was to be classed equally as an interpreter of Franck. In fact, the high point of the evening was reached with a magnificent performance of the Cho-rale in B minor that was poetic and dramatic and that aroused the greatest admiration. The other Cesar Franck offering, the Fantasie in C major, was played with beautiful delicaey. In the Bach numbers the Passacagia, the final number of the evening, stood out especially, sharing honors with a very virile performance of the Toccata and Fugue in D minor that impressed one with the musicanship of Mr. Pois-ter and with the fine resources he had at his command in the university organ. The "Cathedral" Prelude and Fugue was played more slowly than one is accustomed to hearing it, and the tempo would seem debatable to many authorities. Five chorale preludes were played with the spirit of devotion which they demand. Mr. Poister went back to the Uni-versity of Redlands, Cal, leaving an

played with the spirit of devotion which they demand. Mr. Poister went back to the Uni-versity of Redlands, Cal. leaving an impression that his title to a place in the front row among our rising vir-tuosos is beyond question.

## HONOR TO CHESTON L. HEATH

HONOR TO CHESTON L. HEATH Former Choir Members Mark Tenth Anniversary at Indianapolis. Cheston L. Heath, M. A., of Indian-apolis has just completed ten years of service as organist and master of the choristers at Christ Church. Dec. 1 a reunion vesper service was sung with all former members of the boy choir assisted by the fifty-five men and boys of the present choir. After the service, at which the anthem "Psalm 150," a recent composition by Mr. Heath, was sung, with accompaniment by a full orchestra, the entire group met at the parish-house for a social hour, and an alumni organization was formed, hav-ing in its membership several boys who sang in the choir over fifty years ago. In the last ten years Mr. Heath has had 240 boys under his instruction. He is an expert in the training of the boy voice and his choirs are noted for beautiful tone quality in both soprano and alto sections, and for their artistic performace of the best choral music. Before going to Indianapolis Mr. Heath spent thirteen years at Norwalk, Ohio, where he developed a large choir of boys and me.

Ohio, where he developed a large choir of boys and men. Carol Services in Hanover, Pa. For the eleventh successive year Em-manuel Reformed Church. Hanover, Pa., was host to the community at a series of carol services. These twenty-minute services, held at 6:50 p. m. on the four weekday nights preceding Christmas, are sponsored by the Han-over Ministerial Association. Dr. Ed-gar F. Hoffmeier, president of the as-sociation and pastor of Emmanuel Church, was in charge. The congrega-tional singing of familiar carols was led by a chorus selected from all the Hanover churches. The chorus was under the direction of Leonard B. Mar-tin, minister of music of Emmanuel Church. The large Acolian-Skinner organ was augmented by a small group of orchestral instruments. David M. Brown, organist of Emmanuel, was at the organ. The church was beautifully Brown, organist of Emmanuel, was the organ. decorated. The church was beautifully

J. HERBERT SPRINGER

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J. HERBERT SPRINCER, who has the dis-tinguished privilege of presiding over the largest organ in any church in America—the Austin of 235 stops and 12,270 pipes in St. Matthew's Church at Hanover, Pa.—made good use of the instrument in a series of recitals played on Sunday afternoons in De-cember. He had the assistance of four vocal soloists in programs which featured German works, Bach's com-positions, modern works, and a Christ-mas program. These recitals drew people not only from Hanover, but from many nearby towns and students of Wilson College at Frederick, Md. The following were Mr. Springer's pro-grams:

The following were Mr. Springer's pro-grams: Dec. 1—German program: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Buxtehude; Toc-cata in F, Pachebel; "Comest Thou Now, Jesus, from Heaven," Bach; Aria, Mattheson; Fantasie in F min or, Mozart; Sonata in A minor, Rhein-berger; "Moonlight," Karg-Elert; Cradle Song, Wagner; Toccata in D minor, Reger. Dec. 8—Bach program: Toccata and Fugue in D minor; "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"; "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"; Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Little Fugue in G minor; "In dulci Jubilo"; "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"; "Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring"; Toccata in F. Dec. 15—Modern program:"Prelude

Heaven the Angels Bring"; Toccata in F. Dec. 15—Modern program:"Prelude Solennel," Noble; Madrigal, Rogers; Scherzetto, Vier ne; "Meditation a Sainte Clotilde," James; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Carillon," Sowerby; "Consolation," Reger; "To the Setting Sun," Edmundson; Finale, from First Symphony, Vierne. Dec. 22—Christmas program: Offer-toire on an Old French Carol, Guil-mant; "Noel," from "Byzantine Sketches," Mulet; "Ave Maria," Schubert; "Christ-mas Evening," Mauro-Cottone; "Be-hold, a Branch Is Growing," Brahms; "Gloria in Excelsis," Reger; "Adeste Fideles," Karg-Elert; Improvisation on "Silent Night," Kreckel: "Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring," Pach-elbel. elbel.

## Dr. Zuidema in Carillon Dedication.

Dr. Zuidema in Carillon Dedication. Dr. Alle D. Zuidema, organist and carilloneur for the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit, played the opening carillon recital on the An-derson carillon of twenty-three bells in Christ Church Chapel, Grosse Pointe. The recital was followed by a recep-tion in the assembly hall of the chapel. Beecher Aldrich, Mus. B., F. A. G. O., organist and choirmaster of Christ Church Chapel, played several selec-tions on the Hodges memorial organ. Dr. Zuidema was organist for the Windsor, Ont., Schubert Choir of 100 voices at the recent presentation of "The Messiah." with Edward Green-half, conductor.

# Hymn Festival at Muskegon, Mich.

Hymn Festival at Muskegon, Mich. The morning service at the First Congregational Church of Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 1 was devoted to a festival service of hymns, with the theme "Christ in the World." The music was in charge of Robert Wilson Hays, min-ister of music.



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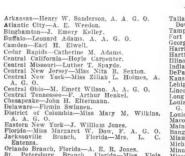
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# "Nebuchadnezzar" Is Sung for Guild Under

# Direction of Dr. Carl By LILIAN CARPENTER

By LILIAN CARPENTER Dr. William C. Carl, ever on the alert for new and interesting material, returned from Europe this fall with some choice music. A program of selections which he had heard at Euro-pean festivals was given for head-quarters on Monday, Dec. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church, New York City, where Dr. Carl is organist and choirmaster and Dr. J. V. Molden-hawer the minister. The service—for that was the form of the program—be-gan with a Mozart Sonata in D major for two violins, 'cello and organ. For the offertory the Mozart C major Son-ata for the same instruments was used. These were revived at the Salzburg Festival last summer, and possessed all of the charm and simplicity that one expects to hear in Mozart. Their beauty all of the charm and simplicity that one expects to hear in Mozart. Their beauty was enhanced by the artistic playing of Virginia and Mary Drane, violinists; Genevieve Lewis, 'cellist, with Dr. Carl at the organ. Mozart's oratorio "The Penitent David" was also revived at Salzburg and Dr. Carl with his choir and soloists. Rose Dirmann, soprano, and Amy Ellerman, alto, gave excerpts from it at this service.

from it at this service. Dr. Moldenhawer delivered a fine address, beginning with a few words of cordial greeting to the Guild mem-bers and friends, and passing at once to the principal work of the evening, "Nebuchadnezzar." The text, taken from the Book of Daniel and the Song of the Three Holy Children, deals with the story of Shadrach. Mesach and Abednego, and their refusal to bow before Nebuchadnezzar's golden image because of their devotion to the one God. Dr. Moldenhawer cited other ex-amples of the faith and fortitude of the amples of the faith and fortitude of the ancient Jews.

The music, written by George Dyson especially for the Three Choirs Fes-tival in England this year, received such high praise that it is to be re-peated at next year's festival there. It is an inspired piece of work, in modern vein, descriptive of the story and of great strength. The final part, set to the words of the Benedicite, is music of rare beauty and a masterpiece of form. All of this could hardly have been understood had it not been for the splendid interpretation given the oratorio by Dr. Carl's well-trained chorus and motet ensemble; the solo-ists, Dan Gridley, tenor, and Daniel Harris, baritone (who substituted for The music, written by George Dyson

Raoul Nadeau on a few hours' notice), and Everett Tutchings, whose masterly accompaniments won high acclaim. Dyson's oratorio has aroused the in-terest of New York organists and Dr. Carl is to be congratulated on bringing this music to us and giving it so fine a presentation.

# Clayton-Friedell Recital.

A presentation. Clayton-Friedell Recital. A wealth of interesting meetings is being offered at headquarters this sca-son by its public meetings committee, Marion Clayton, organist and choir-master of the Lafayette Avenue Pres-by the comment of the second of these took place Nov. 25 at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York (Hy, Two headquarters members, Marion Clayton, organist and choir-master of the Lafayette Avenue Pres-by the second of the second pricedell, organist and choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church, Jersey (Hy, N. Were presented in recital In this inspiring building, with its mag-offered interesting and well-varied becan with a clean-cut rendition of the Bach chorale prelude "Out of the Chake", by Karg-Elert, and her last number, the prevent with dignity and virility. The friedell began his part of the red and Fugue, one of the fellowship the flayed the "Requises the head of candidates for Guild degrees there are head the second the fellowship the Bach test piece. the Allegro from the Sach test piece. the Allegro from the Sach numbers must have been a help indeed to candidates for Guild degrees who were present. A descriptive, pic-kariens" by Ermend Bonnal was an solo stops and more delicate combina-tions of the organ. Mr. Friedell closed women in the modern idiom, and played the Magnificat from M. J. Erb's Son Mater Slavatoris.' a vigorous unith the facility and rhythm the

# Annual Service in Buffalo.

Annual Service in Buffalo. The annual service of the Buffalo Chapter was held Sunday afternoon, Dec 1, at St. Paul's Cathedral. The service was sung by the cathedral choir under the direction of DeWitt C. Gar-retson, organist and choirmaster. The prelude was played by Robert Noeh-ren, organist of St. John's Episcopal Church, and the postlude by William Benbow, F. A. G. O., organist emeritus

of Westminster Presbyterian Church. The address was by the Right Rev. Cameron J. Davis, D. D., bishop of the Diocese of Western New York and chaplain of the chapter. The program follows: Processional hymn, "For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country," Noble: organ, Chorale Prelude on "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide," Reger; "Psalm 150," Stanford; Magnificat, West in E flat: Credo, 'Monotone; Three Anti-phons), Garretson; hymn, "Old Hun-dredth" (descant sung to stanzas 2 and 4); address, "Interpretation"; offertory, "Thee, Lord, before the Close of Day," "H. Balfour Gardner; organ, Chorale Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God," Bach.

### Pennsylvania Chapter.

Pennsylvania Chapter. The Pennsylvania Chapter, in con-function with the American Organ Players' Club, held its first public meet-ing of the season on the evening of Nov. 14, at St. Aidan's Chapel, Chel-tenham, upon the invitation of the vicar, the Rev. Herbert B. Satcher. First there was a recital on the new Hammond electronic organ recently installed in this church. The recital was played by Newell Robinson, F. A. G. O., and consisted of the Short Prel-ude and Fugue in C, by J. L. Krebs, Bach's Chorale Prelude on "O Mensch, bewein'Dein Sünde Gross," and Scherzo from Sonata No. 2 in C minor, by Mark Andrews, the Allegro ma non troppo movement from Widor's Seventh Sym-phony, Vierne's "Marche Funebre," the Gavotte by Martini, the Chorale Prel-ude on "Vater Unser" by Margery Moore, and the Finale of Handel's Organ Concerto No. 10. This musi-cianly program was very effectively ulayed by Mr. Robinson.

cianly program was very effectively played by Mr. Robinson. Following the recital the audience adjourned to the parish-house, where a round-table discussion was held under the chairmanship of Harry C. Banks, Jr., dean of the chapter, who explained that the chapter was neither endorsing nor condemning the instrument. In the discussion a number of persons did condemn it on various counts. Former Senator Richards of Atlantic City said the instrument should not be called an organ because it did not conform to the historic definition of an organ, and that it would be very bad for students to practice on because it did not measure up to the standard specifi-cations endorsed by the Guild. Dr. Rollo F. Maitland stated what he thought were both the strong points and the weak points of the instrument. Dr. Henry S. Fry also took part in the discussion. William F. Jenkins of Reading spoke for the instrument, and

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did his best to answer questions, pre-serving his composure and affability in in the face of a certain amount of heckling. 4

## Western Pennsylvania.

Western Pennsylvania. Charlotte Lockwood was presented in a recital at Carnegie Hall. North Side, Pittsburgh, by the Western Penn-sylvania Chapter Nov. 26. An appre-ciative audience heard Mrs. Lockwood's artistic playing. Preceding the recital seventy members and guests of the chapter attended a fine dinner in honor of the recitalist at the First Christian Church. North Side. Dean Goodell made an address of welcome. A brief business session followed. Three col-leagues and five subscribers were voted into membership. The December dinner meeting of the

leagues and five subscribers were voted into membership. The December dinner meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter was held Monday evening, the 16th, at the Penn Shady Hotel, East Liberty. Sub-dean Alan Floyd presided in the ab-sence of Dean Goodell. Four new mem-bers were accepted at this meeting, attended by fifty-three members and guests. Miss Helen Keil of the Penn-sylvania College for Women presented her singers in three numbers. After adjournment we went to Cal-vary Episcopal Church, where our fel-low member, J. Robert Izod, organist and choirmaster of the Mount Lebanon Episcopal Church, was heard in a splendid recital of Garth Edmundson's original compositions, as sisted by Michael Dolan, tenor. The program included: "Cortege and Fanfare," "Bells through the Trees," "Elfin Dance," "To the Setting Sun," "Pastorale Ancienne," "Impressions Gothiques," Symphony 2, and a tenor solo, "The Radiant Morn." A fair-sized audience was present. The proceeds of the re-cital were presented to the treasurer of the convention board. After the recital we were invited by Dr. Harvey Caul. the convention board. After the recital we were invited by Dr. Harvey Gaul, organist and choirmaster of Calvary, to an informal gathering. Refreshments were in order. PAUL F. BEISWENGER, Secretary.



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# Hear the New Organ at Groton and Visit Worcester Church

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# Worcester Host to New England.

Worcester Host to Rew England. Worcester Chapter vas host to the Kwe England Chapter of Boston at All evensories gesrvice was presented by william Self, organist and choirmaster to a statistical and his choir. It was an hour of unalloyed satisfaction and the unaccompanied work brought out phrasing, shading and dic-tion of beauty and refinement. Mr. Selfs new anthem. "I Will Extol the organist and musical in-sign. On the program also was the brought out phrasing, shading and dic-tion of beauty and refinement. Mr. Selfs new anthem. "I Will Extol the organ the program also was the sign. On the program also was the sign. Con the service a reception franklin J. Crosson and Miss Phelps. Wandificat" composed by Gretchanin-the offee uns were Mrs. Franklin J. Crosson and Miss Phelps. Will Senson Mrs. Leslie B. Philos, Mrs. Leon M. Simonds, Wal-tor, Mrs. Rena Brown, Mrs. Leslie B. Philos, Mrs. Leon M. Simonds, Wal-tor, Joseph Smith and Ralph M. Joseph Smith and Ralph M. Joseph Smith and Ralph M. Joseph Smith Senson Senson Joseph Joseph Joseph Senson Joseph J

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# Georgia Chapter Program.

The season under the direction of Dean Ethel Beyer continues to grow in interest, attendance being at a high level. The December meeting was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at the beautiful Glenn Memorial Auditorium of Emory University, where the organ

is a large three-manual Pilcher. Mrs. Paul Bryan, A. A. G. O., was chairman and presented an ensemble program sponsored by the Atlanta Music Club. Miss Emilie Parmalee, A. A. G. O., was the soloist and played Sowerby's "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," the Bach Air for the G String and Shelley's Fanfare. Miss Parmalee always plays with poise and the spontaneous ap-plause that greeted each of her selec-tions shows the esteem in which she is held. tions s is held

With the assistance of violin, violon-cello, harp (Mrs. Margie Griffith), piano and a vocal trio, the following numbers were presented, with Mrs. Bryan conducting from the console: "Romance," Saint-Saens; "Devotion," Wark Andrews: Allegretto Richard Bryan conducting from the console: "Romance," Saint-Saens; "Devotion," Mark Andrews; Allegretto, Richard Walthew: "Slumber of the Infant Jesus," Busser, and "Consolation," Matthews: The Andrews and Matthews numbers were accorded the hearty ap-probation of the audience of 700 per-sons. The trio was from the Christmas Oratorio of Saint-Saens. Tuesday morning, Dec. 3, the At-lanta Music Club honored the artists of Atlanta at a luncheon and musicale. Guild members who were included as composers were: Miss Eda Bartholo-mew, C. W. Dieckmann, Hugh Hodg-son and Dr. Charles A. Sheldon. A number of other organists were present as guests.

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#### -Central Ohio Chapter.

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## Christmas Service at Pasadena.

**Christmas Service at Pasadena.** The Pasadena Chapter presented its first Christmas service Monday eve-ning. Dec. 9, at the First Congrega-tional Church, four choirs participating, with Mildred Broekway, A. A. G. O., of st. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen-dale, giving a group of organ numbers. Following a processional by the choir of the hostess church, the choir of the First Methodist Church of Alhambra, uffer the direction of Frank Van Gundy, with Frances Chatem, A. A. G. O., at the organ, sang "A Mexican Garol," arranged by Harvey Gaul, and "The Three Kings," arranged by Schindler. The First Baptist Church of Pasadena, under the direction of herd's Christmas Song," Reimann-Dick-inson, and "Sing Noel" (French carol), argough Siss Brockway played; Prelude and Fugue in B flat, Bach; "Eventide." and Hulet, organist and choirmaster and the singing "The First Nowel!"

his choir in "What a Wonder," ar-ranged by Dickinson, and "Tis the Birthday of Our Saviour," Vincent. John E. Clarke, A. A. G. O., was at the organ. Closing the choir groups. Helen Root Wolf, organist-director of the First Congregational Church, Pasa-dena, sang "And the Trees Do Moan," arranged by Gaul, and "The Bells of Noel," Schloss. As a glorious climax to a beautiful

Arranged by Gauss and Noel," Schloss. As a glorious climax to a beautiful evening of music Mr. Hallett directed the four choirs in "And the Glory of the Lord," from "The Messiah," and "Glorious Is Thy Name," from Mozart's "multich Mass. the Lorg, "Solar of the second second

# Verrees Plays in Farnam's Memory.

Verrees Plays in Farnam's Memory. The thirty-ninth public recital of the vas a Bach program in memory of the late Lynnwood Farnam, played at St. Luke's Church in Scranton by Leon Verrees. This event took place Nov. 3. Mr. Verrees, a devoted disciple of Mr. Farnam, played the following: Chorale Preludes, "Lord, Hear the Voite of My Complaint" and "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee", Prel-de in E minor (preceding the Wedge Fuels), Two Piano Pieces, Invention for two voices (F major) and Fugue in Sharp minor (from the "Well-tem-pered Chavichard"), Allegro from Fifth Sonata; Prelude and Fugue in C minor; Four Chorale Preludes (from the Eighteen Great Chorales); Two Piano Pieces, Invention for Three Voices (D mior) and Prelude and Fugueita tfrom Eighteen Little Preludes and fugues); Chorale Prelude, "Out of and Fugue in C minor.

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# Maine Chapter.

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# Louisiana Chapter.

Louisiana Chapter. The Louisiana Chapter held its monthly meeting Nov. 26 in the parish-house of St. Paul's Church, New Or-leans. The dean, William C. Webb, F. A. G. O., F. R. C. O., presided, and after the routine business and a dis-cussion of the recital given by Pietro Yon the preceding week the meeting was turned over to the organist of the church, Miss Walbank. An interesting program was presented, consisting of selections by the junior choir and solos by Mrs. Bradford, soprano: also a piano duet by Miss Walbank and Miss Henry. The rector's wife and several ladies of the church were present at the meeting and later assisted in serv-ing delicious refreshments, extending cordial hospitality to the Guild mem-bers.

bers. On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Louisiana Chapter assisted in the dedication of a new organ just installed in the Jack-son Avenue Evangelical Church, of which Henry S. Jacobs is organist and choir director. The organ is a three-manual Möller of thirty-two stops. The installation was by Messrs. Rivé of New Orleans. E. B. T.

# California Program Is Played by Woman Members of Chapter

The monthly meeting of the South-ern California Chapter was held at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles Monday evening, Dec. 2. The dinner and business meeting were followed by a recital in charge of the ladies of the chapter. Edith Boken-Krager, chair-man, played the fine four-manual Kim-ball organ of the church. Mabel Culver Adsit, organist of the First Baptist Church, opened the program with the first movement of the Handel Con-certo in F, followed by the Sowerby "Carillon"; "Romance sans Paroles," Bonnet, and the Yon "Sonata Roman-tica." Alice McMichael played "Tid-ings of Joy," and Adagio from Toccata and Fugue in C, Bach; also the Mauro-Cottone Variations on a Christmas Carol. Mrs. McMichael is organist of the large Church of the Open Door. Trene Robertson, who presides at the large Austin in the First Metho-dist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, brought the program to a close with "In dulci Jubilo," Bach and Dupré;

dist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, brought the program to a close with "In dulci Jubilo," Bach and Dupré; the Roulade of Seth Bingham, and the A minor Chorale of Franck—a truly inspiring climax to a beautiful and artistically played program. ΕΝΤΗ ΒΟΚΕΝ-ΚRAGER.

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# Mrs. Lockwood at Tallahassee.

Mrs. Lockwood at Tallahassee. The Tallahassee branch of the Flor-ida Chapter sponsored a recital by Charlotte Lockwood Nov. 23 in the auditorium of the Florida State College for Women. The event was well at-tended and was a brilliant success, both in the artistic and interpretative achievements of the performer and in the enthusiastic response from the audi-ence. Sunday, Nov. 17, Miss Dow, regent. illustrated and discussed in-formally the compositions which Mrs. Lockwood was expected to play. Sat-urday night, after the recital, the Guild held an mformal reception in honor of Mrs. Lockwood at the Alpha Chi Omega House. Doranty LEACH, Secretary. Orlando, Fla, Banquet.

# Orlando, Fla., Banquet.

Orlando, Fla., Banquet. Orlando Branch of the Florida Chap-ter had its annual banquet Nov. 26. A business meeting followed. Plans for the Guild service were discussed. It was decided also to have the combined choir and organ concert at the Munici-pal Auditorium in March. Herman Siewert, F. A. G. O., cr-ganist at Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College, played a program on the newly-installed Wicks two-manual organ in the home of Mrs. Bonita Crowe, Atlanta, Nov. 14, before a group of about fifty guests. Mr. Siewert is giving the weekly vesper programs on of about fifty guests. Mr. Sie werd is giving the weekly vesper programs on the beautiful Skinner three-manual organ in Knowles Chapel at Rollins. MANLY C. DUCKWORTH, Registrar, Florida Chapter.

# Central New Jersey.

Central New Jersey. The monthly meeting of the Central New Jersey Chapter was held on Mon-day, Dec. 2, at the Central Baptist Church, Trenton. Following a brief business session, a program of organ and piano duets was given, with Miss Florence Westenberger at the piano and Mrs. Fred Burgner at the organ. These numbers consisted of: "Ade-laida," from Beethoven C an tata; Adagio Cantabile from "Sonata Path-etique," Beethoven: Concerto in F, Handel, and Intermezzo from "L'Ar-lesienne" Suite, Bizet. The evening's program concluded with a discussion of the new Hammond electronic organ. a demonstration of

with a discussion of the new Hammond electronic organ, a demonstration of which the chapter members witnessed recently in Wanamaker's store, Phila-delphia. Mrs. Wilfred Andrews, Mrs. John Peterson, W. A. White and Ed-ward Riggs led the discussion, and the many comparisons drawn between this new instrument and the pipe organ proved very interesting. JEAN E. SCHLICKLING, Secretary.

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# New Guild Members: List of Colleagues Added by the Council

Colleagues elected by the council Nov. 25, 1935, are: BUFFALO-Miss Donalda G. Armstrong, Buffalo. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hill, Niagara Falls. Mrs. Dorothy Kroecker, Buffalo. Eleanor E. Schwartz, Buffalo. CAMDEN-

Eleanor nd Ricketts, M. D., Merchantville,

N. J. CENTRAL CALIFORNIA— T. Harold Grimshaw, Stockton. EASTERN NEW YORK— Raymond Peter Gletz, Castleton-on-Hudson.

Hudson. Hudson. HEADQUARTERS— Leonard B. Brabec, New York, Franklin Coates, New York, John Hammond, New York, Harold Kendrick, Jr., Norwalk, Conn. Majorie K. Propheter, Ridgefield Park, N. J. G. Haward South

N. J. G. Howard Scott, Asbury Park, N. J. H. R. Yarroll, New York. INDIANA--Dorothea May Hogle, Indianapolis. Thomas S. Tibbs, Indianapolis. MISSOURI--

Albert A. Bonholzer, St. Louis. MISSOURI-Albert A. Bonholzer, St. Louis. W. Randolph Lacey, Webster Groves. Walter A. Lehleitner, St. Louis. Hilda Medairy, St. Louis. Hilda Medairy, St. Louis. Mrs. Carroll Smith, St. Louis. NEW ENGLAND-George Faxon, Brookline, Mass. Robert D. Higgins, M. D., Brookline, Mase

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Eugene Leslie Covey, San Kafael.
NORTHERN OHIO—
Chester J. Brinkman, Toledo.
Mrs. Louis Dring, Cleveland Heights.
Carl A. Knittel, Youngstown.
W. Frederic Miller, Warren.
Corrad Preschley, Cleveland.
Mathilde T. Sharp, Cleveland.
Marie R. Gast, Lancaster.
H. M. Ridgely, Philadelphia.
John Saunders, Essington.
Norman P. Smith, Philadelphia.
IHODE ISLAND—
Svea M. Anderson, East Greenwich.
Elizabet K. Burgbe, Providence.
Ruth Dudley, Providence.
Ruth Morris, Ecrkeley,
June L. Samson, Providence.
Rosalind M. Wallace, Apponaug.
SACRAMENTO—
Mrs. Verma Brown, Woodland, Cal.
SOUTHERN OHIO—
C. Willard Kisling, Eaton.
John W. Melhtire, Wilmore, Ky.
VERMONT.NEW HAMPSHIRE—
Duane R. Bassett, Bennington, Vt.
WILKES-BARRE—
J. Montgomery Howells, Wilkes-Barre.
MORCESTER—
Mrs. Lela W. Cullis, Lexington, Ky.

Mass. LOUISVILLE--Mrs. Lela W. Cullis, Lexington, Ky.

Union-Essex Chapter.

Union-Essex Chapter. Business and pleasure were profit-ably combined at the Union-Essex meeting held in St. Paul's Church, Newark, N. J., Nov. 12, with Dean W. N. Hewitt presiding. After dis-posing of routine business an instruc-tive, comprehensive lecture on "Organs and Organ Pipes" was delivered by a capable and thoroughly experienced builder of American organs, Leslie Leet. Illustrating his well-received talk with a miniature organ, the lecturer gave a practical and graphic demonstration in organ tuning. in

organ tuning. Following the lecture a recital of un-Following the lecture a recital of un-usual merit was played by John Stand-erwick, A. G. O., organist and choir-master of the Morrow Memorial Church, Maplewood, N. J. His num-bers were: Chorale Improvisation on "Nun danket Alle Gott," Karg-Elert; Air in D minor, Bach; Fugue in D major, Bach: "An Elizabethan Idyll," Noble: "To the Setting Sun." Edmund-son; Finale from First Symphony, Vierne. Vie.

Sub-Dean Lee H. Richardson, A. A. G. O., announced a recital by him Nov.

19, assisted by his choir and a quartet of solo voices at the Church of the Holy Communion, South Orange, N. J. The program included: Two Cradle Songs, Botting; Toccata in D minor (Doric), B a ch; "Hail, Gladdening Light," Martin (the choir); Andante Cantabile from Fourth Symphony, Wi-dor; "The Squirrel," Weaver; Festival Te Deum in E flat, Buck, and "God So Loved the World," Stainer (the choir); First Sonata, Borowski. A service of traditional spiritual Christmas carols was given before an appreciative audience of more than 400 in the First Reformed Church, New-ark, N. J., Dec. 11. This service was the Union-Essex Chapter's contribu-tion to the seasonal festivities of the city. Intelligent arrangement of the program was shown in the treatment of a subicet which "time has hallowed

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city. Intelligent arrangement of the program was shown in the treatment of a subject which "time has hallowed and tradition has made her own." To Dean W. N. Hewitt, A. A. G. O., credit is due for untiring effort; to the secre-tary, W. Norman Grayson, M. A., for his work at the console; to the several directors and their choirs, gathering early in the evening for their only joint rehearsal, and to the ministers and church officials. Colorful and inspiring was the con-gregational singing. Owing to the ill-ness of Lee H. Richardson, A. A. G. O., the postlude was played by W. Norman Grayson, A. A. G. O. The Prelude and Christmas Pastorale by Manney; "In dulci Jubilo," Bach, and Pastorale from "The Messiah," Handel, were played by Kate Elizabeth Fox, F. A. G. O. Mr. Grayson played: "Christmas in Sicily," Yon, and "Car-illon-Sortie," Mulet. On Jan. 13 the monthly meeting of the chapter will be held in the West-minster Presbyterian Church, Bloom-field, N. J., with Miss Roberta Bitgood. F. A. G. O., in charge. A program of Psalm settings will be given by the choirs of that church. Following this the members will adjourn to the First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, to witness a demonstration of the Hammond elec-tronic organ, under the direction of Lester B. Major, A. A. G. O., organist of the church. ISAAC HAMLTON, Registrar.

Lester B. Major, A. A. G. O., organist of the church. ISAAC HAMILTON, Registrar. Louisville Convention May 6 and 7. With the appointment of William E. Pilcher, Jr., as general chairman, plans for the regional convention to be held in Louisville were announced and disfor the regional convention to be held in Louisville were announced and dis-cussed at the meeting of the chapter Dec. 2. The dates decided upon are May 6 and 7, and committee appoint-ments were made at this meeting so there will be ample time to work in and to be sure everything will be in readiness when the time arrives. Dec. 1 David K. Bishop presented a program at Deer Park Baptist Church, using the following selections: Prelude and Fugue in B flat major, Bach; Air, Concerto No. 10, Handel; "Will-o'-the-Wisp," Nevin; Irish Air, Lemare; "Liebestraum," Liszt; "At Evening," Kinder.

"Liebestraum, Liszt, A. Kinder. Miss Alma Hoffman and her choir of Calvary Lutheran Church on Dec. 6 presented a unique program depicting periods in the life of Christ with ap-propriate organ selections and anthems. George B. Nevin's "Adoration" was given by the choir of the Fourth Ave-nue Baptist Church Dec. 15 under the direction of Mrs. Frank Ropke, or-vanist.

The new colonial Bethpage Club of the commission and guests for the New York branch of the Hammond Cluck Company of Louisville. C. L. SEUBOLD, Corresponding Secretary. Long Island Chapter. The new colonial Bethpage Club of the Long Island State Park Commis-sion was the scene of a large gathering of organists, their friends, members of the commission and guests for the No-vember meeting of the Long Island Chapter. The occasion was a recital on the Hammond electronic organ by John Hammond electronic organ by John Hammond recommended the New York branch of the Hammond Clock Company. The assisting artist was Dr. Ralph Morris of Bayshore, tenor.

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Many of the organists took advantage of the opportunity to play this instru-ment after the formal recital. A dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond was held in the Canton room of the clubhouse preceding the recital, which was well attended by members and guests. ANTOINETTE HALL, Dean.

Chesapeake Chapter

Chesapeake Chapter The regular meeting of Chesapeake Chapter, held on Dec. 2 at Brown Me-morial Presbyterian Church, was of the homecoming type. A special plea for 100 per cent attendance met with a gratifying response. A very interest-ing travel talk was given by Howard R. Thatcher of Eutaw Place Temple and First Church of Christ, Scientist, in which he told of an automobile jour-ney across the continent. En route he and his companion, Edmund S. Ender of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, met new organ acquaintances and renewed

of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, met new organ acquaintances and renewed old friendships. He also described va-rious organs and churches visited. The remainder of the evening was devoted to an "organ-wide broadcast" of "station CCAGO." A group of seven organists proved their versatility by unusual settings of various well-known songs and poems, as well as astonishing hin ts on gardening, cooking, etc. The organists assisting Norris Harris, as announcer, were Ernestine Leithauser, Hattie Shreve, Katherine Beasley, Henry F, Baker, James C. Honeywell and Herbert J. Austin.

Katherine Beasley, Henry F, Baker, James C. Honeywell and Herbert J. Austin. The evening closed with a general discussion of current news and organ interests to the accompaniment of punch and cookies. M. IDA ERMOLD, Corresponding Secretary. Michigan Chapter. The Christmas party of the Michigan Chapter was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit Dec. 10. For this month we dispensed with a business meeting, just devoting the evening to having a good time. We began by having a turkey dimer. The feature of the evening was a "Major Bowes amateur hour." We discovered a great amount of talent in this way. As usual, at the conclusion of the fes-As usual, at the conclusion of the fest tributed presents to all the good boys and girls. Games were played and everybody had one great time. ERNST Kossow, Secretary. Phode Island Chapter

All girls. Unless were prayer and everybody had one great time. ERNST KOSSOW, Secretary. Manual Science of the season Oct. 28 in first meeting of the season Oct. 28 in spational Church, Providence. Twenty-six members were present. The meet-ing was called to order by the dean, Roy P. Bailey. Three new active mem-bers and four subscribing members were elected. A short report was made by Frank E. Streeter, chairman of the survey had been made of all Rhode Guild, 'had been sent to 246 organists, to the dea of increasing our mem-bers interesting report of the conven-tion in New York. The meeting adjourned to attend the fraga recital by Helen Hogan Come in the Central Congregational Church, the program of which appeared in the Come, now of London, is a former organist of Central Church, and a large in an informal reception was held. Normer C. Apgar, organist and choir-master of Ars. Come. The meeting adjourned to attend the regranist of Central Church, and a large in the Central Congregational Church the program of which appeared in the comparist of Central Church, and a large in a set of THE DIAPASON. Mrs. Come, now of London, is a former organist of Central Church, and a large in the central Congregation was held. Normer C. Apgar, organist and choir-master of St. Stephen's Church and school, Providence, gave a very inter-sting lecture on the subject "The school, Providence, gave a very inter-sting lecture on the subject "The school, Providence, gave a very inter-sting lecture on the subject "The school, Providence, Basis of Musical Sound," us-ing a Hammond electronic organ to use their friends were pres-t. The dean, Mr. Bailey, announced public recital Nov. 18 by Miss Grace

of Grace Church, Providence, at Grace Church. Refreshments were served. of Grace Church, Providence, as well-Church. Refreshments were served. Miss Regester's program was as fol-lows: Prelude and Fugue in G major, Bach: Preludes on American Hymn-tunes ("Martyr," "Olivet" and "Beth-any"), J. Sebastian Matthews; "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Russell; Suite No. 2, Edward Shippen Barnes. Sarah Henley Ide, soprano, sang two solos.

#### ANNIE M. RIENSTRA, Secretary. .

Open Central New York Season.

ANNE M. RIENSTRA, Secretary. Open Central New York Season. Armistice Day marked the opening of the season for the Central New York Chapter. Dinner for twenty guests was served at "Sunnyside," in Utica. Miss Zilah Holmes, dean of the chap-ter, presided. Mrs. Henry Kassing was in charge of reservations and the pro-gram. Mrs. Reba Maltby of Little Falls and Miss Holmes of Sherrill, delegates to the June convention, sub-meter of reservations and the pro-gram. Mrs. Reba Maltby of Little Falls and Miss Holmes of Sherrill, delegates to the June convention, sub-meter of the chapter turned their attention from their standard instru-Marguerite Gurley, organist of South Congregational Church, South Utica, Niss Holmes, the dean, intro-fuced Miss Margaret Griffith, who told of her summer studies at Oxford Uni-versity. England, and also of her trip hrough Wales. Following this Miss Griffith, with Mrs. Marjorie Hixson, played the Arensky Suite for two played the Arensky Suite for two proven Chapter. Following this Miss. Fergus Bridge, guest soprano, sang as aroup of three songs, accompanied by Mrs. Gurley. Mrs. Marie Juergensen. Miss Holmes and Miss Margarethe Miss Molmes and Miss Margarether. The Central Missouri Chapter. In The Central Missouri Chapter is

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**Central Missouri Chapter.** The Central Missouri Chapter is composed of organists from eight wide-ly scattered towns. For this reason they have adopted the plan of holding afternoon meetings at Columbia, Mo., on the same date that the University of Missouri presents its concert series. There is usually a good attendance and much enthusiasm and good fellowship. A dinner together and the university concert in the evening are added enjoy-able features. able features.

At the meeting Dec. 2, held in the auditorium of Stephens College, Miss Nesta Williams gave an interesting re-port of the convention in New York, which she attended as delegate of the chapter. The following program was given: Concerto in F major, Handel (organ, Miss Nesta Williams, F. A. G. O.; piano, Miss Marjorie Orton); Sym-phony No. 2, Widor, and "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," Delius (Claude L. Fichthorn). The group enjoyed the concert by the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra in the evening.

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# Western Washington Chapter.

Western Washington Chapter. The regular luncheon of the Western Washington Chapter was called to order Dec. 11 at the Pine Tree tea-room, Seattle. Following the business meeting Miss Esther Parker of the luncheon program committee intro-duced the guest speaker, Edwin Fair-bourn, who gave some of his expe-riences in church music. Mr. Fairbourn, who is organist at Pilgrim Congrega-tional Church and the First Baptist Church, Seattle, is also conductor of a preble Clef Club. Warren D. Allen of Stanford Uni-versity. California, is in Seattle and is appearing in a recital at the University Temple Sunday afternoon. Dec. 15. with Francis Armstrong, violinist, as-sisting. His program includes Bach's Tocia. Adagio from Sonata, Op. 108. by Brahms, and the Sonata No. 11 for UNILACE SEELY, Secretary.

# News of the American Guild of Organists - Continued

Lehigh Valley Chapter. The November meeting of the Le-high Valley Chapter was held Nov. 5 in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed

The November meeting of the Le-high Valley Chapter was held Nov. 5 in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Northampton, Pa., and was known as Guild night in a series of programs in connection with the silver anniversary of the church and the re-dedication of the organ. Three guest organists presented the following pro-gram: "Yucca Blossoms," Nearing; Cradle Song, Brahms, and "Vision," Bibl (Mrs. Pauline Kocher Schadt): "Morning," Speaks; "The Trumpeter," Arlie Dix (Norman Flores, tenor solo-ist); "Harmonies du Soir," Karg-Elert: Suite in F, Corelli (E. B. Kocher): Chorale Prelude on an Old Scotch Hymn-tune, Noble: Pastorale, Sam-uels; "Minuetto" ("Danse Louis Quat-roze"), Shelley, and Toccata, Bartlett (David Griffth Samuels). The Lehigh Valley Chapter met in Christ Evangelical and R ef or m ed Church, Bath, Pa., Dec. 3, and heard an organ recital and a symposium on the organist-minister relationship. A. L. Gundrum, A. A. G. O., presided. The recital on the beautiful new memorial organ was by Frank S. Graver, or-ganist of Christ Evangelical and Re-formed Church, Emaus, Pa., and Dr. Homer C. Nearing, F. A. G. O., or-ganist of St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, and was as follows: Fugue in G minor, Bach (Mr. Graver); Prel-ude and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Al-legro assai vivace from Sonata in F minor, Mendelssohn; Allegro Canta-bile from Fifth Symphony, Widor; and Toccata from "Suite Gothique," Boell-mann (Miss Schaeffer); Sixth Sym-phony, first movement, Widor; Ser-enata, Nearing, and Toccata and Fugue. Bach (Mr. Nearing). Mr. Nearing played all his numbers from memory. After the recital the organists and their guests, their respective pastors, adiourned to the beautiful candle

Date (Mr. Nearing). Mr. Nearing played all his numbers from memory. After the recital the organists and their guests, their respective pastors, adjourned to the beautiful candle-lighted study of the Rev. Reginald Helfferich, chaplain to the Guild, for a short business meeting. Of special interest and enjoyment was the sym-posium which followed. The speakers and their subjects were as follows: "My Best Friend, the Organist," by the Rev. Mr. Kaatz: "What I Expect of the Organist." by the Rev. Judge Henninger; "Ministers—the Reasons Organists Go Nuts," by Dr. T. Edgar Shields, A. A. G. O., and "How the Minister Can Help the Organist," by Miss Charlotte Bond, A. A. G. O. The evening was brought to a successful close with a fine supper, the Rev. Mr. Helfferich and Mrs. Helfferich acting as hosts. HILDA I. BACHMAN, Secretary.

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# Activities of Tulsa Organists.

HILPA 1. BACHMAR, Secretary. Activities of Tulsa Organist. Normal Second Monday night of each month second Monday night of each month in the Kropp Tavern in Tulsa for dinner, business and a study period. The December meeting was held the night of Dec. 9 and during the dinner hour regular business was transacted, with the dean, Marie M. Hine, presid-ing. Reed Jerome, chairman of recitals, fold of the radio recital Dec. 8 at the First Baptist Church under the auspices of the chapter over KTUL. The or-yanists for the occasion were Frances Wellmon Anderson, Esther Handley and Mr. Jerome. The study session was in charge of the chairman, John Knowles Weaver, the class in musical mowledge was conducted by Mrs. Hine, the dictation class by Mrs. E. E. Clulow and transposition by Mr. Weaver. Carl E. Amt, head of the yand department of A. and M. College, stillwater, Okla, was the only outside member present. — Activities of chapter members in-forded the annual good cheer concert of the Hyechka Club, at the Boston Are, E. Clulow was heard in the Christ-Marie M. Hine in Sowerby's "Carillon." — The most important event in organ music thus far this season for Tulsa was the recital of Marie M. Hine, A. A. G. O., who was presented by the Wednesday Morning Musicale in her-tenth annual program, at Triinity Epis-opal Church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17. The recital attracted a large num-

ber of persons interested in organ music; many doubtless came with high expectations and they were rewarded expectations and they were rewarded by an excellent and well-rendered pro-gram, chosen largely from representa-tive masters. Mrs. Hine was assisted by Kathryn Kirkham Reid, soprano, and a string quartet. The organ pro-gram was as follows: Sonata No. 7 in F minor (Andante and Finale), Rhein-berger; Canon in B minor, Schumann; Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach; "Chimes of St. Mark" (Venice), Rus-solo; "La Brume" ("The Mist"), Gaul; Toccata, Gigout; "Benedictus," Reger.

#### -0.0-Texas Chapter.

Texas Chapter. Arthur W. Poister gave a recital under the auspices of the Texas Chap-ter at the McFarlin Auditorium in Dal-las Dec. 3. As might be expected, the recital was a success in every sense of the word. After the program Miss Alice Knox Fergusson entertained at her home in honor of Mr. Poister, members of the chapter and patrons. The living-room and music-room were decorated with bowls of chrysanthe-mums and the dining table was laid with a lace cloth over gold, while the center-piece was a mound of red autumn leaves and golden calendulas, carrying out the Guild colors. Mesdames Day and Sewell poured coffee and tea. Others serving in the dining-room were Others serving in the dining-room were Misses Gertrude Day, Anita Hansen, Irma Appel and Myrtle Evelyn Hollo-way. Miss Fergusson was also as-sisted by Mrs. H. L. Gharis and Kath-erine Hammons.

The December meeting of the Texas Chapter was held on the third Wednes-day at the parish-house of St. Mat-thew's Cathedral. The following ap-distinct for membership ways as thew's Cathedral. The following ap-plications for membership were re-ceived and voted on: Miss Margaret Hughston, Dallas; Mrs. E. G. Baldwin, Waco; Mrs. R. P. Hallaran, Waco, and Ralph Parker, Tyler. A letter from the North Texas sub-chapter at Wichita Falls was read re-questing permission to become an in-dependent chapter, which matter will be taken up with headquarters in New York.

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The recital committee announced a riace Methodist Church, featuring Miss Maude McElvaney of Fort Stockton, Mrs. George C. Cochran and Mrs. Walter Fried of Dallas. After the business session the Rev. J. W. Kennedy, rector of St. Cyprian's, Lufkin, Tex., gave a very interesting talk on Christmas carols. This was followed by a luncheon second recital to be given Jan. 7 at the Munger Place Methodist Church, featuring Miss Maude McElvaney of Fort Stockton,

ialk on Christian followed by a luncheon served social committee. KATHERINE HAMMONS.

Miami Chapter.

Miami Chapter. The first fall meeting of the Miami Chapter was held in the patio at the home of the sub-dean, L. A. Oates, in Coconut Grove. Plans for the season were discussed and a recital was ar-ranged for the November meeting. It was decided to hold monthly meetings on the second Thursday. Additional recitals were also discussed for eve-ning meetings at intervals during the season. At the close of the business Miss Ellen Gorton Davis entertained the members and guests with piano selections and the hostess served a buffet supper. buffet supper.

In the hurricane Nov. 4, many of our members suffered losses. The sec-retary being no exception, the recital planned for November was postponed, and again in December it was found impossible to meet on the appointed day, but the meeting was finally held on Thursday, the 19th. The chapter welcomed Mrs. Treverton, a transfer from Northern Ohio Chapter. A letter was read from Everett Hilty at Denver,

Colo., where he now resides, in which he resigned as treasurer of the chapter. Mrs. Louis Gates then announced that she was soon to leave Miami and ten-dered her resignation as dean. This was regretfully accepted, and Mrs. Gates turned over the meeting to the sub-dean, Lewis A. Oates, who will call a special meeting of the executive board to name new officers to fill the vacancies. The next meeting, Jan. 9, is to be in the form of a Guild service.

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Northern Ohio Chapter Hears Rabbi.

Northern Ohio Chapter Hears Rabbi. The December meeting of the North-from Ohio Chapter took place on Wednes-day evening, Dec. 4. A dinner was given at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Cleveland, with Rabbi Barnett R. Disk of honor. After dinner the where an impressive service was con-ducted in the chapel by the rabbi, as-sisted by the temple choir under the ability of honor. After dinner the where an impressive service was con-ducted in the chapel by the rabbi, as-sisted by the temple choir under the ability of honor. After dinner the where an impressive service was con-ducted in the chapel by the rabbi, as-sisted by the temple choir under the ability of the temple door under the ability of the temple door under the ability of the temple door under the ability of the temple ability of the ple, presided at the Hammond elec-trages ervices. The rabbi spoke of the many simi-the form of service used in the Anglican church. Much of the music of the protestant church has been adapted from Hebrew chants; so much so that the form of service used in the Anglican church du the true Hebrew music has been adapted the form diservices. The ability expresses their ritual is not surprising that services of the and Mr. Goldman have been which traditional Hebrews music which is not surprising that services the the protestant practice of the antiphonal teading of the Psalms was taken from at the conclusion of the service allowed the double solution of the service allowed the true the brow the services allowed the true the synagogue. The the conclusion of the services allowed the the were invited to inspect the service of the synagosue. ALCE E. WILLSON. **Detersburg, Va, Annual Service.** 

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Tabb Street Church. The offertory was by Samuel Shanko, Jr., of St. John's Episcopal Church, Hopewell, Va. Mr. Shanko played "Pax Vobis-cum" ("In Modum Antiquum"), by Garth Edmundson, and Miss Lillian Spain, organist of the Washington Street M. E. Church, played "Grand Choeur," by Renaud, for the postlude. The object of this annual event is to offer a typical seervice of devotion, with proper emphasis upon the im-portance of music in the church.

## Missouri Chapter.

Missouri Chapter. A meeting of the Missouri Chapter was held Monday evening, Nov. 25, at the charming home of Dean Hugo Hagen, with the dean and Mrs. Hagen as host and hostess. A Mexican buffet luncheon was served. A business meet-ing followed, after which a program was rendered by Mabel M. Henderson. contraito soloist, accompanied by Ver-nor Henshie, both of Filgrim Congre-gational Church, and Benno Biese-meyer, tenor, accompanied by Cathmeyer, tenor, accompanied by Cath-erine Carmichael, both of the Third Baptist Church.

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A touch of humor was added to the occasion by the clever magician Will Lindhorst, who performed what to us seemed impossible feats. At 10:30 our dean tuned in on KMOX and we listened to a program played on the Kilgen organ by our colleague, C. Albert Scholin, organist of Kingshighway Presbyterian Church. This season our chapter is sponsoring a series of recitals by outstanding artists. On Nov. 18 Charlotte Lockwood gave an excellent recital at Christ Church Cathedral on the four-manual Skinner organ. This was followed by a reception at the Jefferson Hotel. On Jan. 6 Virgil Fox will play at Christ Church Cathedral. On March 3 Carl Weinrich will be the third artist of the series. He will play at Centenary M. E. Church on a three-manual Kilgen of which Edgar L. McFadden is organist. organist.

### LILLIAN C. COFFMAN.

# Monmouth Chapter.

Monmouth Chapter. The regular meeting of the Mon-mouth Chapter Nov 14 was called by the dean as the first meeting of the 1935-36 season. Ten members and several guests were present at St. George's Church, Rumson, N. J. The first part of the evening was a recital by T. Smith and Miss Lucy Sacco. An inspection of the organ console of St. George's Church was made, including the organ chamber and carillo. During refreshments at the home of Dean Farrar, present-day hymn sing-ing was discussed, bringing to notice the prevalence of gospel songs. HELEN EANTONIDES, Secretary.

Frank M. Church, A. A. G. O., di-rector of fine arts at Athens College, Athens, Ala., presented five young or-ganists of high promise in a recital at the college Dec. 6. Those who played were: Miss Mildred Croft, Miss Aline Beaird, Miss Rhea Claiborne, Miss Bonelle Hornsby and Mrs. Sara Til-man man.

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Badquartes—14 Em stroet, Toronto, Ont. Montreal Center. W. Bulford, Secretary. On the evening of Nov. 27 an in-theresting and unusual meeting of the Montreal Center was held in the chapel of Divinity Hall, McGill University. Professor Robert George, B. A., B. J. instructor in diction and oral English in McGill, gave a reading of Francis Thompson's "The Hound of Heaven" and other poems, accompanied on the organ by Dr. Herbert Sanders, F. R. C. O., the well-known Montreal or-canist. The mesemble of voice and music was pressed the meaning of the poetry in a forceful manner, attaining moments of great dramatic intensity and carry-of great dramatic intensity and carry-ing his audience through a wide range of emotional experience. The work streatment, and no doubt many listeners poot. Dr. Sanders, with facile tech-nique, improvised music which was at the source which work of some of the poetry moment most interesting and in close accord with the mood of the waller poems seemed bound to the using the poems seemed bound to the strong the poems seemed bo -0

Inspired songs. P. C. M. London Center. Dec. 3 a good representation of the members attended a luncheon and heard A. Ernest Harris, A. T. C. M., give a reading from Edmondstoune Duncan's "Story of the Carol," some examples being sung. The chairman, Ivor S. Brake, presided. Sunday evening, Dec. 15, a carol serv-ice was held in First United Church. Nineteen choirs were massed for the occasion. The Rev. M. A. Waters presided and the Rev. G. Murray Stuart gave the message; in charge of the music were A. E. Harris and K. C. Byfield—the former at the organ and the latter conducting. The carols were chosen from the United Church hymn-ary and were so judiciously arranged that the congregation was able to join in many of them. The Hallelujah Chorus made a fitting conclusion to the service. Winnices Center.

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On Monday, Nov. 18, in St. Mat-thew's Church, the united choirs of St. John's Cathedral, St. Matthew's, All Saints', Holy Trinity and St. George's Churches sang choral evensong with Hugh Bancroft, F. R. C. O., conducting and Ronald W. Gibson, A. C. C. O., at the organ. His Grace, the Arch-bishop of Rupert's Land, preached the sermon. The Rev. Frederick Hughes was the precentor, while the lessons were read by Canon H. D. Martin and the Rev. C. Carruthers. The anthems were by Bach and Whitlock, the Psalms were by Bach and Whitlock, the Psalms were sug to chants by Hopkins, Walmisley and Attwood, and the prel-ude and postlude were by Rheinberger and Yaughan Williams respectively.
On Thursday evening, Nov. 28, Ron-ald W. Gibson gave a talk on the London conference of organists which he attended while overseas. His de-scription of the services in Glasgow.

Canterbury and London, and also of his week's sojourn with Dr. Slater of Lincoln, was an added interest to the audience.

audience. Ottawa Center. Under C. C. O. auspices, a grand carol service was held in Dominion Church Dec. 15 after the evening serv-ice, when Leonard Tanner, Mus. B., F. R. C. O., conducted and Allanson Brown, F. R. C. O., was at the organ. Mr. Brown played organ compositions by Candlyn, Rooper, Bach, Handel and Widor.

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Hamilton Center. Grace M. Johnson, Secretary. The regular meeting and supper of the Hamilton Center was held Satur-value of the Central Presbyte-rian Church, Brantford, with an at-tendance of twenty-five members. Wil-liam Findlay presiding. The Rev. G. D. Johnston welcomed the organists to his church and short speeches were made by W. H. Hewlett, A. G. Mer-riman and Mr. Priestley of Brantford. After supper the members visited Mohawk Institute, where the Indian choir, conducted by Mr. Merriman, gave a short recital, after which they adjourned to Grace Anglican Church, where the following program was ren-dered: Sonata No. 6. Mendelssohn (Harold D. Jerome): "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" ("Messiah"), Handel (Thomas Gray); Fugue in G minor, Bach; Pastorale in E. Lemare, and concert Piece, Dienel (Miss Aileen Thorne): "Sound an Alarm," Handel (Thomas Gray): Chorale in E major, Franck, and Allegro non troppo (Son-ata No. 7, in F minor), Rheinberger. **Kitchener Center.** 

Kitchener Center. Kitchener Center. A large audience enjoyed the organ playing of Cecil A. Walker and Leonard Grigg Dec, 9 in Holy Saviour Anglican Church, Kitchener. Both players gave an excellent account of themselves and were ably assisted by Keith Henderson. baritone. Twenty organists who were in attendance met at the close of the program for a social hour and enjoyed the refreshments provided by the ladies of the church.

the refreshments provided by the ladies of the church. The recital by E. Power Biggs in St. George's Church, Guelph, Nov. 25 proved an immense success. The Kitch-enter Choir sponsored the event and the attendance was most gratifying. As regards Mr. Biggs' performance, space will not allow us to enlarge on the matter as we would like. Suffice it to say that his playing was such as to enhance his already considerable repu-tation.

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## Death of Helen Carney Pyne.

Mrs. Helen Carney Pyne, for the last twenty-six years organist of St. Ambrose's Church, Chicago, died Dec. 13 at the residence of her daughter. She was the widow of John J. Pyne and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Henry T. Ireys and Helen L. Pyne. -----

# "Messiah" Directed by Dickinson.

"Messiah" Directed by Dickinson. Handel's "Messiah" was sung in the James Chapel at Union Theological Seminary. New York, Dec. 12, under the direction of Dr. Clarence Dickinson, with Mildred Rose, soprano; Pauline Pierce, contralto; George Rasely, tenor, and Theodore Webb, bass, as soloists.

"JUST" INTONATION AND ORGAN.

"JUST" INTONATION AND ORGAN. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7, 1935.— Editor of THE DIAPASON: I read with much interest the article on electric "organs," written by George W. Stan-ley, I thought it illuminating and in-formative. There is, however, one point which is incorrect. That is the paragraph in which the writer refers to the orchestra as sounding better than the organ because of the "celeste" effect produced by out-of-tuneness of the orchestra. There are only two reasons why an orchestra plays out of tune. The first is poor or tired players (or in the case of strings, damp weather); the second is attempting to play chord progres-sions which have no proper connection, therefore making it impossible to judge what pitch to play. However, every first-class orchestral player and every forducen strive to their utunost to produce nusic which is "in tune." An orchestra does not play in tempered intonation, which produces beats, but who the chord formations are clear to the players, pure, or "just," intona-tion is the result. It is this untempered intonation which makes the orchestra "celeste" effects. An organ is more or less," for none are ever fully in tune. There are on the Largo from the "New for none are ever fully in tune

less in temperament—I say, "more or less," for none are ever fully in tune even in temperament. The reason the Largo from the "New World" Symphony for example, sounds so beautiful when played by a fine symphony orchestra is because the intonation is "just." When it is played upon an organ with sharp major thirds and flat fifths it cannot and does not sound the same. There are many passages in all great compositions which can be played and are played in "just" intonation, but when the har-mony becomes involved and contains "enharmonic" tones and false chord relations conceived in equal tempera-ment, then the players play the best notes they can, often sliding up or down to the intonation which seems to prevail for the moment. But this is not equal temperament in any sense; it is a general chaos of intonation



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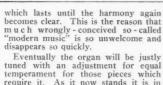
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"modern music" is so unwelcome and disappears so quickly. Eventually the organ will be justly tuned with an adjustment for equal temperament for those pieces which require it. As it now stands it is in two intonations, equal temperament for the entire organ except the mixtures, and these are in "just" intona-tion. There is very little of the great masters which is not possible in "just" intona-tion. It must be remembered that much of the greatest organ music was con-ceived when the organ was in "mean-tone" intonation, in which the thirds were pure, though the fifths were flatter than in equal temperament. Bach, Han-del, Mozart. etc., wrote for this tem-perament. The reason that good or-chestral transcriptions of these masters' works sound better in the orchestra than on the organ is because the or-chestra with its free pitch can play the pure, unadulterated harmony. N. LINDSAY NORDEN.

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ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1936 ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1936 A new year is before us. To predict that it will be one of great prosperity would be to assume the prophet's man-tle, which is not the function of a magazine. Our duty is to place on record the history of the years as they go by. The optimist can find enough in the record of 1935 to raise his hopes and to convince him that we are mak-ing artistic progress and holding our own in the world as a profession. Tried by fire, we have devoted ourselves to own in the world as a profession. Tried by fire, we have devoted ourselves to making not only better organs, but better musicians to play these organs. The day of mass production and mass appeal is gone and we are getting back to first principles and to a realization that organ building and organ playing are arts. To commercialize them may that organ building and organ playing are arts. To commercialize them may mean fat pocketbooks, but ultimate dis-aster. Today we are striving for def-initely better things, as organ specifi-cations, a hearing of the latest organs and a study of the best recital pro-grams and services amply show. If that has been the lesson of adversity we are the better for it, unplacent as the pill the better for it, unpleasant as the pill has been.

By some the last year will be remem-bered as that of the great electrical dis-turbance. With such storms, the more threatening the clouds and the thunder, the sooner they are over, and they are followed by fair weather. That is our view of the future. The pessimists may feel more like the blind sheep of Aesop's fable which before the proposed opera-tion that would restore its sight asked the owl whether the world had changed much during its period of blindness, and, being assured that it was the same, expressed a preference for remaining blind. The man of vision will look to 1936 as into a cloud, but will see the golden fringe. By some the last year will be remem-

golden fringe. So we wish you a happy new year. Hail, 1936!

## RECITALS-A BIRDSEYE VIEW

RECITALS—A BIRDSEYE VIEW Sixty-nine performers on the organ were represented with programs of recitals in the pages devoted to this feature in the December issue of THE DIAPASON. The department contained programs played from Boston to Los Angeles and from Florida to Seattle. Every region was represented and every type of recital. The aim is to present in these pages a comprehensive and accurate picture of the status of recital playing in Amer-ica and Canada, to the extent that it can be presented without the oppor-tunity of an actual hearing of the per-formances. THE DIAPASON the omply believes in the value of such a monthly presentation, and supports its policy with hard cash, for the type composi-tion and the space devoted to these re-cital programs are expensive. Aside from this, infinite painstaking care is involved in the preparation of the pro-grams the product of the type composicital programs are expensive. Aside from this, infinite painstaking care is involved in the preparation of the pro-grams, the proof-reading, etc. Of course we might assume a judicial attitude and print only those lists which appeal to the editor, or which in the light of editorial omniscience measure up to our ideas, but that would not be rendering the service for which our readers pay. One of our aids who possesses a mathematical mind has

figured out that the publication of the average program costs for mechanical work and material alone, without over-head, mailing or editorial services, at least \$1.50; but that is neither here nor there in the face of our duty to give our readers all the organ "news that's fit to print." Obviously we cannot pub-lish all the programs we receive, or all the recital offerings of some of our fit to print." Obviously we cannot pub-lish all the programs we receive, or all the recital offerings of some of our most active players, nor can we make space for regular church service num-bers, but we do the best we can with-out discrimination.

There are many uses for these recital pages, with their mass of data in type. Many organists study them with the view of enlarging their own repertory. At any organists study including the propertory. Others scan them to ascertain what the most famed men and women are play-ing. To us the most interesting story they tell is the trend in program mak-ing. Compare them with the lists of compositions offered in public recitals forty and fifty years ago and you will see that there has been an improve-ment in taste and a much more serious conception of the purpose of organ music. Along with the great advance organ construction has made in the last generation there has come a higher ideal in playing. One finds less of the banal in our programs today, taking them by and large, than in the earlier days. days.

There is another fact that must im-press itself on everyone who studies these columns; it is the very hearten-ing one that organ recitals are by no means dead. There are still people throughout the land who attend them throughout the land who attend them and value them. These people are not as numerous as those who fill the moving-picture theaters or listen to crooning over the radio, but they con-stitute a leaven which assures us that the organ is appreciated by a very con-siderable proportion of our music-lowers.

### NOT WITHERED BY AGE

NOT WITHERED BY AGE Age cannot wither some of our or-ganists. Supplementing the various an-niversaries published from time to time in our news columns we have such rare cases as two noted in the public prints within the last month. At Carlinville, III., Mrs. Franklin Meyer quietly cele-brated her ninety-first birthday anni-versary Nov. 15. The State Register of Springfield, III., reported that Mrs. Meyer "enjoys good health and is still able to fill her place as organist at St. Joseph's Catholic Church every Sun-day, a position she has filled for more than fifty years." The same paper is authority for the report that this ven-erable lady appeared in a recital at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Concep-tion in Springfield in November and that the performance was broadcast.

that the performance was broadcast. From Martinsville, Mo., comes word of the celebration by F. Gottlieb Jacobi of his fiftieth anniversary as organist of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. It is stated that although Mr. Jacobi is 85 years of age, he is still active and vitally interested in his church work. He has been an outstanding citizen of his county for half a century. He has been a delegate to several Democratic national convertions and was a close friend of Champ Clark, Senator George Vest and Senator W. J. Stone during their lifetime. On the occasion of the jubilee Mr. Jacobi received a personal letter from President Roosevelt and a cablegram from Pope Pius congratulat-ing him. ing him.

## REMINISCENCES OF LEMARE

REMINISCENCES OF LEMARE A feature that will interest every organist who reads this paper, be he old enough to have a weakness for reminiscences or young enough to be-lieve that there were giants in the days of old, begins in this issue. It is a series of articles written by the late Edwin H. Lemare some time before his death and acquired from Mrs. Le-mare by THE DIAPASON. In these ar-ticles Mr. Lemare tells of the "organs he has met," as his title indicates. He digresses frequently to tell of the men he has met,—such men as that other yiant. William T. Best—and the blow-ers who once were as essential to an organ performance as the artist at the console. He tells in one of the chap-ters to follow the one published in this issue of the famous Andantino in D flat—best known, though not the most meritorious of his many compositions

-and how it was metamorphosed into "Moonlight and Roses." He also dwells on the making of recital programs; on improvisation, of which he was a master, and on music committees, deals at length with his opinions and on deals at length with his opinions on or g an construction — opinions that, when he was in his prime, were eager-ly sought by organists and builders alike. In this connection he goes into his well-known aversion to the cre-scendo pedal.

scendo pedal. The name and career of Mr. Lemare are too familiar to readers of THE DIAPASON to make details necessary. After establishing a reputation in his native England that gave him the rat-ing of being the most brilliant recitalist in that country in his day, he came to the United States, first to be organist of Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh, and later municipal organist of San Francisco, of Portland, Maine, and of Chattanooga. Tenn. He was born Sept. 9, 1865, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and died at his home in Hollywood, Cal., Sept. 24, 1934.

Sept. 24, 1934. Don't miss reading these post-humously printed reminiscences of a man who stands out as a world-famous figure in the history of the organ dur-ing the last century.

# RECITALISTS ON THE FLY

RECITALISTS ON THE FLY If memory serves accurately, it was Charles M. Courboin who was the first concert organist to fly from one en-gagement to the other and who made the airplane an adjunct of his work. Now Edwin Arthur Kraft rivals him. The Cleveland Plain Dealer of Nov. 25 tells us of Mr. Kraft's facility in the air as well as at the console in the follow-ing news item: At 3:40 yesterday afternoon, when Ed-

At 3:40 yesterday afternoon, when Ed-wing news item: At 3:40 yesterday afternoon, when Ed-win Arthur Kraft finished playing an organ solo in Trinity Cathedral on the musical program broadcast by WTAM in honor of James H. Rogers, former music critic of the *Plain Dealer*, the organist had just twenty minutes to reach Lake Erie College in Painesville to play at a vesper service. And he made it. A taxicab took Kraft to the lake front hading field at the foot of East Ninth street, where he boarded an airplane piloted by his son, Edwin Arthur Kraft, Jr. Kraft's 20-year-old son, attached to the Meinke-Eldred Flying Service at Willoughby, has had ninety-seven hours in the air.

With men such as Kraft and Cour-boin flying about we shall indeed have music in the air, as we have long had air in all organ music.

Grace Notes is the appropriate name of a new paper published for and by the choir of Grace Lutheran Church at Norristown, Pa., with Joseph R. Bow-man, organist and director at the church, as editor-in-chief. Volume 1, No. 1, was issued Dec. 6 and the paper is to increase and maintain interest in the choral organization of 100 voices and to acquaint the congregation with the work of the choir. The little paper is not mimeographed, but is printed with type, it is prepared in a manner which indicates newspaper knowledge and experience, and its four large pages are filled with news.

James W. Bleecker is a forehanded New York organist who believes in preparedness, and practices what he be-lieves, thus setting a good example to all his fellows. He has selected the music for the services up to the middle of next June and the list of organ and choir selections has been printed on a four-page folder by his church, the Greenwich Presbyterian. At every serv-ice there will be compositions of Bach and Handel in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of these great composers.

#### NOW WE'RE IN THE BILLIONS!

Watsonville, Cal., Dec. 9, 1935.— Dear Mr. Gruenstein: On your edi-torial page of this month's DIAPASON, "Time to Tune the Lyre," I note that in touching all the questions on tonal possibilities of the organ you suggest this subject as a fit one for interested mathematicians to take in hand and figure out.

figure out. I have before me a problem already figured—for its accuracy however I cannot vouch. The organ under con-sideration is the Murray Harris (Los Angeles Art Organ Company) instru-

# That Distant Past as It Is Recorded in The Diapason Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, ACCORDING to the issue of Jan. 1, 1911-

The large Skinner organ for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City was approaching completion. It was described in THE DIAPASON as having between 6,000 and 7,000 pipes and costing \$70,000.

pletion. It was described in The Dark-son as having between 6,000 and 7,000 pipes and costing \$70,000. The three-manual built by the Austin Organ Company for St. Luke's Pro-cathedral at Grand Rapids, Mich., was to be opened Jan. 15. It was a me-morial to Mrs. Thomas B. Church, organist of St. Mark's for fifty years. The DIAPASON made note of several gifts of organs to churches in various states by Andrew Carnegie. The Western (now the Illinois) Chapter of the A. G. O. held a service at the First Congregational Church of Oak Park Nov. 29, with Carl D. Kin-sey, William E. Zeuch, Mrs. Katherine Howard Ward and Allen W. Bogen at the organ. Dec. 4 the same chapter gave its fourteenth vesper recital at the Woodlawn Methodist Church with Miss Anne Pearson at the console. At the twentieth anniversary of the American Organ Players' Club of Phil-adelphia a tribute to the late Dr. David D. Wood, founder of the club, was read by Mrs. John Bunting.

TEN YEARS AGO, ACCORDING TO THE issue of Jan. 1, 1926-

TEN YEARS AGO, ACCORDING TO THE issue of Jan. 1, 1926— Six hundred persons sat down to a dinner at the factory of M. P. Möller in Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 8 to cele-brate the fiftieth anniversary of Mat-thias P. Möller as an organ builder. The event also marked the completion of a large addition to the Möller plant, including an immense erecting room. Men prominent in every profession and line of business from Hagerstown and other places paid tribute to Mr. Möller and a loving cup was presented to him. More than 12,000 people heard the new Estey organ at dedication cere-monies of the Buffalo Consistory. Henry F. Seibert of New York was at the console. "The Temple of Tone," the last book by Dr. George Ashdown Audsley. Specifications of new four-manual

published by J. Fischer & Bro. rollow-ing the death of Dr. Audsley. Specifications of new four-manual organs which were published in THE DIAPASON included a Casavant for Cal-vary Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; a Möller in the new Auditorium at Macon, Ga., and an Austin installed in the First Presbyterian Church at Laured Wisc Laurel, Miss.

ment, which served at the St. Louis World's Fair, and is now installed, in a greatly enlarged and no doubt im-proved state, in the grand court at Wanamaker's in Philadelphia. The printed description of a 1904 St. Louis program mentions the outside dimen-sions, 63 by 30 by 50 feet high, 140 speaking stops, 10,059 pipes, ninety-nine mechanical movements and a combina-tion switchboard of 1.616 electric switches capable of producing 17,179,-868,183 distinct tonal combinations. So, accordingly, had Methuselah spent his young life (900 years) at the console changing combinations every minute, twenty-four hours per day, he would not have exhausted this most remark-able store of tonal resources!

not have exhausted this most remark-able store of tonal resources! Writing George W. Till some ten years ago on another organ matter, I referred to this very extraordinary statement—more than seventeen bil-lion distinct tonal combinations as claimed—asking him how this result had been derived. The gentleman, re-plying, stated that he understood Dr. Audsley had worked this out—just how, he could not say. Would suggest that when someone is found who can prove this problem on the original 140-stop organ, he be "allowed" (?) to compute the increased resources of the present instrument, which has so marpresent instrument, which has so mar-velously grown under the expert efforts of Mr. Till. These second results, based on the first showing, should most cer-tainly be astounding. Very sincerely. H. F. BERKLEY.

# The Free Lance

By HAMILTON C. MACDOUGALL, Mus. D. (Brown University), A. G. O., A. R. C. O., Professor Emeritus, Wellesley College

Wellester College Hearing Dr. Hanson of Rochester broadcast in December a performance of J. K. Paine's "Oedipus Tyrannus" carried my mind back to the time when S. B. Whitney, of blessed memory, brought Professor Paine out to Wel-lesley to see our new chapel and hear the organ. I had been a pupil of Whitney's before going to the college as organist and choirmaster and knew Professor Paine slightly. Whitney sat down and extemporized; he also played one of the Bach fugues—we all won-dered at his power of playing all the big Bach pieces from memory—in his dignified way. You remember what a giant of a man he was, how big his hands were, and how vitally masculine he was in his music. (I wonder if Episcopal choirs still sing his "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," or organists play his Processional March.) When I went to the Church of the Ad-vent for my first lesson I was aston-shed to find him dropping on his knees to pray as we entered the nave; it was my first experience of a devout Epis-coptian. It reminded me per contra of he aving a church after exhorting the sinners to repentance, found a sad-faced man in the vestibut. "My friend," said the evangelist, "are you a Christian" "On of. I'm the organist." As a churchman, Whitney was not only devout, but intelligent in his ap-preciation of church architecture and preciation of church architecture and preciation

in the church was as moving as any sermon I had ever heard.

sermon I had ever heard. But I am wandering. After Whitney had played we asked Paine to play something; he was an excellent player of the classical repertoire, and Whit-ney suggested that he play the Toccata in F. He demurred, saying that he had never played an electric action. We persisted. He had no sooner slipped over on the bench than his foot touched a pedal and the "trigger ac-tion" exploded! Paine instantly hopped off the bench and no persuasions from us, solo or tutti, could induce him to go back!

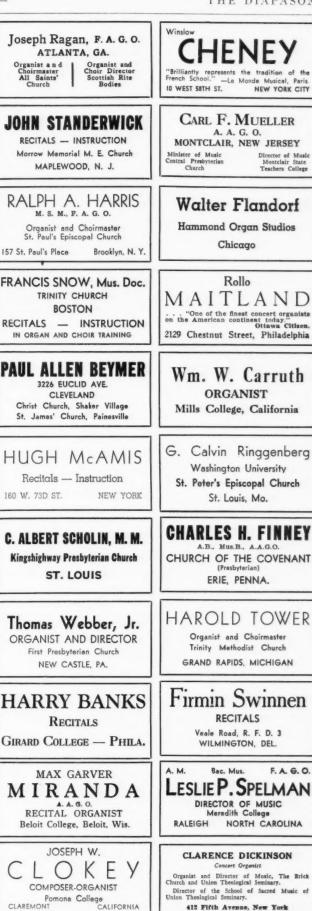
It was a great pleasure, despite a damnable static, to hear Dr. Hanson and his splendid Rochester orchestra give Paine's "Oedipus Tyrannus." It came out radiant, glowing. We need to honor the saints who have joined the Great Majority. And while we are rightly honoring those who are no longer here, let us not forget the man who is, in my estimation, doing a mar-velous work for American music: I mean Dr. Hanson. Ever since I first met him one evening in 1922, in Percy mean Dr. Hanson. Ever since I first met him one evening in 1922, in Percy Scholes' house in London. I have watched his career with the greatest interest and satisfaction.

Interest and satisfaction. Trouble! Trouble! An English or-ganist writes me: "We used to be the happiest choir in this town, but now the Church Music Society has influenced the authorities so that we have Tudor music, and Geoffrey and Martin Shaw's compositions. Another grievance is that the vicar has cut out a couple of carols that all of us like and has put down several old ones that have the Church Music Society's imprimatur, but which we dislike. Why will parsons so pig-headed, and upset their choirs so ounnecessarily, at such a time of goodwill?"

goodwill?" We have had Negro spirituals for a long time, but did you know that there is a large corpus of music, most of it printed in the patent notes, that Dr. George Pullen Jackson of Vanderbilt University refers to as "white spirit-uals"? He has just written a most val-uable book on the subject. "White Spirituals of the Southern Uplands." published by the University of North Carolina, 1933. This is a real book with a cause at its heart. There is nowadays a fine chance to write an essay on the garden variety

of music-lover and his applause; this would take into account many phases, his timidity in applauding lest he clap his timidity in applauding lest he clap the wrong thing, the various methods of applause such as faintly bringing the palm of one hand against that of the other (in case of the classics, im-plying artistic languor) or a furious cannonading of the hands, standing for excessive pleasure or, ironically, for excessive boredom. If you consider it worth your while to watch Uncle Mo at a concert of the newer lights in music you will find that the worse a composi-tion is—for example, Prokofieff's Violin Concerto or Shastokovich's Symphony —the more furiously he slaps, stamps and thumps with his umbrella. A book on these lines would be diverting. For --the more furiously he slaps, stamps and thumps with his umbrella. A book on these lines would be diverting. For my part, if I were to write such a book I would inveigh against the denying of any applause in a concerto or sym-phony until the end; that simply in-furiates me. I have even been on the point of enlisting many of my young and hot-blooded friends in a conspiracy to make the round of Boston, Phila-delphia, New York and Chicago or-chestral concerts simply to applaud vociferously at the end of every move-ment in a cyclical work. Yes, sirce! Now comes along that grand old ment in a cyclical work. Yes, siree! Now comes along that grand old man of the piano, Moritz Rosenthal, who says the classical composers con-ceived each movement as an organic whole. The break made by a round of applause allows the artist to relax for a moment and also puts him *en rapport* with his audience. In a con-certo especially, a deadly silence after the first movement is to me nothing less than cruel.

the first movement is to me nothing less than cruel. When my band of protestants gets fully organized we expect to become a chapter of the great DWEU and UWED, known to the initiates as "Down With Everything That's Up and Up With Everything That's Down." The world needs us. Rosenthal is a keen critic. "Busoni, who ran down Chopin and still more Schumann, was a great man and a great artist, but he considered Alkan to be a better writer for the piano than Liszt. Who was Alkan? He wrote excellent piano studies which I play. But to compare Alkan's studies with Chopin's is to compare the pebbles on the seashore with pearls. There have been two supremely great harmonists. Chopin and Wagner. I would com-pare their harmony in this way: Wag-ner wins the big prize in the lottery. Chopin has a regular and substantial income. Still Beethoven remains the greatest of composers. Only Debussy is to be named among the latter-day composers for the piano. He had an original harmonic gift. It is a pity his melodic invention was so insignificant." The Boston Herald of Saturday, Nov. 23, printed fifty paid advertisements of church services for the next day, vary-and in size from three inches double-column to half an inch single column. In all cases the minister's name was given and in most cases the subject of a sermon. In only eight cases was the name of the organist or director of music added. In addition to these there were seven churches printed the programs of their organist; "special music" or-gan recital. How is it with your church? Does the weekly calendar include your name as one of the officers, and do its advertisements give you any publicity? What do you make out of this? An of friend of mine, in speaking of his wedding—he was married in church— humstructed organist played for one of his selections Goumod's "Funeral March o' a Marionette". Ta laways thought he was "having" me; but since another friend, who is very much alive, soleman-ly informs me that he knows of a brother organist who was asked in No-venher to p



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# SPOKANE CATHEDRAL IS RECIPIENT OF ORGAN

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### Three-Manual with Echo Division Is a "Straight" Instrument of Thirtytwo Ranks-Installed by J. Riley Chase.

For a number of years one of the outstanding organs of Spokane, Wash., has been the "straight" Kimball of thirty-two ranks in the State Theater, though it has had little use of late. The Paulsen estate, owners of the building, have given the instrument to the Epis-copal Cathedral of St. John the Evan-gelist, as a memorial to the late August Paulsen. It was dedicated Oct. 21, the sixth aniversary of the dedication of Paulsen. It was dedicated Oct. 21, the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral, by the Rt. Rev. Edward M. Cross. Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Spokane, assisted by the Very Rev. Charles E. McAllister, dean of the cathedral, and by visiting clergy. The dedicatory recital was played by Gordon Wilson, organist of the cathe-dral, and the choir under the direction of A. R. Plastino sang Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," as a part of the service. The installation of the organ was made by J. Riley Chase of Spokane. Spokane

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The stop specification of this organ is as follows:
GREAT ORGAN.
Diapason. 8 ft., 73 pipes.
French Horn, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Gamba, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Clarabella, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
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Flute Harmonic, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
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Salicional, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
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Salicional, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
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Flauto Traverso, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Flauto Traverso, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
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Oboe, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
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Vox Humana, § ft., 61 pipes. CHOIR ORGAN. Contra Viole, 18 ft., 73 pipes. Ouccert Flute, § ft., 73 pipes. Dulciana, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Dulcet 1, § ft., 73 pipes. Dulcet 1, § ft., 73 pipes. Plute d'Amour, 4 ft., 73 pipes. ECHO ORGAN. Echo Gamba, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Philomela, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Philomela, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Hohl Fölte, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Philomela, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Harp Celesta, 37 bars. Chimes, 20 tubes. PEDAL ORGAN.

PEDAL ORGAN. PEDAL OBJAN Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Contra Bass, 16 ft., 32 notes. Flute, 8 ft., 32 pipes. 'Cello, 8 ft., 32 pipes.

DETROIT ORGANIST HONORED

DETROIT ORGANIST HONORED Thirtieth Anniversary of John L. Ed-wards at St. John's Church. St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit, wards the scene of festivities Nov. 26 in homor of John L. Edwards, who has been organist for the last thirty years. The Women Organists' Club of De-troit, Edith W. Bailey, hostess, spon-sored the occasion, which opened at the dinner table with a toast to Mr. Ed-wards by Mrs. Ida K. Cordes, one of the founders of the club. Miss Adelaide M. Lee, president, acted as master of ceremonics, introducing the first speak-er, the Rev. I. C. Johnson, rector of the church. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Woodruff, who was rector when Mr. Edwards assumed the post as organist, was read. Miss Grace Halverson, dean of the Michigan Chapter of the Amer-ican Guild of Organists, expressed the high regard felt by the Michigan mem-bers for Mr. Edwards' fine musician-ship and personality. Mrs. Gertrude Greer spoke for his pupils in glowing terms. Edward Douglas, organist of St. Andrew's, voiced the high respect ior fir representative of Casavant Freess, made a few remarks and the final speech was made by Mrs. Neva Howe, who presented Mr. Edwards with a ajft from the Women Organist' Club in token of its appreciation of his help-ulness to this organization. Mr. Ed-

RUSSELL BROUGHTON

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Russell Broughton, F. A. G. O., a member of the music faculty of Con-verse College, Spartanburg, S. C., pre-sented the third of a series of vesper recitals Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15. He was assisted by Edmund Caldwell, tenor, of Spartanburg, Mr. Broughton included one of his own compositions, a chorale prelude on the plainsong melody in the Dorian mode "Veni Em-manuel." It was particularly appro-priate for the Advent season, as was Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake." Other organ numbers included several effec-tive transcriptions of well-known Christinas carols, French, German and English. Mr. Broughton was assisted in the first recital of the series by N. Irving Hyatt, dean of the Converse College school of music, who played the plano part of one of his own com-positions entitled "Mohawk Rhapsody for Plano and Orchestra." Although a newcomer to the South this year, Mr. Broughton is making his influence felt. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oberlin, studied at the University of Chicago, and, as winner of the Estey prize of the A. G. A. ecceived a scholarship for study at Fornanelloeau.

wards' gracious acknowledgment of these features closed the dinner meet-ing. This was followed by an organ recital in the church, in which Adelaide M. Lee played an opening group and Minnie Caldwell Mitchell the closing John L. Edwards was born in Cardiff,

John L. Edwards was born in Cardiff, Wales. He received his early training under Dr. W. B. Gilbert at Trinity Chapel, New York, where he was boy soloist, and studied piano with W. B. Gilbert and Henry Wood of New York and the late Dr. C. E. Clemens of Cleveland, theory with J. H. Anger and Emil Ring and organ with Dr. Clemens and Widor. He was assistant organist under Dr. Clemens at St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, and organist and choirmaster at Grace Church, Cleveland, for seven years before going to his present post at St. John's, Detroit.

# Jersey City Church Orders a Kilgen.

Jersey City Church Orders a Kilgen. A two-manual organ has been or-dered from George Kilgen & Son, Inc., St. Louis, for St. Lucy's Catholic Church, Jersey City, N. J. Negotiations were conducted by the Kilgen factory branch in Steinway Hall, New York. Sheldon Foote gave his annual Christmas pageant at the First Metho-dist Church of El Dorado, Ark., Dec. 22 and the preceding Sunday the an-nual "Messiah" concert, with the aid of orchestra and organ, Mr. Foote di-recting, took place. The South Arkansas Festival Association, which Mr. Foote organized three years ago, sponsored the latter event. Mr. Foote's mixed choir was asked to sing at the Little Rock annual conference of the Meth-odist Church, as was the children's choir, now five years old, which has grown to seventy members.

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# New England Appreciates Estey Value

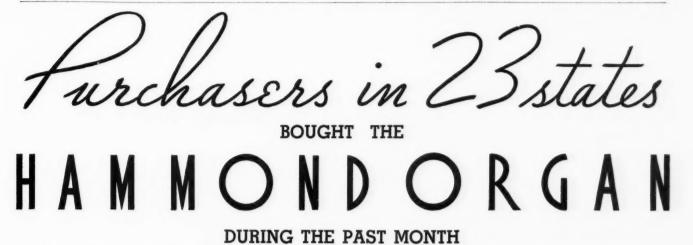
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# **Organ** Composition and Danish Pigs; an Importer's Review

By HAROLD V. MILLIGAN, Mus. D. Two or three years ago my friend Charley Buckett was transferred by the big importing firm for which he works to their London office. He has made many friends there and among others is a composer-not only a comothers is a composer—not only a com-poser, but actually one who writes music for the organ. Charley has just sent me a copy of his friend's latest opus for the organ with a few illumi-nating comments from Charles him-self, who is, as I am sure you will agree, merely a business man anxious to penetrate as far as he can into that mysterious realm in which musicians live.

mysterious realm in which musicians live: "My friend Geoffrey Koots has burst into song again. This time it is a 'Canzona on a Danish Folk Melody.' I trust that you realize the full im-plications of a canzona, because I am sending you this one herewith.

sending you this one herewith. "The origin of this piece can be briefly told. Seated one day at the organ, Mr. Koots was weary and ill at ease, and his fingers wandered idly over the slippery keys. He knew not what he was playing, or what he was dreaming then, but he struck one chord of music like the sound of a couple of men. Those men turned out to be Danes, apparently, and it seems that they must have been singing-making a 'melody'-because the result was this canzona and the title tells you all about the source.

canzona and the title tells you all about the source. "It is more than a little disconcert-ing to find that the new piece also re-quires one of those 8-ft. concert flutes which gave us so much trouble the last time. I certainly think you would be justified in buying one now, con-sidering that you have two pieces of music to play on it. "If these composers would only be satisfied with a few orthodox instru-

satisfied with a few orthodox instru-ments it would be much less trouble

and considerably less expense to render their great works in the way that they intend. But no: they want everything --what an assortment! Here's Mr. Koots. He impatiently starts asking for an organ on the cover before you want one whether the music is worth

for an organ on the cover before you even see whether the music is worth getting an organ for, or not. "Well, you get him the organ and, lo and behold, before you have a chance to strike even two notes you find that you need an oboe and a pedal down-stairs, sixteen feet eight inches long. This must cause a lot of delay. Any-way, you eventually proceed only to be faced in half a minute with that 8-ft. flute.

be faced in half a minute with that 8-ft. flute. "It looks as though you have to have a closed switch, ["*Close Sw*"] too, in a rather outsize. I cannot explain this except on the grounds that Mr. Koots may have been a railroad man at some time. At all events we know that a closed switch keeps you on the right track, and no doubt that is what Mr. Koots intended. "The way is now comparatively clear

Koots intended. "The way is now comparatively clear for a while (as it ought to be with a closed switch). There is an occasional question of reeds, but I suppose these are obtainable in the neighboring swamps of New Jersey. "If you are following me up to this point you must be on pages 3 and 4 and I suppose you are thinking the same thing as I am. The Italians are creeping in 'Quasi timponi' 'Quasi cco' 'Sempre legato assai.' It seems a shame to think that with all this Abyssinian trouble even a composer cannot keep Schipfe legito assal. It seems a share to think that with all this Abyssinian trouble even a composer cannot keep politics out of his music. When I find on page 6 that the piece calls for a 'choir' I can only express my regret that he did not say so before he got so deeply involved. One does not keep a choir handy on the off chance that it may be needed on page 6. "Now that we have become accus-tomed to obstacles it is no surprise to find as we approach the end of the piece that a tromba is needed, to say nothing of a clarinet with the 'box open,' and a trombone. 'Soft and sparkling tone,' says Mr. Koots impish-ly on the seventh page. How anybody could be capable of a 'soft and spar-

kling tone' after hitting so many snags is something I shall not attempt to explain.

explain. "I am afraid that I have been dealing too much with the external aspect of this music—just the physical equip-ment, so to speak—but you must not think that my ears and my eyes are closed (like that switch) to its 'inner meaning.' Denmark, as you know, is a great producer of bacon and eggs. Inevitably this fact must have had a profound influence on Mr. Koots, and if the truth were known his composi-tion may really be a kind of breakfast melody. Do you see all those little ups and downs below the middle of the first page, with a weird little pair of eyes no doubt that those are the Danish pigs—thousands of them. Finave no doubt that those are the Danish pigs—thousands of them\_grunting in a traditional manner. According to the current issue of the 'Statesman's Year Book' there were in Denmark on July 15 last year 506,000 horses, 3,059,000 head of cattle, 3,057,000 swine and about 26,000,000 hens. So you see that the swine alone could make quite a "I feel on page 3 that there is a cer-tain placid calm and evenness about "I am afraid that I have been dealing

racket, 'Impetuosamente.' "I feel on page 3 that there is a cer-tain placid calm and evenness about the whole composition. That is how the Danish export trade was until the world crisis came. I do not need to tell you that the Danish folk have had to rely on their exports and that, even if they were to eat three breakfasts a day, they could not hope to make much headway against the bacon of 3,057,000 'swine' and the eggs of about 26,000,000 swine' and the eggs of about 26,000,000

Badtway against the eggs of about 26,000,000 hens.
"As we go farther into this opus of Mr. Koots we find a decided diminishing tone. This is marked at the foot of page 6 (and in fact the piece ends on such a note). The reason is not far to seek. Again I am indebted to the 'Statesman's Year Book':
Exports to England 1932 11933
Butter 20,970,200 2,551,726
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"You see that declining tendency. Mr. Koots has caught it perfectly. And he may even have had later information which was more discouraging. No

wonder that in the middle of page 7 you get all those short squeals. The pigs are getting worried because Eng-land does not want them. "In many ways I think it is a pity that Mr. Koots confined himself so largely to an economic theme. Den-mark is a land of poetry, as well as of 506,000 horses, 3,059,000 head of cattle, etc. There is Hans Christian Andersen and his immortal nursery tales. There is the Kronborg Castle-old Elsinore-wrapped in the deathless legend of Claudius, who walked the ramparts that still frown above the waters. "All I can say, though, is: every man to his taste. "With the kindest regards, cordially yours."

vours.

# "CHARLEY BUCKETT."

Daltry and Choir at Meriden, Conn.

Daltry and Choir at Meriden, Conn. Joseph H. Daltry and his Wesleyan. University chapel choir gave a pro-gram Oct. 29 for the Meriden, Conn.. Woman's Club, the event having been arranged by Mrs. Bertha H. Lasley. The program was presented at Im-manuel Lutheran Church and both choir and organist received high praise from the critics. Professor Daltry's organ numbers included: Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Allegretto. Boellmann; "Piece Heroique," Franck; Minuet, C. P. E. Bach; Cantilene in A fat, Wolstenholme; Passacaglia and "Divertissement," Vierne; Toccata in F major, Widor.

# Pageant Given Four Times.

Pageant Given Four Times. Four performances of a beautiful Christmas pageant were given at Christ Church, Montreal, Que., on the Satur-day afternoons of December. The pageant was enacted by the Guild of Players of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The carols were sung by the cathedral choir, conducted by Dr. Alfred Whitehead. The organ music was played by Graham E. George, A. R. C. O. The voice parts were taken by the Rev. A. Robert George, B.D. The costumes were designed and executed by the Guild of Players.

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# Who's Who Among the Organists of America

ALFRED M. GREENFIELD. One of New York's ablest choral conductors and organists of the rising generation, who made his first appear-ance in the musical field as a soprano soloist at the age of 6, is Alired M. Greenfield, administrative chairman of the music department of University College of New York University, as-sistant conductor of the New York Oratorio Society and organist of Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist. Mr. Greenfield, the son of English-

Church of Christ, Scientist. Mr. Greenfield, the son of English-born parents, was born in St. Paul, Minn, March 14, 1902. He began his study of music under his sister, Mrs. William Waller, a pupil of George H. Fairclough. Then he continued his study of piano, organ and the theory of music with Mr. Fairclough. He was also soprano soloist in the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, of which his teacher was organist. A few years later he became assistant organist at St. John's Church and gave several recitals on the municipal organ in St. Paul. At the age of 16, too young to enlist

Paul. At the age of 16, too young to enlist in the regular army, Mr. Greenfield joined the forces of the Y. M. C. A, and went to Camp Hancock, Ga, where he served as camp accompanist. In this

and went to Camp Francock, Ga., where he served as camp accompanist. In this large machine-gun camp he helped to train 60,000 men to sing songs on the march and during rest periods and assisted in training song leaders to carry on the work abroad. Four years later his plans were all made for study in England when he heard of the teaching of the late Lynn-wood Farnam. He decided to make New York his destination and moved to the metropolis in 1922 to study organ with Mr. Farnam. He also entered the Institute of Musical Art, from which he was graduated in 1925. There he studied piano under Janes Friskin and theory under George Wedge and Percy Goetschius. Later he did some work in composition under Scalero.

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In 1925 Mr. Greenfield married Miss Elsie Holbrook Leonard of St. Paul. In New York Mr. Greenfield first was appointed to the position at Cal-vary Episcopal Church, which he left to become organist of Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist. He has held this position for twelve years. While still a student in conducting under Albert Stoessel at New York University he was made leader of the university glee club. The club has earned an excel-lent reputation under his training, hav-ing won several intercollegiate con-rests, including the national contest in 1931. His work has grown at the university. In 1926 he was made in-structor in music. Seeing the possi-In 1925 Mr. Greenfield married Miss

bilities of a real future for the music department at University Heights, he has been an indefatigable worker to-ward that end. In this department no euterpt is made to produce perform-ers; the emphasis is placed on the college student, with the aim of pro-ducing intelligent listeners. Mr. Green-field is now an associate professor of music. In addition to his classes he has a chapel choir, a student glee club, how in the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university. He has recently formed and trained a prepar-base of the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university. He has recently formed and trained a prepar-base of the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university. He has recently formed and trained a prepar-base of the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university. He has recently formed and trained a prepar-base of the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university. He has recently formed and trained a prepar-base of the subscription of the kind to be formed in any university profes-tor. Mr. Greenfield finds time to com-several sacred and secular solos, a male university and a organ prelude recently unblished by H. W. Gray. Mr. Me S bhieler arranced a humo

# Hymn Festival at Tiffin, Ohio.

Hymn Festival at Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. W. R. Shisler arranged a hymn festival at her church, Ebenezer Evangelical, Tiffin, Ohio, Nov. 24. Hymns both old and new were sung, with Mrs. Shisler at the organ and a volunteer choir supplemented lustily by the congregation. Mrs. Shisler's husband, who is pastor of the church, delivered a short talk on each hymn. The beauty of the service deeply im-pressed the large congregation.

Auburn, Ind., Order to Gottfried. The A. Gottfried Company of Eric, Pa., through its mid-West representa-tive, E. B. Bohn of Fort Wayne, Ind., has won a contract to build an organ for the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, Ind. It will be a "straight" instrument of fifteen sets of pipes, with a detached console.

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# New Church Music Published in 1935: Survey of the Year

By HAROLD W. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Litt.D. The real New Year arrives for me about Dec. 20, when I face ten days without a blessed thing to review. But first I must earn that rest by report-ing on this past year of brisk endeavor and no mean accomplishment.

#### Anthems and Motets

I take the liberty of using the asterisk to denote my own favorites in the following list:

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the following list: Andrews--Rhapsody on a Christmas Chorale, "Vom Himmel hoch." Sixteen pages. Organ on three staves. (Gray.) Bairstow-"Though I Speak with the Tongues." Tenor part may be omitted. Tongues.' (Oxford.)

(Oxford.) Banks--"Angels from the Realms." Tuneful. (Gray.) \*Barnes--"Put on, Therefore, as God's Elect." Short S solo ad lib. Four pages. Lovely music. (Gray.) Bitgood -- "Rosa Mystica." Unaccom-panied. (Gray.) Broughton -- "While Sheuherds.

Broughton — "While Shepherds Watched." T, SA, SSAA, on sections.

(Gray.) ray.) Carnegic, Moir—"Blessed Are the Pure Heart." Tuneful. (Paterson, C. scher.)

Cairnegic. Moir—"Blessed Are the Pure in H ea rt." Tuneful. (Paterson, C. Fischer.) Davies, I.—"Ye Choirs of New Jeru-salem." Based on "St. Fulbert." (No-vello.) Easter. Diack—"Beloved, Let Us Love." Tune-ful. (Paterson, C. Fischer.) Garretson—Motets on the Greater An-tiphons, unaccompanied, published sep-arately by the composer at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Buffalo: "O Wisdom." "O Lord and Ruler" and "O Root of Jesse." Heaps—"A Thanksgiving for All Cre-ated Things." Prize anthem. Text by St. Francis. Slar solos. Eighteen pages. Interesting organ part. (Gray.) "Jennings—"When to the Temple." Quiet, pretty number. Parts available for harp and violin. (Gray.) Candiemas. "Jones, David—"Little Lamb." Beauti-ful text by Blake. May be sung by SATB or SA or SAB or as solo. Graceful and touching music. (C. Fischer.) Jones—"O Fraise the Lord." SSAATTB unaccompanied, but in four parts most of the time. (C. Fischer.) Jones—"Alleluta." SSATTBB unaccom-panied. (C. Fischer.) Maryott—"The World Itself Is Elithe and day." Eight parts. unaccompanied. Based on old German melody. (Gray.) Easter.

Caster. \*Mueller—"Psalm 121—I Will Lift Up line Eyes." Eight parts, unaccompanied. Mine Eyes. (G. Schirmer.)

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Mueller—"Psalm 46." Eight parts, un-accompanied. (G. Schirmer.)
Mueller—"Immortal Love." Text by Whittier. Short ST solos. Tuneful. (G. Schirmer.)
\*Sherer, Frank—"With Quiet Heart." Delightfully melodious. (Gray.)
snow—"Come, Labor On." Unaccom-panied ad lib. (Schirmer.).
Shepherd, Arthur—"Ballad of Trees and the Master." SAATTBB, unaccom-panied. Not ensy. (Birchard.)
Sleeper—"Christ Our King." Chorus preferably, S-A section. (Gray.) Easter.
\*Sowerby—"Now There Lightens upon Us." Thirteen pages. Original and gracious; much less dissonance than in some of his works. (Gray.) Epiphany.
\*Titcomb—Short Motets (C. Fischer)
atolows: "Christ Our Passover." Three pages. Easter. "Sing Ye to the Lord."
\*Wo pages. Ascension. "We Have Seen His Star." Two pages. Epiphany. "My House Shall Ee Called." Four pages. Church dedication or anniversary. "Let Us Bless the God of Heaven." Two pages. Trinty.
\*Vine—"Christ Is the World's Re-deemer." Twelve pages. Text from St. Columba, and music based on oid Irish melody. (Oxford).
\*Whitchead—"The Chariots of the Lord." Organ on three staves; chorus needed. (Schmidt.) Power of God.
Whitchead—"Awake, the Morr Is Here." Eight pages, easy. (Gray.) Easter.
\*Whitchead—"Prophets an at Kings."

Wiltiams, D. McK., "The Jages, 'et a s.y.' (Gray.)
\*Whitchead—"Prophets and Kings." Unaccompanied chorus and S. some di-visions in parts. (Curwen.) Christmas. Tune based on "Gottob, esgeht." Whitehead—"The Twenty-third Psalm." Unaccompanied chorus, five parts. (C, Fischer.)
\*William—"Hodie Christus natus est." No. 10 of the Liturgical Motets. SSATB unaccompanied. (Oxford.)
Williams, D. McK.—"In the Year That King Uzzlah Died." Eleven pages, on

the vision of Isaiah; mystical and rhapsodic, (Gray.) Williams—"He Is Risen." Bar solo. Williams---'He Is Risen." Bar solo. Twelve pages. (Gray.) Williams, Vaughan--''The Angel Pave-ment." (Oxford.) Young-''Good Will to Men." (Gray.) Christmas.

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Carols and Carol-Anthems

Some of the best music of the year is in this list, though unfortunately some of these numbers were published too late for use in most churches:

too late for use in most churches: "Candlyn---'Away in a Manger." Listed here because it ranks at the top; it is really for junior choir, SS or SA. (Gray.) Finn--''Rhythmic Trilory for Easter." Three simple, accompanied carols. (J. Fischer.) Gaul-Norwegian -- "Norwegian Moun-tain Carol." S and chorus in six parts, unaccompanied. (Flammer.) Gaul-Norwegian--''Praise God." Barl-tone and unaccompanied chorus. I always thought of "Lobe den Herren" as a German tune, but why argue? (Flam-mer.)

German tune, but why argue? (Flam-mer.) Gaul-Norwegian—"The Christmas Bells of Norway." S solo. Accompanied chorus, some divisions. (Flammer.) "Gaul-Mountaineer—"Tennessee Cherry Tree Carol." SBar and unaccompanied chorus. (Flammer.) Holst, I.-English—"Nowell and Nowell." Unaccompanied chorus; one section for TBB. (Novello.) "Kettering-Appalachian—"Ashining Par in the East." Short ATBar trio; a few divisions, but quartet can manage lt. Based on two old mountain tunes. (Gray.) (Grav.)

Gray.) Mueller-Bohemian—"Christ Is Risen." ATB plus junior choir in two parts ad b. Could all be done by a quartet. umeful. (G. Schrimer.) Mueller--"Sing, Little Children." Violin nd 'cello ad lib. Easy. (G. Schrimer.) hristmas. Richards—"The Staffordshire Carol." ST Jos. Jolly. (Gray.)

made to put the spirit of the text into the music. "The Junior Chorister" is published in two volumes. With his choir of twenty-one wom-en and twenty men Mr. Mueller gave a beautiful service of cathedral music at the Central Presbyterian Church of Montclair Nov. 24. Dec. 22 he con-ducted the ninth annual candle-light carol service.

Christmas. Richards—"The Staffordshire Carol." ST solos. Jolly. (Gray.) Shaw, G.—"With Songs of Gladness." (Novello.) Tatton—"Sing We of Mary" and "I Sing of a Maiden." (Birchard.) "Voris-Basque—"Come with Voices Swelling." Medium solo; four pages. (Gray.) Easter. A fine introit. "Voris-Spanish—"Up and Sing." Sec-tions for S and SA: all could be sung by children. (Gray.) Christmas. Wendt—"I Saw a Fair Maiden." S obblighto solo; orchestral parts available. Fifteenth century text. (Gray.) "Whitehead-Old English—"The Seven Joys of Mary." Unaccompanied chorus, six parts: S solo. (Schmidt.) Christmas, Easter, Ascension. Whitehead-Bearnaise—"Now Sing You Songs of Easter." Eight pages. Quartet can use. (Gray.) "Whitehead-Voicese—"Whither. Shep-

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Songs of Easter." Eight pages. Quartet can use. (Gray.) \*Whitehead-Vosges — "Whither. Shep-herds." Preferably unaccompanied. Easy. (Schmidt.) \*Whitehead-Dutch—"Our Jesus Hath a Gurdan." Unaccompanied. charge V. herds

\*Whitehead-Dutch—"Our Jesus Hath a Garden." Unaccompanied chorus. Va-rious seasons. (Gray.) Whitehead-BasQuercy—"Winter Dark-ness Lay Around." Unaccompanied chorus. (Gray.) Whitehead-French—"Mary's Farewell to Her Friends at Bethlehem." Unaccom-panied. (Novello.) Christmas or Epiph-auy.

any, "Whitehead-Freylinghausen—"In Songs of Rejoicing." Unaccompanied. (Schmidt.) Excellent for Thanksgiving. Wild—"The Time Draws Near." Words by Tennyson, Unaccompanied. (C. Fisch-er) Christmas. Widd—"Christmas Morn." Quartet can use. (C. Fischer.)

Once again Dr. Whitehead has lav-ished his skill upon delightful carols that will live longer because of his affection.

# New Editions of Anthems, Etc.

This year the firm of Novello has published a number of Tudor motets in a new series edited by Sir R. R. Terry, including the following admirable numbers:

Byrd-"O Sacrum Convivium." SATE, even pages. Byrd—"Tui sunt Coeli." SATB, four

D Byrd—"Haec Dies." SSATTB, eight

Byrd—"Confirma hoc Deus." SSATB, four pages.

This series compares favorably with the Oxford "Tudor Anthems." Mrs. Buchanan and her friends conth

Mrs. Buchanan and her friends con-tinue to give us very interesting ar-rangements and editions of old Amer-ican music, most of it taken from song-books of a century or more ago and some of it collected from folk-singers. This is extremely important for the preservation of our cultural tradition and for the recovery of white spirituals. J. Fischer & Bro, publish the following new numbers in this series: Buchanan (ed.)—"O Jesus, My Saviour."

CARL F. MUELLER

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CARL F. MUELLER, who has been mak-ing valuable contributions to the litera-ture of junior choirs, supplementing his work as a director of choirs and organist in Montelair, N. J., and previously in Milwaukee, has met with pronounced success with his latest work, a book of twenty original anthems for two-part treble voices entitled "The Junior Classicity". The conjusting

of twenty original attrictions for two-part treble voices entitled "T he Junior Chorister." The collection, consisting entirely of original compositions by Mr. Mueller, has just been published by Harold Flammer, Inc. The texts have been given consideration equal to that pecceded the number and means of them

accorded the music and many of them are Scriptural, while an effort has been made to put the spirit of the text into the music. "The Junior Chorister" is

Acolian mode. Unaccompanied chorus. \*Buchanan (ed.)—"Alabama" or "The Cross of Christ." Acolian mode. Unac-companied, four parts. Buchanan (ed.)—"New Jordan." Phygian mcde. Powell (ed.)—"The Babe of Bethle-hem." Unaccompanied chorus, fourteen nares

Rutty (ed.)—"Boundless Mercy." Un-companied chorus.

In his famous "Sacred Chorus Series" Dr. Dickinson has given us some of the best numbers discovered

for a long time: Bach—"In Faith I Calmiy Rest." Me-dium solo. Heavenly music. "Sachs—"Awake, My Heart's Beloved." Proving that Sachs was a master com-poser as well as singer. Medium solo. Subject is the Bible. Schuetz—"Mary Magdalene at the Sequelchre." Twelve pages. Chorus.

In Montreal Dr. Sanders has been doing a fine job of expanding grand chorales into anthems that are a pleas-

\*Vulpius—"The Strife Is O'cr." In part the sopranos divide. (Dits

Chorale—"Praise to the den Herren)." Chorus. (

Old Chorale—"Praise to the Lord (Lebet den Herren)." Chorus. (Ditson.) Greiter—"TII Praise My Maker." Chorus preferable. (Ditson.) Beethoven—"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Melody from Ninth Symphony. Text by H. Van Dyke, Alto solo. (Dit-

Of the new editions of Bach for mixed voices published in this festival year I liked these:

year I liked these: "Subdue Us." Extended chorale from Cantata 22. (E. C. Schirmer.) "O God. Thou Faithful God." Extended chorale, cantata 24. (Novello.) "Two Chorales from Easter Cantata (Christ Lay)." (E. C. Schirmer.) Choruses from "Lord. Enter Not Into Wrath." Cantata 105. (E. C. Schirmer.) Choruses from "More Will God." Can-tata No. 8. (E. C. Schirmer.)

for a long time:

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cluding: Palestrina—"Bone Pastor." Palestrina—"Veni, Sponsa Christi." Leisring—"O Filli." Seven parts, un-accompanied. Marenzio—"Tribus Miraculis." Snow—"Sleep, Holy Babe." Which has been very popular in its earlier edition and deserves to be. Here is a miscellany: Bitgood-Moravian — "Hosanna." Adult and junior choirs. (Gray.) "Brahms-"O Jesus, Tender Shepherd." Previously published by Dickinson; easy and beautiful. (E. C. Schirmer.) Brahms-"Blessed Are They That Mourn' from "Requien" in the new Ox-ford translation. (Oxford.) Chambers-Davis-"Had We But Heark-ened." The famous "Solemn Melody" for orchestra, which you have probably bayed as an organ number. (Novello.) Davies. I.-Welsh-"Immortal, Invisible God." (Gray.) Harker-Borthiansky--"Holy F at her., We Adore Thee." S or T solo. Easy, not typically Russian. (Flammer.) Ivemey-Falestrina-Six Introits. (No-vello.) Monestel-Rubinstein-"O God of God." Here is a miscellany:

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mitted earlier by Arnold. It is a funny

The new firm of Row in Boston pub-lished several numbers in a series, in-cluding:

Monestel-Rubinstein—"O God of God." Monestel-Rubinstein—''O God of God." Has AT solos. The well-known part of the "Kamennoi Ostrow." (C. Fischer.) Mendelssohn—''There Shall a Star from Jacob." (Oxford.) Riegger-Tschaikowsky — 'Pilgrins' Song." Bar solo. (Flammer.) Whitehead-Von Burck—'When Up to Heaven God Goeth." An altered chorale, four parts, easy. (Gray.) Ascension. Whitford-Tschaikowsky — 'Praise Ye the Lord." Unaccompanied Also an

wnutora-Tschaikowsky — "Praise Ye the Lord." Unaccompanied. Also an edition for TTBB. (J. Fischer.) Young-Haydn—"As Waves of a Storm-Swept Ocean" ("Insanae et Vanae Curae"). Fifteen pages. (Gray.) Man's Vaices Also an

Men's Voices

Here are a few for TTBB, most of them arrangements of numbers already well known:

well known: \*Andrews-Bach—"Jesu. Joy of Man's Desiring." Parts available for violin or for orchestra. Bach's most popular ex-tended chorale. (Gray.) Andrews—"(Rhapsody on a Christmas Contel & Gourden and Christmas)

tended chorale. (Gray.) Andrews-"Rhapsody on a Christmas Chorale." (Gray.) \*Buchanan-Virginia Carol — "Jesus, Born in Bethlea." (J. Fischer.) Davison-Clement — "Adoramus Te." Latin words only, (E. C. Schirmer.) \*Davison-Di Lasso — "Adoramus Te." For TTT. (E. C. Schirmer.) Davison-Palestrina — "Adoramus Te."

(F C. Schirmer.) Holler-Banks—"Angels from the Realms

Holler-Banks—"Angels from the Realms of Glory," (Gray.) Jones—"Build Thee More Stately Man-sions." (C. Fischer.) Matthews-Franck—"Psaim 159." (Gray.) Macfarlane—"Open Our Eyes." (G. Schirmer J.

Macfarlane—"Open Our Eyes. (G. Schirmer.) Mueller—"Lo, God Is Here." (G. Schirmer.) Snow--"Into the Woods My Master Went." (Homeyer.) Thompson, V. D.—"Spring Eursts To-day." Fine text by C. Rossetti. Needs at least eight men. Opens with TT. Has been very popular in original form for SATB. (Gray.) Easter. Whittord—"Good News from Heaven." His best, so far. (J. Fischer.) Women's Voices

Lord

For women's voices there have been two lovely, easy new pieces—Candlyn's "Away in a Manger" in two parts (Gray) and Jones' "Little Lamb" in two parts (C. Fischer). Here are some others:

ners: Bach-Nicolai — "Now Let Every ongue." Three parts. (E. C. Schirmer.) Elgar—"The Banner of St. George." our parts. For a concert or cantata. Novello.) T (Novello.)

Fichthorn-"Sleep, Holy Babe." Three

Harris-Schubert—"Omnipotence." Three parts. (G. Schirmer.) \*Ingegneri—"Vere Languores." Three parts, unaccompanied, one page. Very useful at communion. (E. C. Schirmer.) Koppitz-Bach—"Up, Up, My Heart." Four parts. (E. C. Schirmer.) \*Kraft-Bach—"Up, Up, My Heart." Three parts. (Gray.) Easter. "Geer-Bach—Two Chorales from Can-tata 194. Four parts. Very fine. (E. C. Schirmer.)

Not much was done for the Handel festival in the way of new editions. Dr. Whitehead fixed up the famous Largo as "Holy Art Thou" (Ditson) for double tata 194. Four para Schirmer.) Lester-Elgar—"As Torrents in Sum-mer." Three parts. (J. Fischer.) Mozart—"Christmas Lullaby." Three (Pare.) er." Three part Mozart—"Christmas Lunave. rts. (Row.) "Snow—"Sleep, Holy Babe." Four parts. "aner." Four as "Holy Art Thou" (Disson) for double chorus and S solo, or children. Sir Edward Bairstow published "Dove Sei" as "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Oxford), with a soprano solo; he explained, somewhat sullenly, that the crime had been com-

"Snow-"As Pants the Hart." Four parts. (Schnidt.) Treharne-Gaul-Carol of the Russian

Children. Three parts. (G. Schirmer.) Has been very popular for mixed voices. Services, Antiphons, Descants

Children. Three parts. (G. Schirmer.) Has been very popular for mixed voices. Services, Antiphons, Descants Some very fine music for the Epis-copal service has been published. Dr. Willam has given us his "Missa Brevis, No. 6" on Bach chorales (C. Fischer) and his "Missa Brevis No. 5 in F sharp minor," for SSATB unaccompanied, with a grand Kyrie (C. Fischer). His "Benedictus es, Domine" in E flat is one of the half dozen best settings (Gray). For the London Gregorian festival he composed a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to Tone 2 with fauxbourdons (Oxford). Dr. Candlyn has given us a very beautiful Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F. somewhat in the style of Holst or V. Williams (Schmidt)--modern, modal. Mr. Titcomb has a "Missa S. Joannis Evangelistae" for TTBB (C. Fischer), and the Sanctus and Bene-dictus from his "Missa de Regina Cocil" are now published separately (C. Fish-er). All his music is worthy of use in dignified worship. For antiphons Dr. Dickinson has two wo nes: "Great and Glorious God," on an Indian melody (Gray), and "O Come, Let Us Worship" (Gray). His pupil, Mrs. Lockwood, has two excel-lent antiphons: "Gracious Spirit, Draw Us," on a melody by Schuetz (Gray), and "Lightly, Brightly, Bells Are Peal-inshed late in 1934). The best descants of the year seem to me to be a set of thirty-six by G. Shaw for use with the "English Hymnal" (Oxford). Here are some other valuable issues: Ashey-Communion Service for Con-gragation and Choir. Good; may be sung in unison. (Novello.) Duglas, E.-Benedicite Chant. (Neville. Shaw for use with the "English Hymnal" (Oxford). Mere are original Amens. Fine-iswords. (Gray.) Overon-Fifteen Original Amens. Fine-monen-Lord's Prayer. Unaccom-anied. (Schmidt).

Junior Choirs Junior Choirs The publishers are realizing the huge new market for anthems which can be sung by junior choirs. The best new collection of the year, and about the best ever made, is Mr. Holler's "Junior Choir Anthem Book." Book 1 (Gray), with sixteen numbers for 50 cents, including beautiful works by Candlyn and Purcell and a number of the Dickinson carols. This is a bargain, Carl F. Mueller has also brought out two admirable volumes of his own com-positions entitled "The Junior Choris-ter" (Flammer), with ten pieces in each volume; the price is 60 cents a volume. Let me mention a few other numbers: Bitgood—"The Christmas Candle." Uni-son. (Gray.) Candly—"Away in a Manger." SS or SA. (Gray.) Holler-Bach—"Jesus, Lying in the Manger." SS. (Gray.) Jones—"Little Lamb," Sing in one, two or three parts. (C. Flscher.) Wheaton—"A Christmas Folksong, the Little Jesus Came to Town." Prefer-ably unison. Accompaniment for piano and organ, er organ duet, or plano duet. (Gray.) Larger Works

## Larger Works

Larger Works We have had two splendid new American works. One is Dickinson's "The Redeemer" (Gray), which runs to 130 pages of lovely music for Eas-ter. There is a new organ prelude, followed by the best Easter numbers from the famous Dickinson carols and one or two of the big anthems, together with solos for all four voices. This is a work which will last for a long, long time. time

time. Then there is Professor Clokey's "Adoramus Te" for Easter also (Birch-ard), one of his clearest and most de-lightful works, running to only fifty-five pages. There are short solos for five pages. all voices.

Less ambitious than these two is the Less ambitious than these two is the charming Christmas work, tableaux with music, by Grace Chalmers Thom-son entitled "Christmas Morning," with text by Eugene Field (J. Fischer). It is to be performed by soprano and a unison chorus of children. I shall name only one other work. It is called a "Lenten Cantata" and it has been put together from Handel's "Messiah" and "Passion" (Novello). There have been a number of difficult English works, but I have not had time to hear them. Dr. Carl gave "Nebu-

chadnezzar" twice and has convinced a good many people that Dyson's work is a fine one (Novello).

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#### Organ Pieces

Organ Pieces Professor Jepson's Third Sonata (Gray) seems to have been the work in larger form that received most re-spectful study this year. Garth Ed-mundson published a number of things: "Imagery in Tableaux" (J. Fisch-er), and "In Modum Antiquum" (J. Fisch-er), and "Christus Crucifixus" (Gray) —all interesting suites. Mr. Shure brought out his "The Holy Carpenter" (J. Fischer), the most attractive of el), and theresting suites. Mr. Shure brought out his "The Holy Carpenter" (J. Fischer), the most attractive of his many Oriental studies. In England Dr. Harwood published a volume of Eight Pieces (Novello), of which the last is likely to be a popular Christmas number. I think that I liked best, of all the new pieces, Candlyn's "Prelude on a Gregorian Tone" (Schmidt), which requires good playing. Here are some more new works of merit: Banks, H. C., Jr.—Two good chorale improvisations, published separately (Gray) on "St. Columba" and on "Let All Mortal Flesh." I like "St. Columba" better.

Diggle — "Fantasie-Impromptu." (Ditson.)

son.) Downes—"Jubilate Deo." Not easy. (Gray.) Greenfield—Prelude in Olden Style.

Greenfield — Prelude in Olden Style, (Gray.) Harker, Clifford—"Two Idylls," Set I. (Novello.) Mauro-Cottone — "W hile Shepherds Watched." Chimes; quotation from 'Holy Night." Likely to be the most popular piece of the year. (J. Fischer.) Verrees—"Chorale Improvisation on 'O for a Closer Walk.'" (Gray.) Not easy.

for a Closer Walk.'" (Gray.) Not easy. Of course, we have had volume 3 of Mr. Kreckel's "Musica Divina" (J. Fischer), full of delightful little festival pieces on noble old melodies. One other book I recommend: Mr. Holler's volume called "St. Cecilia Series for Lent and Easter" (Gray), which in-cludes two numbers by Bach, one by Purcell, an Edmundson suite, etc. Books

Purcell, an Edmundson suite, etc. Purcell, an Edmundson suite, etc. Books The most beautiful book of the year is undoubtedly Dr. Noble's "A Round of Carols" (Oxford) with delightful pictures by Miss Helen Sewall. There are thirty-four carols arranged by a master, and the charming pictures, beautifully printed and bound, for \$2. Prahas the most important books of the year are the two studies of hymns made for the Presbyterian churches of Scotland and the United States. Moffatt and Patrick's "Hand-book to the Church Hymnary, with Supplement" (Oxiord) is remarkably well done, but so is the handbook to the American Presbyterian Hymnal prepared by Drs. Covert and Laufer (Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia). I think that we should mention as almost equally important book to the Church Hymnary, with supplement" (Oxiord) is remarkably well done, but so is the handbook to presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia). I think that we should mention as almost equally important benefit, the book on "Worship and Music" by Davies and Grace (Gray), in which we get so temperate and wise a discussion that I devoted an entire at the there are a few other numbers: Buszin – "Anniversary Collection of Baer, Chorales." (Hall & MeCreary). Tim, Father—"An Epitome of Some Principles of Choral Technique." A supmited sixteen pages. (Birchard.) Jackson – "Neero S pirituals and Hyms." For women's voices. Twenty-five of them for 75 cents. (J. Fischer.) Colles-"Oxford History of Musie. Volume 7, 1850-1900." (Oxford.)

Volume 7, 1850-1900." (Oxford.) Summary Make it yourself, please. But you will admit that the year which saw the union of the N. A. O. with the A. G. O. was a memorable one in comp-sition as well. The Canadians did their share, with the rich production from Messrs. Willan, Whitehead and Sanders. Cand-lyn was in full vigor. David Jones and Garth Edmundson showed us that the younger men are meeting expectations, Miss Bitgood was pleasant proof that the younger men are meeting expectations, Miss Bitgood was pleasant proof that the young women are capable of pro-ducing delightful music. Dr. Noble and Dr. Dickinson did not publish as many new works as we might wish, but they be grateful. The new firm of Row and the reborn firm of Flammer published some ex-cellent numbers. Some of the publish-es showed a realization of the value of advertising their wares, but some of them stuck to the stupid system of printing and hoping for purchasers to turn up.

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# Los Angeles News: How a Good Recital Can Offset a Dinner

By ROLAND DIGGLE, Mus. D. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14,—The De-cember meeting of the Guild was held at the First Baptist Church and the recital which followed was given by Mabel Culver Adsit, Alice McMichael and Irene Robertson. To my deep regret the duck dinner that had been promised missed fire and I was not in the best of moods when I entered the church. When I am all set for duck and get tough something-or-other in place of it, it has to be a good recital to make me at peace with the world. It speaks mighty well for the three ladies that before the end of the ever-ning I was at peace with everyone. They really gave a first-rate recital and are to be congratulated on the make-up of the program. Among the most en-joyable numbers were the Sowerby "Carillon," the Mauro-Cottone Varia-tions on a Christmas Carol and the Bingham Roulade—bless my soul, all three American composers!"

The hymn festival service at Im-manuel Presbyterian Church Sunday, Nov. 24, was an inspiration. With 250 voices drawn from a number of choirs, some of the best-known hymns were sung under the direction of J. B. Trow-bridge, Alexander Stewart and Clar-ence Mader, who was responsible for the festival. James H. Shearer of Pasadena delivered an address on "The Evolution of the Hymn."

A splendid recital was given by Clar-ence Mader on the Austin organ in the First Methodist Church Nov. 19. This was the second of a series, the first being given by Irene Robertson, organist of the church, in October, Mr. Mader was in excellent form and gave us some of the best organ playing heard here in a long time. The tre-mendous Introduction, Variations and Fugue on the Chorale "Hallelujah, God Be Praised," by Max Reger, was a real *tow de force*. I had not heard this work since I heard Lynnwood Farnam play it in Montreal twenty-five years ago. Surely it is one of the great things in organ literature. A splendid recital was given by Clar-

Honoring the memory of Walter F. Skeele, who for forty years served as dean of the school of music, University of Southern California, a bronze bust by William F. Engelmann was pre-sented to the university by friends Dec. 5.

The second of the special programs arranged by the choir of the First Baptist Church under the direction of Alexander Stewart was given Dec. 8 and featured German composers. Works by Bach, Haydn, Handel, Spohr, etc., were admirably sung by this well trained organization which adds so much to the musical life of the city.

much to the musical life of the city. On Dec. 9 a Christmas program was given in the First Congregational Church of Pasadena under the direction of the Pasadena and Valley Districts Chapter of the A. G. O. The choirs taking part were those of the First Methodist Church of Alhambra, the First Baptist of Pasadena, All Saints', Pasadena, and the First Congrega-tional, Pasadena. Each choir sang in-dividual numbers and all joined in a Mozart and Handel chorus. Miss Mildred Brockway, A. A. G. O., played a group of organ numbers with excel-lent taste and finish. The whole pro-gram was most enjoyable and reflected great credit on all concerned.

Arthur Poister of the University of Redlands has been on tour in the Mid-dle West and having a great success wherever he has played. During his absence Ralph G. Travis of La Verne College played the vesper recital. Mr. Travis, who is a pupil of Palmer Chris-tian, made a deep impression with his scholarly playing.

Under the direction of Ernest Bal-festiv lard the choir of St. James' Episcopal the fi Church sang Joseph W. Clokey's grega "Adoramus Te" Dec. 8. On Dec. 15 ing. the chorus of Redlands University will choir.

sing the same composer's "We Beheld His Glory" under the direction of W. B. Olds.

Alexander Schreiner is having ex-cellent audiences at his recitals this season at U. C. L. A. On his program for Dec. 8 we find the Larghetto from Beethoven's Second Symphony, the B major and B minor Canons of Schu-mann, Boellmann's "Suite Gothique" and the Strauss Concerto for French horn, played by the assisting artist, Sinclair Lott, with Mr. Schreiner at the organ.

C. E. McAfee, who died Nov. 17, will be missed by his many friends. While he had not been very active dur-ing the last year, he was for twelve years organist of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for many years or-ganist and choirmaster of Temple B'nai B'rith and for the last ten years or-ganist and teacher of harmony at Hollywood High School.

# RADIO RECITALS BY STAMM

St. Louis Man Engaged for Three Programs from Station KMOX.

St. Louis Man Engaged for Three Programs from Station KMOX. Ernest Prang Stamm broadcast the recital in the Kilgen series from station KMOX at St. Louis Dec. 30 and will be heard in two additional programs at 10:15 p. m. central standard time Jan. 6 and 13. The three radio pro-grams are made up of these items: Dec. 30—Chorale Improvisation, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Leon Verrees; Chorale Prelude, "To Thee, Jehovah, Will I Sing," Hugo Kaun; "Evening Bells and Cradle Song," Will C. Macfarlane. Jan. 6—Chorale from the "Symphonie Romane," Widor; Intermezzo from Sixth Symphony, Widor; "The Wee Kirk Wedding Song," Roland Diggle. Jan. 6—Chorale from the "Symphonie Romane," Gavotte and "Leg-end" E. Prang Stamm. Mr. Stamm is organist of the Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal) and teacher of music at the Beaumont High School in St. Louis. He was born in the latter city and received two years of his musical training in Berlin.

### Help for Smaller Choirs.

Help for Smaller Choirs. A successful series of conferences on the subject "Vocal Training for Volunteer Choirs" has been completed by the commission on music of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. The conferences, attended by more than 100 persons, were held in the Diocesan Church House, Philadelphia, in Octo-ber and November. Robert Shurig, a vocal instructor at Temple University and also at Mount Airy Theological Seminary, delivered seven lectures, using the members of his audience as a class with which to demonstrate. The second hour every Wednesday eve-ning was conducted by a member of the commission, who used phonograph the difforts of the commission are di-rected toward aiding choirmasters of smaller parishes which are limited in their musical expenditures and talent.

#### -Blind Wisconsin Organist Dies.

Blind Wisconsin Organist Dies. Walter Goetzinger, 50 years old, a former member of the WCLO staff of musicians at Janesville, Wis., died Nov. 14 in the Badger Home for the Blind, Milwaukee. Mr. Goetzinger, a graduate of the Wisconsin School for the Blind, Janesville, in 1904, was an accomplished organist and pianist, and was known throughout Wisconsin as a theater and radio musician and entertainer. He was born in Milwaukee April 3, 1885. He became a regular WCLO staff member when that station first went on the air, Aug. 1, 1930, and remained with the station for three years. About two years ago he again went to Mil-waukee. His wife died in 1934. He is survived by two sons. \$

Mrs. Fox Directs Hymn Festival. At St. Luke's M. E. Church, New-ark, N. J., under the direction of Kate Elizabeth Fox, organist and choir-master, the first of a series of hymn festivals was given Nov. 24. Many of the finest hymns were used, the con-gregation joining heartily in the sing-ing. Descants were sung by the junior choir.

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# Audience in Chicago Hears Eigenschenk in Brilliant Recital

A large and appreciative audience filled Kimball Hall, Chicago, Dec. 9 to acclaim a native son among its organ-ists and to help the organ scholarship fund of the Van Dusen Organ Club. The crowd heard a well-balanced perform-ance by Edward Eigenschenk, the artist of the evening, and did not move from its seats until two encores had been added to the offerings as published in the last issue of THE DIAPASON. Mr. Eigenschenk played a taxing program entirely from memory, displaying ver-satility in all of his work, and proved himself a man who is continually grow-ing, as demonstrated by his ease at the console and his command of the instru-ment. ment.

The program began with Clerambault and ended with Widor, and the classic and the modern had impartial repre-sentation. An auspicious beginning with the Clerambault Prelude was folwith the Clerambault Prelude was fol-lowed by a rather rapid rendition of the fine Bach chorale, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and a good interpret-ation of the Handel Fitth Concerto. Then came a Karg-Elert group of three numbers. "Nun danket Alle Gott" was impressive: the "Ave Maria" made one wonder whether it was worth the valiant efforts of the recitalist; the "Lauda Sion" hardly deserved the benefit of any such doubt. It is modern composition in a strange language, say-ing something that may or may not be worth while. But the "Liebestod" of Wagner.

be worth while. But the "Liebestod" of Wagner, transcription though it be, was done with beautiful finish and one may be pardoned for appreciating it. In the Bossi Scherzo, Sowerby's "Carillon" and the Scherzo from Widor's Fourth Symphony Mr. Eigenschenk showed brilliancy and mature musicianship. He was at his best in this group. The sin-cerity of Bonnet's "Romance sans Paroles," with its simple beauty, af-

forded a fine contrast to the more weighty compositions. The set pro-gram closed with Widor's perennially fitting Toccata. Enthusiastic recalls led to the addition of the Haydn "Clock Movement" and the Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor. There might well be more such eve-nings of enjoyment for those who love organ music.

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# Wild Club Hears Dr. Hopkins.

Wild Club Hears Dr. Hopkins. The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, for a generation a promiment Episcopal clergyman in Chicago, addressed the Harrison M. Wild Organ Club at its December meeting and luncheon, held at the Cordon Club Dec. 3. Dr. Hop-kins delivered an inspiring message on the sublime part the church musi-cian is taking at this particular time, at the beginning of a new epoch, as compared with the orchestra, the opera, etc. President Allen W. Bogen was in the chair. The next meeting will be held Jan. 7. -0-

# Minor C. Baldwin Starts South.

Dr. Minor C. Baldwin Starts South. Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, now 80 years old, and from time immemorial one of the most active recitalists of the coun-try, has left his New England home on his annual Southern tour. He gave a program at Oneonta, N. Y., Dec. I and two days later departed in his car from Albany, transferring to a steamer in New York, bound for Savannah, Ga., where he was to arrive in time for a where he was to arrive in time for a recital. Dr. Baldwin feels as chipper as forty years ago and continues to make his popular appeal in many churches.

Two Thousand Hear "Petit Ensemble." Two Thousand Hear "Petit Ensemble." The small pipe organ called the "Petit Ensemble," built by George Kilgen & Son, Inc., and described in detail in previous issues, continues to meet with an enthusiastic reception. The Kilgen Company reports that there have been so many requests to hear this organ that more than 2.000 people have already attended auditions at the factory and in various factory branches of the company.

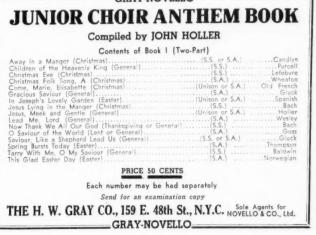


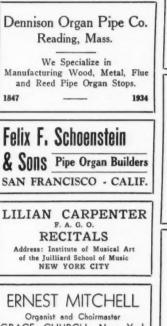
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# Programs of Organ Recitals of the Month

Daniel R. Philippi, St. Louis, Mo .- Mr. Philippi gave a Bach program Dec. 12 at Christ Church Cathedral in honor of at Churst Church Cathedral in honor of Bishop Scarlett and the clergy of the diocese. The following works of the master were played: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (with chorale theme); Sona-tina from the Advent Cantata "God's Time Is the Best"; Adagio (from Toc-cata. Adagio and Fugue in C); Passa-carle and Duran in Cominent "Birliferact" caglia and Fugue in C minor: "Sicilienne caglia and Fugue in C minor; "Sicilienne" (from the Flute and Piano Sonata); Aria (from the Suite in D); Chorale Preludes, "Christians Be Glad." "Have Mercy upon Me. O Lord God" and "In Deepest Need, I Cry to Thee."

Albert Riemenschneider, Berea, Ohio-Mr. Riemenschneider, who is giving a series of six vesper recitals at Baldwin-Wallace College on the first Sunday Wallace College on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, played the fol-iowing program Dec. 1: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "O Whither Shall I dy," Bach; Second Sonata, in C minor, Mendelssohn; Five Short Chorale Preludes, Op. 135a, Reger; Finale, First Symphony, Vierne.

Hugh Porter, New York City-In a recital at the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, Jan. 5, Mr. Porter will play a program made up of the follow-ing works: "Vom Himmel hoch"--Chorale ing works: "Vom Himmel noen ----chorate Prelude, Pastorale, Bach, and Prelude and Fuxue, Pachelbel; "Wachet auf," "Marche du Veilleur de Nuit," Bach-Widor; "In dulci Jubilo," Chorale Im-provisation, Karg-Elert; "Melodies Lor-raines," Noel on the Flute stops, d'Aquin; "Triptyque pour la Noel," de Malein-greau: "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen"---Adagietto, Porter, and Chorale Prelude, Brahms; "Carillon de Westminster," Brahms; Vierne

Vierne. Grace Cordia Murray, Mus. B., Green-ville, Pa.—The Orpheus Club presented Miss Murray in a recital at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, on which occasion she played a program consisting of the following selections: Chaconne, Buxtehude; Cho-rale in A minor, Franck: Introduction and Pussacaglia in D minor, Reger. Moreis Thempson, Sherwanet La.—U

Morris Thompson, Shreveport, La.—In his short recitals Sunday evenings be-fore the services at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church Mr. Thompson has played:

Dec. 5-"Reverie Interrompue," Tschai-

Dec. 22—Chorale Prelude, "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming," Brahms; Christmas Musette, Mailly; "Virgin's Slumber Song," Edmundson

Dec. 29-Prelude and Fugue in A minor, "Song of India," Rimsky-Kor-"Jagged Peaks in the Moon-Bach: n: off; "Ja<sub>b.</sub> \*" Clokey. Caro light.

Louise Carol Titcomb. Ithaca. N. Y .-Louise Carol Titcomb, Ithaca, N. Y.--Miss Titcomb is giving a series of "musi-cal meditations" at the First Methodist Church. The evening of Dec. 8 she was assisted by Sibyl Tuttle, pianist, in the following program: "Psalm XIX." Mar-cello: Sonatina from Cantata "God's Time is Best," Bach; Two Byzantine Sketches ("The Nave" and "The Rose Window"). Mulet: "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Russell; "Exultation" (symphonic piece for organ and piano). (symphonic piece for organ and piano), Powell Weav

Powell Weaver.
Arthur C. Becker, A. A. G. O., Chi-cago-Mr. Becker, dean of the school of nusic of De Paul University, played the following program in a recital Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17. at St. Mary's Springs Academy: Premier Chorale, Andriessen; Largo from "New World" Symphony, Dyorak: Bereeuse, Becker; Toccata and Pugue in D minor, Bach: "Ave Maria." Bossi; Scherzo, Reiff; "Variations de Concert," Bonnet; "Reve Angelique," Rubinstein; Toccata from Fifth Sym-phony, Widor,

Carl McKinley, Mus. D., Boston, Mass. Carl McKinley, Mus. D., Boston, Mass. -Dr, McKinley, organist and choirmas-ter of the Old South Church, played the following program in a recital at the Harvard University Memorial Church Dec. 3: "Te Deum" and "Kyrie," Reger; Trio and Bicinium on the Chorale "To God on High Aloue Be Glory," Bach; Toecata in D minor, Bach; Andante from

the "Grande Piece Symphonique," Franck: Three Hymn-tune Fantasies, McKinley: "Landscape in Mist," Karg-Elert: Finale from Seventh Symphony, Symphonique," Widor.

Frank K. Owen, St. Paul, Minn .- Mr.

Frank K. Owen, St. Paul, Minn.-Mr. Owen, organist and choirmaster of Christ Church. conducted a series of "organ vespers" Sundays in December. The offerings included the following: Dec. 1-Grand Chorus, Guilmant; "Elfes," Bonnet: "Lied," Vierne; Canon in F major, Salome; Fugue in E flat ("St. Ann"), Bach; Necturne, Stoughton; "Ave Maria," Schubert; Chorale in A minor, Franck

"Ave Maria," Schubert; Chorale in A minor, Franck. Dec. S — Allegro (Sixth Symphony), Widor; Two Chorale Preludes, Bach; Sonata No. 6, Mendelssohn; Cradle Song, Ijinsky; Adagio (Sonata in B flat minor), Ferguson; Toccata on "Thou Art the Beach" Nucl-Rock," Mulet. Dec. 15-"Carillon," Vierne; Scherzo,

Gigout; Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Berceuse, Rogers; Fantasia on "Lead, Kindly Light," Fairclough; "Leg-ende," Vierne; "Caprice Heroique," Bonnet.

Doneet. 22-First Movement, Fifth Sym-phony (pedal cadenza by Firmin Swinnen), Widør: "Noel Languedocien," Gulfmant: "Carillon," Sowerby: "Noel," Mulet; "Prayer," "Hänsel and Gretel," Hum-perdinck: "Ave Maria." Arkadelt-Liszt; Fantasia and Fugne in G minor, Bach.

Warren D. Allen, San Francisco, Cal.--Mr. Allen visited Philadelphia in Novem-ber and gave a recital for the American Organ Players' Club at Old Christ Church Organ Players' Club at Old Christ Church Nev. 25, presenting this imposing list of offerings: Toccata in the Dorian Mode and "Come. Redeemer of Our Race," Bach; Adagio from Sonata, Op. 108 (ar-ranged by Lemare). Brahms: "In the Garden of the Tuileries" ("Pictures from an Exhibition"), Moussorgsky; "Mirage" and "The Adobe Mission," from "Scenes from the Mexican Desert," Mearing; Symphonic Variations on a Theme by Jacques Champion Chambonnieres, Park-er Bailey; Symphony No. 1, Op. 18, in G minor, Edward Shippen Barnes; Largo from the 'Cello Sonata (arranged by W. D. Allen), Chopin; Toccata in B minor, Barie. minor. Barie

Ernest Walker Bray, F. A. G. O., Tif-fin, Ohio-Professor Bray played the fol-lowing selections in a vesper recital at Heidelberg College Sunday afternoon. lowing selections in a vesper recital at Heidelberg College Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8: Chorale, "Salvation Now Is Come to Earth," Kirnberger; Chorale Preludes, "O Sacred Head, Once Wounded" and "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven," Bach: "Stella Matutina," Dallier; "Caril-lon de Westminster," Vierne; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon; Toccata from Fifth Symphony, Widor.

Symphony, Widor. Thomas H. Webber, Jr., Youngstown, Ohio-Mr. Webber played the first recital of the latest annual series at the Stam-baugh Auditorium Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, and his program was made up Nov. 17, and his program was made up as follows: Allegro, from Fourth Con-certo, Handel; Sarabande, Corelli; Pas-torale, arranged by Clokey; Toccata, Jepson; "L'Arlesienne Suite," Bizet; "Chapel of San Miguel," Seder; "Char-treuse," Edmundson; A da gi o, from "Moonlight" Sonata, Beethoven; "Pag-cant," Sowerby.

Monnient Sonata, Bechoven, Tageant, Sowerby.
 Frank B. Jordan, M. Mus., Bloomington, III.—Mr. Jordan, head of the organ department at Illinois Wesleyan University, gave a recital at the First Methodist Church of Charleston, III., Dec. 11 and presented this program: Minuet, Bach-Kraft; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach-Grace; Fourth Organ Concerto (Allegro Moderato), H a n d el; "Dreams," McAmis; Andante, Stamitz; Arabasque, S e el y; Gavotte, Wesley; Christmas Pastorale, Harker; "Prologue de Jesu" (Traditional), Clokey; Craile Sonz, Polster; "The Squirrel," Weaver; Toccata in E minor, Callaerts.
 Gene Stanton, Norwalk, Ohio — Mr. Stanton, organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Church, presented a program of German organ music on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8. It was as follows: Largo, Handel: Sonata in the Style of Handel, Wealstenhome. "Ava Marie" Schubert:

noon, Dee, S. It was as follows: Largo, Handel: Sonata in the Style of Handel, Wolstenholme; "Ave Maria," Schubert; Minuet, K. P. E. Bach; "Abendlied" and Sketch in D. Schumann; "Harmonies du Soir," Karg-Elert; Toccata in F major. Daub

Solr, Raig-Faert, fuccata in 2 mager-Bach. On Jan. 12 Mr. Stanton will play a program of American organ music, which will be as follows: "Meditation à Ste.

Clotilde." Philip James; "Song of the Basket-Weaver" and "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre." Russell; Madrigal. Sowerby; Scherzo - Caprice, Candlyn; "Dreams," Stoughton; "Sunset" an d "Evening." Gene Stanton; Berceuse, Dickinson; Paraphrase on the Hymn-tune "St. Kevin," Miles.

Alexander Schreiner, Los Angeles, Cal. —For his thirteenth Sunday recital this season at the University of California, Los Angeles, Dec. 15 Mr. Schreiner played this program: "Piece Heroique," played this program: "Piece Heroique," Frunck; First Sonata, in F minor, Men-delssohn; "Indian Flute Call," Dillon; "A Story from Dreamland," Dillon; Toccata in B minor, Schreiner; "Ave Maria," Schubert; Introduction to Third Act and Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin." Wag-

Mr. Schreiner's selections Dec. 22 were: Chorale, "Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring," Pachelbel; Chorale Fan-tasle in A minor, Franck; Pastorale in A major, Schreiner; Variations from Fifth Symphony, Widor; "Adeste Fideles" from "Cathedral Windows," Karg-Elert; Prelude and Sicillana, from "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni; Improvisation on "Old King Wenceslaus." Bach programs were played by Mr. Schreiner Dec. 1 and at his noon recital Dec. 3. Mr. Schreiner's selections Dec. 22 were:

Dec. 3.

Max Miranda, Beloit. Wis.—Mr. Mi-randa, director of music at Beloit Col-lege, played the following organ numbers for the annual candle-light service of the college choirs, attended by a congrega-tion which filled the chapel to capacity Dec. 15: Four selections from "The tion which filled the chapel to capacity Dec, 15: Four selections from "The Christmas Tree," Liszt; "In dulci Jubilo." Bach; "While Shepherds Watched." Mauro-Cottone; Rhapsody on a Christ-mas Chorale, Mark Andrews.

Mauro-Cottone; Rhapsody on a Christ-mas Chorale. Mark Andrews. Healey Willan, Toronto, Ont.—Dr. Wil-lan played two Bach programs on Satur-day afternoons in December at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The of-ferings of Dr. Willan were as follows: Dec. 7.—Prelude and Fugue in C minor; Chorale Preludes, "Now Come, Thou Saviour of the Gentiles," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Is Calling"; Prelude and Fugue in A major; Arias. "My Inmost Heart Doth Yearn" and "Be Thou but Near Me"; Toccata and Fugue in D minor. Dec. 14—Prelude and Fugue in C major; Canzona in D minor; Aria in D. Chorale Preludes, "We All Believe in One God"; Fugue in B minor (on a Theme by Cor-elli): Kyrie, "O God Heaver," Christe, "O Christ, Redeemer," Kyrie, "O God the

"O Christ, Redeemer," Kyrie, "O God t Hely Ghost"; Prelude and Fugue in "O God th Ethel Sleeper Brett, Sacramento, Cal.

Ethel Sleeper Brett, Sacramento, Cal. —With the assistance of Zue Gerry Pease at the piano, Mrs. Brett played the following program for the Sacramento Chapter of the A. G. O. at the First Methodist Church Nov. 24: "Now Thank We All Our God." Karg-Elert; "Medita-tion a Satinte Clottlde." James: Bourree in D. Sabin; "Hark, A Voice Saith 'All are Mortal." Bach; Sketch in D flat, Schumann: Berceuse, Vierne; "Plight of the Bumble-bee," Rimsky-Korsakoff; "Marche Champetre." Boex; Toccata on "O Sons and Daughters of the King." Farnam: "Lees Preludes" (arranged for organ and plano by Warren D. Allen), Liszt.

Percy M. Linebaugh, Mus. B., Selinsgrove, Pa .- Mr. Linebaugh, professor of organ and piano at Susquehanna Unirgan and piano at Susquehanna Uni-rersity, played the following program in t recital at St. Matthew's Lutheran "hurch, Williamsport, P.a., Nov. 29: Largo rom "Xerxes." Handel; Prelude in D ninor, Clerambault; Chorale Preludes, "Now Let Us Sing with Joy" and "Jesus, ter of Muric Desring", "Ready Tecenta from minor. Now Let US Sing with Joy" and "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring." Bach: Toccata on "O Filli et Filiae," Farnam: Caprice and "Dusk." Linebaugh: "The Squirrel," Weaver: "Within a Chinese Garden." Stoughton; "The Rippling Brook," Gil-

Roberta Bitgood, F. A. G. O., Bloom-field, N. J.-Miss Bitgood, organist and director at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, played the follow-ing selections in a recital at the Meth-odist Church of New London, Conn., Nov. odist Church of New London, Conn., Nov. 29: Prelude and Fugue, Krebs; Andante, Stamitz; Tenth Concerto, Handel; Fugue a la Gigue, Bach; "Good News from Heaven," Pachelbel; "Now Rejoice, Dear Christians," Bach; "Noel" (Byzantine

Sketches), Mulet; "In dulci Jubilo," Bach: Sketches), Mulet: In dual scale, "Noel Polonaise" (Variations on Ancient Polish Carol), Guilmant; Allegro (Sixth Symphony), Widor; "In the Church" (Slovak Suite), Novak; Allegretto in B minor, Guilmant; Finale in B flat, minor, Franck.

Franck. Clarence E. Heckler, Harrisburg, Pa. —The following Christmas recital played by Mr. Heckler at Christ Lutheran Church Dec. 18 was broadcast by station WKBO: "Noel sur Les Jeux d'Anches," d'Aquin; "A Christmas Idyl." Dunn; "Noel" (Byzantine Sketches), Mulet; Christmas Pastorale, Dinelli; Two Varia-tions on the Christmas Carol "Puer Nobis Nascitur." Guilmant; "Noel Lan-guedocien" (from Southern France), guedocien" (from Southern Fran Guilmant; "Noel Normandie," Gaul. France),

Guilmant; "Noel Normandle," Gaul. Harold Heeremans, Seattle, Wash.— Mr Heeremans' recital at the University Temple Nov. 22 was marked by the fol-lowing program: Fantasia, Parry; An-dante Tranquillo, Whitlock; "Hornpipe," Handel; Sonatina, "God's Time Is Best," Bach; Fantasia in G minor, Bach; Chor-ale in E Feranck: "Rose Window" Bach; Fantasia in G minor, Bach; Chor-ale in E, Franck; "Rose Window," Mulet; Canon in B minor, Schumann; Aria in Olden Style, Heeremans; Post-lude, Vierne; Berceuse, Sealy; "Kyrie Eleison," Karg-Elert; "Ronde Francaise," Pachnese: Boellmann.

Boellmann. Maitland Farmer, Toronto, Ont.—Mr. Farmer gave a series of five recitals Sat-urday afternoons in November at St. Paul's Church, on the Blackstock me-morial organ. The initial program was published in the C. C. O. page last month. Among the others were the following: Nov. 9—Dorian Toccata and Fugue, Back; Wedding Piece, Ernest Farrar; Four Pieces, Percy Whitlock; Pastorale, Allegro Vivace, Andante and Finale from Symphony No. 1. Vierne . Nov. 16—Toccata in F. Bach; "Bene-dictus." Alec Rowley; Four Preludes, Hermann Schroeder; Allegro, from Son-ata 1, Elgar; Allegro, Scherzo and Chor-ale from Symphony No. 2, Vierne.

ata I, Elgar; Allegro, Scherzo and Chor-ale from Symphony No. 2, Vierne. Nov. 23—Prelude on "London New," Harvey Grace; "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams; Gigue Fugue, Bach: "Suite Gothique," Boellmann; Cantabile and Finale from Symphony No. 2, Vierne. Parvin Titus, Cincinnatl, Ohio-Mr, Titus will present the following program when he plays the annual Weir memorial recital at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Steubenville, Ohio, Jan. 5: In-troduction and Allegro, Concerto 10, Handel; Gavotte, Martin; Trumpet Tune and Air, Purcell; Adajo, Symphony 3. 

Symphony 1. Vierne. Miles I'A. Martin, F. A. G. O., Water-bury, Conn.-Mr. Martin opened his week-ly broadcasts from St. John's Church over station WATR with programs which included the following compositions: Chorale in A minor, Franck; Melody in F, Rubinstein: Andante Grazioso, Smart; "Jagged Peaks in the Moonlight" and "Canyon Walls," Clokey; "Paean." H. A. Matthews: "Le Carillon." Latham True; "Minuetto." Guilmant; Andante from Fourth Trio-Sonata. Bach; "Caprice Heroique," Bonnet; Toccata and Adagio in C and A minor, Bach; Gavotte, Mar-thi; "Picce Heroique," Franck; "Morn-ing Song," "Ase's Death" and Scherzo. Grieg; "Finlandia," Sibellus; Chorale, "O Hail This Brightest Day," Bach; Passa-caglia in C minor, Bach; "Song to the Evening Star," Wagner; "Will-o'-the-Wisp," Nevin; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach. Miles I'A. Martin, F. A. G. O., Water-

Mr. Bruening played the following vesser recitals in December at the Lutheran Church of St. Matthew: Dec. 1--Drelude in B minor, Bach; Prelude to the Magnificat, Strunck; Prel-ude to "Divinum Mysterium," Candlyn. Dec. 8.--Drelude Pastorale ("Dies est Lactitae"), Yon: "Silent Night." Kreckel: "Lo, a Rose Is Blooming," Brahms. Dec. 15--Variations on "O Sanctissima." Hiller; Miniature Christmas Suite, Mc-Kinney; "Christmas Bells," McKinley. Dec. 22--(Preceding carol service, "Christmas Around the World")---"Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men." Bach; "O Sanctissima." Reuter: A Christmas Meditation, Eurdett.

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# Programs of Organ Recitals of the Month

F. Arthur Henkel, Nashville, Tenn .-- In his monthly recital at Christ Church on the afternoon of Dec. 15 Mr. Henkel prethe alternoon of Dec. is Mr. Henkel pre-sented the following program: "Marche Religieuse," Guilmant; Chorale Prelude, "Sleepers, Wake," Bach; Aria, "Art Thou with Me," Bach; "Paean," Rowley; Chowith Me," Bach, "Paean," Rowley; Cho-rale Prelude, "A Rose Breaks Forth," Brahms; Fantasia on Old Christmas Carols, Faulkes; "Evening Rest," Hollins, Ward-Belmont College presented Mr. Henkel in a recital Nov. 26 at which his

Henkel in a recital Nov. 26 at which his selections were: Suite in F, Corelli; Chorale Prelude, "Adorn Thyself, Fond Soul" and Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Largo, "From the New World" Symphony, Dvorak; Minuet, Op. 108, Mozart: "Forest Murmurs," "Sieg-fried," Wagner; "Flight of the Bumble-bee," Rimsky-Korskoff; "Variations de Concert." Bonnet; "Twilight at Fiesole," Bingham; Scherzo, Op. 59, Lemare; Toc-eata, Widor. cata, Widor.

Raymond C. Robinson, F. A. G. O., Bos-

Raymond C. Robinson, F. A. G. O., Bos-ton, Mass.--Mr. Robinson's recent Mon-day noon recitals at King's Chapel have been marked by these programs: Nov. 4--Fantaisle in D flat, Saint-Saens: "Ave Maria," Henselt; Pastorale, Franck; "Piece Heroiqué," Franck; "Clair de Lune," Vierne; Fugue in G miser Duré minor. Dupré. Nov. 18-Chorale in E. Franck; Andante

in B. Franck; Three Chorale Improvisa-tions, Karg-Elert; "Starlight," Karg-

in B. Franck; Three Chorale Improvisa-tions, Karg-Elert; "Starlight," Karg-Elert; Finale in B flat, Franck. Nov. 25 — Prelude and Fugue in A major, Bach; Chorale Prelude, "I Cry to Thee," Bach; Sinfonia, Bach-Widor; "Noel," Mulet; "Night," Foote; Finale (Symphony 1), Vierne.

Hugh McAmis, F. A. G. O., New York Hugh McAmis, F. A. G. O., New York —In his recital Dec. 9 on the memorial organ in the parish-house of All Saints' Church, Great Neck, Long Island, Mr. McAmis presented a program consisting of the following: "Psalm XIX." Marcello: "In dulci Jubilo," Bach: "The Christmas Pipes of County Clare." Gaul; Chorale in A minor, Franck: "Noel pour les Flutes," d'Aquin: Scotch Carol, arranged by Mc-Amis: "Liebested.' from "Tristan and Isolde." Wagner: Noel with Variations, Robert Bedell; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon; "Rhapsodie Catalane," Bonnet. James & Constanting, A. G. Q.

Yon; "Rhapsodie Catalane," Bonnet. James S. Constantine, A. A. G. O., Charlottesville, Va.-In a recital at St. Paul's Memorial Church of the Univer-sity of Virginia Dec. 15 Mr. Constantine played: "Christmas." Foote; Four Chor-ales from "The Little Organ Book." Bach; "In dulci Jubilo," Bach; Finale from "Symphonie Gothique," Widor; Chorale Prelude, "A Rose Breaks into Bloom," Brahms; Chorale Improvisations, "From the Denths of My Heart" and "From the Depths of My Heart" and "Adeste Fideles." Karg-Elert: Noels, Guilmant: Variations on an Ancient Christmas Carol, Dethier.

D'Alton McLaughlin, Toronto, Ont.--Mr. McLaughlin, who played the recital at the University of Toronto Dec. 3, made use of the following compositions: made use of the following compositions; "Il est Ne Le Divin Enfant," Busser; "Rhapsodie Catalane," Bonnet; "Invoca-tion," Reger; "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," Reger; "Nativete," Du-pré; Variations on a Noel, Dupré; "Adeste Fideles," Karg-Elert; "In dulci Jubilo," Marge Elever; "In fuller Jubilo," Karg-Elert

Robert G. Campbell, Springfield, Ohio -Mr. Campbell, a pupil of Dr. F. L. Bach at Wittenberg College, was heard Bach at Wittenberg College, was heard in a recital at the First Lutheran Church of Louisville, Ky. Dec. 1, when he played: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Air from the Orchestral Suite in D and Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach: Largo from "Xerxes," Handel; "Gesu Bambino," Yon; "Christmas." Dethier; Christmas Pastorale, Harker; "Romance sans Paroles" and "Elves," Bonnet; Finale from First Symphony, Vierne. Edward G. Mead, F. A. G. O., Oxford.

Finale from First symptony, vierne. Edward G. Mead, F. A. G. O., Oxford, Ohio-In a faculty recital of Miami Uni-versity at the Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, Mr. Mead played: Trumpet Voluntary, Pur-cell; "Soeur Monique," Couperin; "Tempo di Gavotta," Handel; Fantasie and Fugue I: G. miene Recht; Chorale Drebudes "Fe di Gavotta," Handel; Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, Bach; Chorale Preludes, "Es ist eln' Ros' entsprungen" and "Herzlich thut mich verlangen." Brahms; Canon in B minor, Schumann; Cantabile, Franck; "Marche Funebre et Chant Seraphique." Guilmant; Prelude on "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams; "Carillon," Sowerby;

Minuet-Scherzo, Jongen; "Variations sur un Noel," Dupré. Luther T. Spayde, M. Mus., Fayette,

Luther T. Spayde, M. Mus., Fayette, Mo.—Professor Spayde, head of the organ department of Central College, played the following program on the four-man-ual Möller organ in the Masonic Temple at Joplin, Mo., under the auspices of the Joplin Organists' Guild, Nov. 24: "Grand Choeur Dialogue." Gigout; Canon in B minor, Schumann; "Ave Maria," Arka-delt; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Adagio (Symphony 6), Widor; "Dreams," McAmis; "The Flight of the Bumble-bee." Rimsky-Korsakoff; "Para-phrase-Carillon" ("L'Orgue Mystique," No. 35), Tournemire; "Recit du Pecheur and Pantomime" ("El Amor Brujo"), de Falla; "The Quiet of the Forest." Dun-ham; Finale (Symphony 1), Vierne. Franklin Glynn, Memphis, Tenn.—In a

nam; Finale (symphony 1), Vierne. Franklin Glynn, Memphis, Tenn.—In a recital at his church, the Idlewild Pres-byterian, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, Mr. Glynn played these compositions: Suite, "Scenes on the Wye." F. H. Wood; An-dante Cantabile, String Quartet, Tschai-Scenes on the Wye." F. H. Wood; An-dante Cantabile, String Quartet, Tschal-kowsky: Bell Rondo, Morandi; Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Bach; Improvisa-tion on the Scotteh Melody "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon"; Concert Overture in C minor, Hollins.

William Schwann, Mus. B., Boston, Mass.-During the absence of Maurice C. Mass.—During the absence of Maurice C. Kirkpatrick, the Monday noon recital of Nov. 9 was played by William Schwann at the Church of the Covenant. The selections played were: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach; Chorale Prel-udes, "Alle Menschen müssen sterben" and Credo, Bach; "Petite Pastorale," Ravel; "Water Music" Suite, Handel. Mr. Schwann, formatic activity of the

Mr. Schwann, formerly organist at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Louis-ville, is studying with Raymond C. Rob-inson, and is organist and director at the Copley Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston.

Paul Bentley, Pittsburgh, Pa. - Mr. Bentley presented a program Dec. 9 con-Bentley presented a program Dec. 9 con-sisting of music by modern composers. It was in the form of a lecture-recital for the students of the preparatory school, played in the Campus Theater of Duquesne University. The program fol-lows: Sonata 3, Guilmant; "Dawn," Jenkins; Chorale, Bossi; Theme Varied and Pastorale, Faulkes: "Menuetto An-tico" (MSS.), Wiesemann; "Gesu Bam-bino," Yon. Isa McIwraith. New York City-In a

isa Mcliwraith, New York City-In a Isa McIlwraith, New York City-In a recital Sunday aftermoon, Dec. 8, for the New York Society of Ethical Culture Miss McIlwraith presented a Bach pro-gram made up as follows: "Kyrle, Gott Heiliger Geist"; Chorale Preludes on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"; Cho-rale Prelude in G minor, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland; March from "Dramma per Musica"; Sonatina from "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit"; Sm-fonia to "Weinen, klagen, sorgen, cortes zeit 1st die allerbeste Zeit"; Sin-fonia to "Weinen, klagen, sorgen, zagen"; Chorale Prelude, "In Dir ist Freude; Chorale Prelude, "Von Gott will ich nicht lassen"; Prelude and Fugue in C minor.

Russell H. Miles, Urbana, III.—Profes Russell H. Miles, Orbana, III.-Protes-sor Miles played this program at the University of Illinois Nov. 17: Fugue in E minor, Bach; "Jesu, Joy of Man's De-siring," Bach; "Lamentation," Guilmant; Gavotte from "Mignon," Thomas; "Son-ata Cromatica" (request), Miles; "An-dante du Quatuor," Debussy. Calvin Biogeneberg, St. Louis, Ma.-

ata Cromatica" (request), Miles; "Andante du Quatuo;" Debussy.
Calvin Ringgenberg, St. Louis, Mo.— Mr. Ringgenberg, organist of Washing-ton University, was presented at Concordia Seminary Nov. 1 in the following Bach program: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor; Chorale, "O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan"; Chorale Prelude, "Ich ruf" zu Dir"; Passacaglia; Chorale, "Ein' feste Burg"; Chorale Prelude, "In Dir ist Freude"; Air from Orchestral Suite in D; Toccata in F major.
Lanson F. Demming, Mus. B., Urbana, III.—Mr. Demming, Who Blayed the University of Illinois recital Nov. 21, made use of these compositions: Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Franck: Adagio, Bourgault-Ducoudray; Chorale in A minor.
Franck; Madrigal, Jawelak; Finale, Frederick Stanley Smith.
Dr. Ray Hastings, Los Angeles, Cal.—

Dr. Ray Hastings, Los Angeles, Cal.-Dr. Ray Hastings, Los Angeles, Cal.--In his programs at the Philharmonic Auditorium Dr. Hastings has played: Wedding March, Mendelssohn; Chorale from "St. Paul." Mendelssohn; Song without Words, No. 4, Mendelssohn; Five Versets, Franck; Finale from "Mefisto-fele," Boito; "Paean of Victory," Hast-

Robert Leech Bedell, New York City-Robert Leech Bedell, New York City-In his recital at the Brooklyn Museum Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, Mr. Bedell played: "Grand Choeur" in B flat, Du-bois; "Meditation Religteuse," Mulet; Toccata in C minor, Boelmann; "Miniature," Higgs; March in E flat (Suite), James H. Rogers; Cavatina, Bohm; Minuet, Boccherini; Melody in F. Rubin-stein; Grand March and Chorus from "Tannhäuser," Wagner.

George H. Fairclough, F. A. G. O., St. Paul, Minn.—Recent programs at the re-citals played every Friday afternoon in Northrop Auditorium at the University of Minnesota have been:

of Minnesota have been: Dec. 6--Fifth Sonata, Mendelssohn; Largo ("Xexress"), Handel; Chorale Pre-lude, "Sleepers, Wake," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Evensong (Sonata Rhapsody), Candlyn; "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Russell; Alle-gretto in B minor, Guilmant; "Romanze" in D flat, Sibelius; "Finlandia," Sibelius. Dec. 12-Suite in G. Porcer: Bor Dec. 19-Suite in G. Rogers; Two Trumpet Tunes and Air, Purcell; Chorale Prelude, "In dulci Jubilo," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Arabesque and Scherzetto, Vierne; "Grand Choeur Dialescent, Clearch Dialogue, Gigout.

Dec. 20-Christmas program: Chorale Dec. 20—Christmas program: Chorale Prelude, "Good News from Heaven." Pachelbel; Chorale Preludes, "O Hail, This Brightest Day of Days" and "Now Let Us Sing with Joy," Bach; Chorale Prelude, "A Beauteous Rose Hath Blos-somed," Brahms; Fantasia on "The First Nowell," John Tasker Howard; "The Shunhards in the Field," Mullior, "Adoats Someo, Brahms, Fantasia of The First Nowell," John Tasker Howard; "The Shepherds in the Field," Malling; "Adeste Fideles" ("Cathedral Windows"), Karg-Elert; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon; "A Christmas Carologue," Diggle; "Rhapsodie Catalane," Bonnet.

the church and Mr. Glaser was assisted by Miss Emily Franz, violinist. The organ selections included: Prelude and Fugue in A major. Watther; Gagliarda, Schmid; Toccata, Muffat; Pastorale, ar-Schmid, Toecata, Authat; Pastoraie, ar-ranged by Clokey; Prelude and Sara-bande, Corelli; "Pax Vobiscum" and "Litanie Solenne," Garth Edmundson; "Suite Gothique," Boellmann; "Bene-dictus." Couperin; Adagio e Maestoso, Clerambault, Mr. Cluear played the following use.

Mr. Glaser played the following pro-grams in his fifteen-minute recitals pre-

grams in his niteen-minute recitals pre-ceding the Wednesday evening service at the Church of Our Saviour: Dec. 15—Evensong, Johnston; "And the Glory of the Lord," from "The Messiah." Handel; "The Holy Night," Vall; "Adeste Fideles," Faulkes. Glory

25-Pastoral Symphony, Handel; Dec. "O Sanctissima," Ore; "Noel Languedo-cien," Guilmant; "Gloria in Excelsis."

Herbert Ralph Ward, New York City. -Mr. Ward's latest Tuesday 1 o'clock re-citals at St. Paul's Chapel have been marked by the following programs: Dec. 17 -- Chorale Prelude, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," Bach; Siciliana and

Priceless Treasure," Bach; Siciliana and Hornpipe, Henry Purcell; "Romance," Rubinstein-Gaul; Adagio, Cramer; Fan-tasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach. Dec. 31-Fuga alla Handel, Guilmant; Communion for the Midnight Mass, Huré; "Noel," Mulet; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon; "Tidings of Joy," Bach-Clokey

Bachyl, Tody, Trange of Goyl, Edite George Tracy, M. Mus., Cullowhee, N. C.-M. F. Tracy, of the faculty of the Western Carolina Teachers' College, gave a vesper recital at the Lutheran Church of Andrews, N. C., Dec. 8, playing these numbers: Miniature S uite, Rogers; "Träumerel," Schumann; "Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass." Miller; "Eve-ning Star" and "Elizabeth's Prayer," Wagner; "Silent Night, Holy Night" (re-quest); "Christmas in Sielly," Yon; "Drink to Me Only," Miles.

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John Glaser, Brooklyn, N. Y.—The twenty-first community concert of the English Lutheran Church of Our Saviour took place Sunday evening, Nov. 3, at

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# Programs of Organ Recitals of the Month

Richard I. Purvis, San Francisco, Cal. -In his Sunday evening recitals at Cal-vary Presbyterian Church, at which short programs of organ masterpieces are presented. Mr. Purvis played these compresented. Mr. Purvis played these com-positions late in November and early in December: Allegro (Concerto 1), Handel; "In dulci Jubilo," Dupré; Carillon Prel-ude on the Magnificat, Dallier; "Now Thank We All Our God," Karg-Elert; "Rejoice, Good Christians," Bach; "A Song of Autumn," Stoughtor; "The Swam," Stebbins; Allegro, Parker; resporce, Good Christians," Bach: "A Song of Autumn," Stoughton; "The Swan," Stebbins; Allegro, Parker; "Dreams," McAmis; Novelette, Allegretto and Cradle Soug, Parker, An explanatory interpretation by the pastor, Dr. Ezra Allen Van Nuys, pre-cedes each number.

Walter A. Eichinger, Tacoma, Wash. Watter A. Eichinger, Tacoma, Wash.— A program of Christmas music for the organ was played by Mr. Eichinger at Epworth Methodist Church on the after-uoen of Dec. 15, the selections including: "Une Vierge Pucelle," LeBegue; Christ-mas Chorale, "Vom Himmel hoch," Pachelbel; "In dulei Jubilo," Bach; "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," Bach; "Nocl wir las Eintas", d'Aunin; Three Pechlode Komm, der Heiden Heiland, "Bach, "Nocl sur les Flutes," d'Aquin; Three Prohudes on Sixteenth Century Carols, Boely; "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen," Brahms; "Resonet in Laudibus," Karg-Elert; "Adeste Fideles." Karg-Elert; "Sym-phonie Gothique," Widor,

E. Frances Biery, Chicago-Miss Biery E. Frances Biery, Chicago-Miss Biery gave a recital in connection with a ves-per service at the First Congregational Church of Des Plaines, III., Dec. 8 and played these numbers: Allegro Moderato, Concerto in F major, Handel; "At Eve-ning." Buck; Air from Suite, Bach; Fugue in G minor, Bach; "Suite Go-thique," Boellmann.

Hency F. Seibert, New York City-In a recital Dec. 3 at St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., Mr. Seibert, of Holy Trinity Lutheran in New York, was assisted by the choir of St. Paul's, directed by Kenneth Christ-man. The organ selections included: In-termezzo from Songata in A minor Rhoinman. The organ selections included: In-termezzo from Sonata in A minor, Rhein-berger: "Gloria in Excelsis." Reger: Prelude to "The Deluge," Saint-Saens; First Sonata, Mendelssohn; "Twilight at Fiesde." Bingham; Chorale Prelude, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland." Bach; "The Holy Night," Buck: "St. Ann" Fugue, Bach; "Christmas Bells," Elvey; Fountain Reverie, Fletcher; Con-cert Study, Yon.

evert Study, You. Martha Marsh, New York City-Miss Marsh, a pupil of Hugh Porter, will play Marsh, a pupil of Hugh Porter, will play the following numbers in a recital at the Second Presbyterian Church Jan. 28: Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Chorale Preludes, "Jesu, meine Freude," "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" and "O Mensch, bewein' Dein Sünde gross," Bach; "Piece Heroique," Franck; "Priere," Jongen; Pastorale from "Le Prologue de Jesus," arranged by Clokey; "Clair de Lune" nd "Marche Triom-phale," Karg-Eler.. Irl Cundiff, Kalamazoo, Mich.—In a

Irl Cundiff, Kalamazoo, Mich.--In a recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 5 Mr. Cun-diff played: Prelude and Fugue, E minor. diff played: Prelude and Fugue, E minor, Bach; Chorale Preludes, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" and "O Sacred Head, Once Wounded," Bach; Fantasie in E minor, Merkel; "Gesu Bambino," Yon; "Aus meines Herzens Grunde," Karg-Elert; "Benediction," Karg-Elert; Pastorale, Foote; Berceuse, Dickinson; "A Rose Is Bhoming," Brahms; Finale, Predecide Stendow, Smith. Frederick Stanley Smith.

Eugene L. Nordgren, Wausau, Wis. Eugene L. Nordgren, Wausau, Wis.--Mr. Nordgren played the first of a series of recitals at the First Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of Dec. 8. His offerings consisted of these compositions: "Variations de Concert." Bounet; "In the Convent," Borodin; Suite from "Water Musie," Handel; "Ave Maria," Schubert-Lemare; "Fireside Fancies," Colkey; "Decenter Effth Sumehern Wider Lemare; "Fireside Fancies," Toccata, Fifth Symphony, Widor.

Dorothy LaVon Rumbeck, A. A. G. O., **Ottawa**. Kan.-Miss Rumbeck, A. A. G., **Ottawa**. Kan.-Miss Rumbeck gave her senior recital, a requirement for the bachelor of music degree at Ottawa University, in the First Methodist Church Dec. 3, and was heard by the largest audience that has attended any recital audience that has attended any recital in the city in five years. Her offerings were: Chorale in A minor, Franck; Cho-rale, "Herzlich thut mich verlangen." Bach; Chorale, "A Rose Bursts into Bloom," Brahms; Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Bach; Scherzo-Mosaic ("Dra-

gonflies"), Shelley; Menuet-Scherzo, Jongen; Pastorale (Sonata 1), Guilmant; Finale (Symphony 6), Widor.

Finale (Symphony 6), Widor. Kenneth E. Runkel, Mus. B., A. C. C. O., F. A. G. O., Portsmouth, Ohio—In his new position at the First Baptist Church. Portsmouth, Ohio, where he presides over a three-manual Möller, Mr. Runkel played the following numbers in brief re-citals at the vesper hour on Sundays in Naromber. November 3 - Second Sonata, Guilmant: Nov

Nov. 3 -- Second Sonata, Guimant; Prelude, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach; "Chorale Symphonique," Diggle; Solemn Prelude in C minor (organ and piano), Runkel.

piano), Runkel. Nov. 10--Prelude, "Come, Saviour of the Genties," Bach: "Evening Bells and Cradle Song," Macfarlane; "Grand Choeur Militaire," Federlein; Concert Variations on "The Star-Spangled Banner," Buck, Nov. 17 -- "Grand Choeur Dialogue," Gigout; "Pilgrims' Chorus" ("Tann-Gigout: "Pilgrims' Chorus'' ("Tann-häuser"), Wagner; Pastorale (Sonata No. 1), Guilmant; Transcription of Hymn-tune "Aurelia," Runkel.

Nov. 24--Meditation (organ and piano), Runkel; Pilgrim Suite, Dunn.

Runkel; Pilgrim Suite, Dunn. Frederic T. Egener, London, Ont.--Mr. Egener's twilight recital at Cronyn Memorial Anglican Church Dee. 14 was devoted to a program of Christmas music made up as follows: Variations on an Ancient Christmas Carol, Dethier; "Noel," d'Antalfy; Christmas Pastorale on "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Dinell; "Carillon." Wheeldon; "March of the Magi Kings," Dubois; "The Holy Night," Buck; "The Chimes of West-minster," Vierne. Vierne.

Dr. Louis L. Balogh, Toronto, Ont. Dr. Balogh, the new organist of St. Michael's Cathedral, gave his first recital Michael's Cathedral, gave his first recital since his appointment Dec. 9, assisted by the choir and soloists. His organ selec-tions were: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Cavatina (organ and harp), Beethoven; Intermezzo, Bonnet; Scherzo, Bossi; Toecata from "Suite Gothique." Roellmann

John Standerwick, Maplewood, N. J. John Standerwick, Maplewood, N. J.--Mr. Standerwick, organist of the Morrow Memorial M. E. Church, played the fol-lowing numbers in brief recitals before the evening services in December: Dec. 1---TE Deum Laudamus," Clauss-mann; An Old Dutch Melody, Dickinson;

Lento, Chopin. Dec. 8-"Scherzo Symphonique," Fry-

Dec. inger;

Dec. 8--"Scherzo Symphonique," Fry-singer; "In dulci Jubilo," Bach; Andante from Sixth Sonata, Guilmant. Dec. 15--"March of the Magi," Harker; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Reynolds; "Silent Night" (transscription), Harker, Dec. 22--"The Holy Night," Buck; "Silent Ngnt" (transscription), Harket-Dec, 22—"The Holy Night," Buck; Canzona (violin and organ), Bohm; "Nazareth" (violin and organ), Bohm; Dec, 29—Overture to "The Messiah," Handel; Pastorale from "The Messiah," Handel; March on a Theme from Messiah," Guilmant. "The

"The Messiah" was given on the eve-ning of Dec. 29.

ning of Dec. 29. Stanley E. Saxton, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.-. In his recital at Skidmore College Dec. 2 Mr. Saxton played: Chorale and Variations, S on a t a 6, Mendelssohn: "Meditation a Ste. Clotilde," James: "When Jack Frost Paints a Picture," Wolf: "Tango," Albeniz; "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar. In a Christmas program Dec. 16 Mr. Saxton played: "Noel sur Les Flutes." d'Aquin; Christmas Suite, Garth Ed-mundson; Andante ("Symphonie Go-thique"). Widor; "Christmas in Sieily," Yon; Variations on a Christmas Carol, Mauro-Cottone.

Mauro-Cottone

Mauro-Cottone. Ruth Aima Sioan, Urbana, Ohio-Miss Sloan played a Bach program at the Church of the Epiphany Sunday after-noon, Dec. I, making use of the follow-ima; Prelude and Fugue in G minor; Chorale Prelude and Fugue in G minor; Major; Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Arioso, from the Violin Concerto in G minor; Toccata in F major. Warren F. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

Warren F. Johnson, Washington, D. C. Warren F. Johnson, Washington, D. C. -Mr. Johnson has played the following in his recitals before the evening service at the Church of the Pilgrims: Dec. 1. - Partita, "Our Father in Heaven," and Fantasie, "O Saviour, Come from Heaven," Joh. Nep. David. Dec. S-Introduction, Ch or a Ie and Fugue. "Praised He Thou. O Jesus

Christ," and Partita, "Open Wide the Gate," David.

Gate," David. Dec. 15—Passacaglia, "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide"; Partita, "Lo, a Rose Is Blooming"; Toccata and Fugue on "Now Rejoice Together, Dear Chris-tians," David. Dec. 22-Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

Dec. 22-Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Alan Gray; "Christmas," Reger; "In dulci Jubilo," Karz-Elert. Dec. 29-Sonata (first movement), Her-bert Howells; Variations on "Caswell," Nicholas Choveaux. Joseph C. Beebe, New Britain, Conn.--

Joseph C. Beebe, New Britain, Conn.-In a recital on the Neumann memoria organ at Trihity Methodist Church, Nov 26, Mr. Beebe, of the South Congrega tional Church, played: Chorale in 2 minor, Franck; "By the Waters o rial tional Church, played: Chorale in A minor, Franck; "By the Waters of Babylon," Bach; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach; "In Elysium" ("Or-pheus"), Gluck; Rigaudon, Lulli; Prelude to "The Blessed Damozel," Debussy; "Arcadian Idyll," Lemare; March (Pon-tifical Screech) Lemare; March (Pon-tifical Scre tifical Sonata), Lemmens

Russell L. Gee, Cleveland, Ohio-The Tleveland Museum of Art presented Mr. Gee, organist and director of chor music at the Glenville High School, in choral music at the Glenville High School, in a recital Sunday afternoon, Dec. I. The program was as follows: Prelude and Fugue in A major, Johann Gottfried Walther; Cantabile, Franck; Three Cho-rale Preludes, Brahms; Scherzo, Bossi; "Autumnal" (MSS.), Dorothy James;

rale Preludes, Brahms; Scherzo, Dossa, "Autumnal" (MSS.), Dorothy James; Toccata, Foote. Claude L. Murphree, F. A. G. O., Gainesville, Fla.-At his recital for the faculty and students of the University of Florida Dec. 15 Mr. Murphree presented this Christmas program: Overture to "The Messiah," Handel; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon, Pastorale from "Le Pro-lazue de Jesus," arranged by Clokey; "The Messiah," Handel; "Christmas in Sicily," Yon; Pastorale from "Le Pro-logue de Jesus," arranged by Clokey; "Silent Night," arranged by Kreckel; "Christmas," Dethler; "A Christmas Carolog," Diggle; "Christmas Evening" (from Sicilian Suite), Mauro-Cottone; "Tidings of Joy," Bach-Clokey; "In dulci Jubilo" and Toecata on a Medieval Theme ("From Heaven Ilieft"), Ed. Jubilo" and Toccata on a Medieval Theme ("From Heaven High"), Edundaan

mundson. The program Dec. I was made up as follows: Carnival Overture, Dvorak; Madrigal, Lemare: "Caprice Viennois," Kreisler; Two "St. Lawrence Sketches" ("Up the Saguenay" and "Song of the ("Up the Saguenay" and "Song of the Basket-Weaver"), Russell: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach; "Loch Lo-mond," arranged by Lemare; "Elfin Dance," Ed m un ds on : "Longwood Sketches" (Suite for Organ), Swinnen.

Waiter Reynolds, A. A. G. O., Seattle, Wash.-In his short recitals Sunday eve-nings at the First Methodist Church in November Mr. Reynolds played the following selections a mong others; Scherzo, "Spirit of Youth," Pallatt; An-Scherzo. "Spirit of Youth." Pallatt; An-dante from Fourth Sonata, Mendelssohn; "Song of India," Rimsky-Korsakoff; Con-cert Variations on "America." Flagler: Fantasia on Chorale by Teschner, Mc-kinley; Chorale Prelude on Hymn-tune by Dykes, Noble; Chorale Prelude in Toccata Form on "Sleepers, Wake," Miles FA. Martin; Trio, Loret; "Fes-tivity," Jenkins; "Thanksgiving," Or-lando A. Mansfleid; "A Song of Grati-tude," Cole.

Charlotte Hall Lohnes, Warren, Pa Charlotte Hall Lohnes, Warren, Pa.--Mrs. Lohnes gave a recital at the First Methodist Church Dec. 4 and devoted half of the program to compositions by living Americans. Notes prepared by Mrs. Lohnes on the music and the com-posers were read by Mrs. Lillian B. Bairstow. These helped the audience to understand the program and elicited means forwarble comments. The offenting many favorable comments. The offering of the evening consisted of these works: Cathedral Prelude and Fugue, Bach; Prelude and Fugue, Krebs; "Water Cathedral Prelude and Fugue, Bach; Prelude and Fugue, Krebs; "Water Music" (Allegro Vivace and Air), Han-del; Rhapsodie on Christmas Themes, Gigout; "Noel," d'Aquin; "With the Dove Venders in the Temple" and "Walking on the Sea at Capernaum," Shure; "Jagged Peaks in the Starlight," Clokey; "Use the ar", "Crone Decem," Stangthor, 'Isthar" (Tone Poem), Stoughton; 'Echo," Yon; Suite in D (Maestoso and

Allegro Energico), Foote. Arthur W. Quimby, Cleveland, Ohio-In his recitals at the Cleveland Museum of Art Sunday afternoons, Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Art sunday atternoons, Dec. 8, 15 and 22, r in Mr. Quimby played: Fantasie in G iour, major, Bach: "Une Vierge Pucelle" and d. "Les Bourgeolses de Chatre." Le Begue: and Chorale Preludes. "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" and "The Holy Child

My Hope Shall Be." Bach; Chorale Prel-

My Hope Shail Be," Bach; Chorale Prel-ude, "A Rose Breaks into Bloom," Brahms; "Noël en Musette," d'Aquin; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach. Homer Whitford, Mus. B., F. A. G. O., Weston, Mass.—In a recital of Christmas music at the First Baptist Church Dec. 13 Mr. Whitford included these numbers: "In Thee Is Joy," Bach; Pastorale in F, Bach; Rhapsodie on Two Noels, Ro-partz: "Puer Nobis Nascitur," Willan; "In dule Jublio," Candlyn; "Hallelujah Chorus" ("The Messiah"), Handel. **Paul G. Hanft, Monrovia, Cal**.—In his hour of organ music at St. Luke's Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, Mr. Haaft played: Canzona in D minor, Bach; Cantilene, Hailing; Berceuse, Webster; Pastorale, Clewell; Andante, from First Organ Sonata, James; "Veni Emance," Lutkin, and "Picardy," Caleman.

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Frank C. Taylor, Richmond, Ind .- In a Frank C. Taylor, Richmond, Ind.-ta as short recital at Reid Memorial United Presbyterian Church Dec. 22 Mr. Taylor played these selections: "Noel" on an ancient Scotch carol, Guilmant; "Gesu played these selections: "Noel" on a ancient Scotch carol, Guilmant; "Ges Bambino," Yon; "Christmas in Settim Vittone," Yon,

Vittone," Yon. Ronald W. Gibson, A. C. C. O., Winni-peg, Man.--In a recital of British music, played at Westminster Church Sunday played at Westminster Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, Mr. Gibson made use of the following compositions: Trumpet Tune and Air, Purcell; "Giles Farnaby's Dream," Farnaby: Rhapsody in D flat, Howells: Sonata No. 1 (Allegro Mae-stoso), Elgar: Reverie on "University," Grace: "On the Song of Symeon," Charles Wood: Chaconne, Holst: "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," Dellus: Preludes on Three Welsh Hymn-tunes, Vaughan Williams. Wallace M. Seely, A. A. G. O., Seattle,

tunes, Vaughan Williams. Wallace M. Seely, A. A. G. O., Seattle. Wash.-Mr. Seely, organist of the Queen Anne Methodist Church, gave the follow-ing recital on the new two-manual Kim-ball organ at the University Congrega-tional Church Dec. 10: "Jubilate Deo," Silver; "Ave Maria," Schubert; "Gesu Bambino," Yon; Berceuse, Godard; "Ador-ation," Borowski; "Water Music" Suite. Handel; Toccata from "Suite Gothique." Boellmann.

oellmann. Jean Pasquet, Baldwin, N. Y.--In his Jean Pasquet, Baldwin, N. Y.--In his second sacred concert at the Methodist Church, presented Dec. 13, Mr. Pasquet played the following organ numbers: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Suite in the Ancient Style, Holloway; Christmas Musette, Mailly; Melody, Schubert; "Kamennoi Ostrow," Rubin-stein: "Shenherd's Song "Merkel: "Claive "Shepherd's Song." Merkel; u n e," Karg-Elert; "Finla stein; 'Clain Lune," "Finlandia de Sibelin

Bibelius.
Geraldine Davis, Toledo, Ohio-Miss Davis was presented in a recital by Arthur Croley at the First Congregational Church Nov. 26 and played: Prelude in D major, Bach: Aria in A minor, Bach: "Piece Heroique," Franck: Berceuse. Croley: "The Squirrel," Weaver: "Canyon Walls," Clokey: "In dulci Jubilo," Dupré: "Herzlich thut mich verlangen." Brahms: "Thou Art the Rock," Mulet.
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Mrs. Robert Huntington Terry Dies. Mrs. Grace E. Terry, wile of Robert Huntington Terry, organist and choir-master of St. Andrew's Memorial Epis-copal Church. Yonkers, N. Y., died Dec. H of a heart attack after a short illness. Funeral services were held Dec. H at St. Andrew's, of which Mrs. Terry had been an active and devoted member. Mrs. Terry was a teacher in the New York City schools and a former member of the board of direc-tors of the Yonkers General Hospital. She taught in School Fifty-nine in the Broux in recent years and had taught at other New York schools for more than a quarter of a century. She was a member of the evening branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church and was a graduate of Hunter College. Mrs. Terry was born in New York and was a graduate of Hunter College. Mrs. Derry was born in New York and was a graduate of Hunter College. She also pursued advanced studies at Columbia and New York University. Other organizations in which she took an active part were the Columbia County Historical So-ciety and the Hunter College Alumnae Association. Surviving besides her hus-band and her mother are a brother, Carle Morse of New York City, and one aunt. Miss Cecelia F. Morse of Poughkeepsie.

# Washington Notes: Mrs. Grace Jackson Is Taken by Death

### By MABEL R. FROST

BY ABACL P. PROST BY MARKING D. C., Dec. 20.—The studen death Dec. 1 of Mrs. Grace De-and Jackson removes from Washing-torganist. A pupil of Lewis Corning Atwater, Mrs. Jackson was for some years organist of Gunton Temple Pres-byterian Church, during the time that church was on Fourteenth street, Later she was organist of St. Andrew's Epis-copal Church and accompanist for the Expended her to retire from active par-ticipation in musical interests for sev-eral years. When her condition im-proved Mrs. Jackson resumed her place in the Musical world and was organist the Chevy Chase Baptist Church at the time of her death. During a minor the District of Columbia Chapter, Mrs. Jackson was a charter member, Mrs. Jackson was a charter strengther where steld in promoting the best in the District of Columbia Chapter, Mrs. Jackson was a native of the dis-trict Andrew Stars Women's Chub-her Stars, Md., and a member of the Chevy Chase Momen's Chub-Kapter and Magneret Batchelder promoting the best in the profession, so far as her strengther of the District of Columbia Chapter, Mrs. Jackson was a native of the dis-trict and the daughter of the later transite S. and Magneret Batchelder promoting the best in the Chevy Chase, Md., and a member of the Chevy Chase Women's Chub-Krancis S. and Magneret Batchelder promoting the best in the profession, so far as her strengther of the Chevy Chase, Md. and a member of the Chevy Chase, Md. and a member of the Chevy Chase Women's Chub-transite S. and Magneret Batchelder promoting the death. Her husband, Al-bert M. Jackson, and two sisters sur-tive. Funeral services were held Dec. 3.

Trinity Lutheran Church presented Edward Rechlin in a memorial recital of works of Bach and his contempor-aries Dec. 9. Through the courtesy of the Universalist National Memorial Church the recital was given there on the four-manual Gottfried organ. The occasion was in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Bach. Works of Walther, Ritter, Krebs and Buxtchude were heard first, given with a grace and ease befitting these early intimates of the immortal Bach. This was followed by an improvisation on Christmas melodies. Bach was repre-sented on the program by "Komm, Heiliger Geist," "Unser Herr zum Jor-dan kam" and Fantasie and Fugue in A minor. dan kan. A minor.

The Washington Oratorio Society presented Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 22 in the Central High School auditorium with the largest chorus in the history of the society. George F. Kortzenborn is conductor. Edith B. Athey was or-ganist and Marjorie Davis, pianist.

T. Guy Lucas played the second re-1. Guy Lucas played the second re-cital of the season at St. John's Epis-copal Church Nov. 25, when the fol-lowing program was given: Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; "Suite Gothique," Boellmann; "Morning,"

Grieg; "Carillon," Elgar. Several of these were request numbers.

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Maude Sewall, F. A. G. O., gave a scholarly talk on "The Fugue" (par-ticularly of Bach), with piano illustra-tions by Margaret Tolson, before the Friday Morning Music Club Dec. 6. Miss Sewall's years of study and re-search and her unbiased approach to any discussion make her an authority on this as on other musical subjects. The degree of informality in her style adds a spice to her utterances that is adds a spice to her utterances that is unique and highly entertaining. Trios from Bach's "Magnificat" were sung by Mildred Colvin, Ruby Potter and Lilly Garrett. The club is this year cele-brating its fiftieth season.

In the Christmas Sunday services at Calvary Baptist Church, Thomas Moss, organist and director, was assisted by the Washington String Quartet. At the evening service there was also a service organ program by Mr. Mos а рге-

The choir of Francis Asbury M. E. Church, South, presented a "Christmas festival of music" Dec. 20. In this program the junior choir of sixty voices made its first public appearance. Fannie Shreve Heartsill is director of music and Allen H. Watson, organist.

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" was enacted again this year at the Luther Place Memorial Church, as for was enacted again this year at the Luther Place Memorial Church, as for several years past, under the direction of Bess Davis Schreiner. Among the cast were a number of prominent musi-cians, including Katherine Riggs, harp-ist; Mrs. Chester Adair, who directed a one-hour program of organ and vocal music by the Schubert Singers on Thursday night; Mrs. Cornelia Kin-sella, who did the same on Friday night, using her own Luther Place Church choir: Mrs. Frank A. Frost, who gave a half-hour organ program at the Sat-urday matinee, and Mrs. John M. Sylvester, who with her Madrigal Sing-ers gave the hour program of Christ-mas carols on Saturday night. The four performances took place Dec. 26, 27 and 28. The Takoma Park Presbyterian

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church choir presented its annual carol service on Dec. 15, Mrs. Albert Volk-mer directing and Mrs. Dudley Jack-

service on Dec. 15, Mrs. Aubert Volk-mer directing and Mrs. Dudley Jack-son organist. A program entitled "Songs from the Cradle to the Grave" was presented by the Mount Vernon Place M. E. Choir under the direction of R. Deane Shure, assisted by Purcell Storey, Dec. 3. An evening service of music at Cal-vary M. E. Church Dec. 1 celebrated the completion of the purchase of the piano for the church additorium by the choir and its formal presentation to the church. Louis Potter, organist and di-rector, played Brahms' Sonata in F minor and the choir sang "The Sea-sons," by Bach. Evangeline Pendleton played the Prelude and Fugue in C major of Bach as a prelude. The choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Adolf Torovsky, organist and choirmaster, sang Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving" Dec. 1.

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# San Francisco News; Mrs. Winifred Jolley Bengson in a Recital

Bengson in a Recital FY WILLAM Y. CARRUTH San Francisco, Cal, Dec. 17. – Wini-for a splendid recital on the four-manual splendid recital on the four-manual for a splendid recital on the four-manual splendid recital on the four

On Nov. 26 Guild members had an opportunity of hearing a demonstra-tion of the Hammond electronic organ in the musicians' lounge at Sherman, Clay & Co's. Afterward those present were invited to play the instrument. Preceding the demonstration a no-host dinner was held at the Martha Jean tea-room. Hamilton Methodist Church is the first San Francisco church to purchase a Hammond. The inaugural recital was given by Theodore Strong Dec. 27. Mr. Strong was recently heard in a series of demonstration pro-grams at the H. C. Capwell store in Oakland. Oakland

In the last issue reference was made to the newly-appointed organist and choirmaster of St. James' Episcopal Church of Oakland, C. E. Bell. Quot-ing from a newspaper item it was stated that Mr. Bell was formerly an assistant organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Mr. Bell insists on disclaiming that honor, but admits that he lived adjoining the cathedral for five years and frequently "assisted" at the services (the French verb "assister" being used here).

On Dec. 15 Connell K. and William W. Carruth played the following pro-gram on the three-manual Austin at St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Impro-visation on Advent Hymn, "Veni Em-manuel," Egerton; Chorale Preludes, "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night" and "Once He Came in Bless-ing," Bach; Christmas Chorale, "Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring," Pachelbel; Four Noels--"Une Vierge Pucelle," Le Begue; "Languedocien,"

Guilmant; "Noel," d'Aquin, and "Ecos-sais," Guilmant; Fantasia on Old Christ-mas Song, Faulkes; Two Variations on Carol "Puer Nobis Nascitur," Guil-mant; Traditional Bohemian Christmas Song, Poister; Walloon Christmas Rhapsody, Ferrari, and "Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen." Brahms; Variations on an Ancient Christmas Carol, Dethier. The fourth recital will take place on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, at 4 o'clock.

The San Francisco A Cappella Choir, under the capalle direction of Walde-man Jacobsen, deserves the support and encouragement of all the organists of the bay region for the excellent work it is doing in presenting artistic and interesting programs of seldom-heard choral numbers. At the annual Christmas concert Dec. 12 among other numbers they sang the following motets by Sebastian Bach: "I Stand beside the Manger Stall," "Planets, Stars and Airs of Spaces" and "All Breathing Life, Sing and Praise Ye the Lord." The San Francisco A Cappella Choir, -

## Death of Gustav Saenger.

Death of Gustav Saenger. Gustav Saenger, editor-in-chief of Carl Fischer, Inc., music publishers, for the last twenty-seven years, died Dec. 10 at the Presbyterian Hospital Medi-cal Center in New York. Mr. Saenger, who was born in New York in 1865, studied the violin and joined the or-chestra of the Metropolitan Opera House, then in its first season, in 1883. During the next ten years he was also House, then in its first season, in 1885. During the next ten years he was also a member of the Philharmonic and New York Symphony Orchestras. In 1893 Mr. Saenger became conductor at the Empire Theater and musical manager for the Frohman productions. In 1901 he assumed editorship of *The Metro-nome*, the orchestra and band monthly, and in 1908 he became editor of *The Musical Observer*, continuing at the head of both these magazines until 1928. head 1928.

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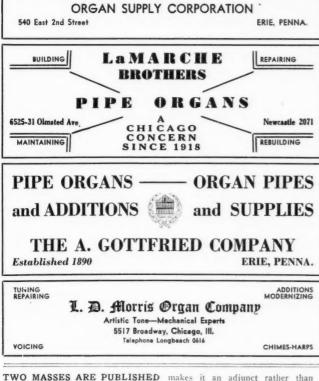
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makes it an adjunct rather than a liability to the composition. Probably the most effective sections to my way of thinking are the Sanctus and Bene-dictus. More of the polyphonic style to which we are accustomed is car-ried out in these sections. All in all this is perhaps the most serviceable of the Palestrinian masses and a choir of average ability should feel no hesitancy in adding it to its repertoire. The "Missa Parochialis" of McGrath is a noteworthy achievement from the pen of the composer of "Missa Ponti-icalis," though on a smaller scale. Obviously it is not intended for so-called important occasions, but for the

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#### Death of Ida Branson Martin.

Death of Ida Branson Martin. Ida Branson Martin, organist at Trinity Methodist Church, Rahway, N. J., for many years, died Nov. 29. Surviving are her husband, George E. Martin; two sisters and three nephews. All of the sixteen organ concertos of Handel are being given at Louisiana State University as part of the vesper programs, with Frank Collins. Jr., of the faculty at the organ. The tenth annual "Messiah" presentation took place at the service Dec. 16. At the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, N. J., on Dec. 1 Gaul's "The Holy City" was sung by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Kate E. Fox.

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