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KILGEN ORGAN WILL GO TO WALLINGFORD, CONN.

# THREE-MANUAL IS PLANNED

First Congregational Instrument will Include Some Ranks from Organ of 1913-Church One Oldest in Area.

The Kilgen Organ Company has been awarded the contract to build a three-manual organ for the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, Conn. The tional Church of Wallingford, Conn. The new installation will replace an instru-ment built by the Hall Organ Company in 1913. Several ranks from the old or-gan are to be incorporated in the Kilgen scheme. The First Congregational is one of the oldest churches in New England. Th stop specifications of the new organ are as follows:

### GREAT ORGAN.

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First Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Second Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Hohl Flöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Dulciana, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Cotave, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Fiute Harmonic, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Super Octave, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Tuba Harmonic, 8 ft. 61 pipes.
Chimes, 25 notes.

### SWELL ORGAN.

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Still Bourdon, 16 ft., 73 pipes.
Open Diapason, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Gamba, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Saltcional, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Violina, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Flute d'Amour, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Nazard, 2% ft., 61 notes.
Flautina, 2 ft., 61 notes.
Mixture, 3 ranks, 183 pipes.
Tromba, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Oboe, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 73 pipes.

# CHOIR ORGAN.

Violin Diapason, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Melodia, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Dolce, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Unda Maris, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Flauto Traverso, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Piccolo, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Clarinet, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Tower Rells

# PEDAL ORGAN

32 ft., 32 notes. 6 ft., 32 pipes. en Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pipes. lone, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
ble Open Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pip
rdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
blich Gedeckt, 16 ft., 32 notes.
ave, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
lo, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
ave, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
ave, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
blette, 2 ft., 12 pipes.
mbone, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
mbone, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
mbone, 16 ft., 32 notes.
rion, 4 ft., 32 notes. 16 ft.

# EVERETT HILTY AND OTHERS

# PLAY RECITALS IN BOULDER

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Under the direction of Everett Jay
Hilty, associate professor of organ, a
series of weekly organ recitals was given
at the University of Colorado in Boulder
from June 15 to Aug. 24. Six of the Sunday afternoon programs were played by
Mr. Hilty and other recitalists appearing
in the series were Helen A. Lingelbach,
Ernestine Schrader Rice, Henry Roy
Ruby, Elizabeth Mariner Burt and Ray
Berry. Literature from all periods of organ composition was offered in the course
of the series and assisting vocal and instrumental performers appeared on some
of the programs.

For the last program, Aug. 24, Mr.
Hilty chose the following numbers: Sonata on the Ninety-fourth Psalm, Reubke;
Pastorale, Guilmant; "Ronde Francaise,"
Boelmann; Cantabile, Jongen; Chorale in
A minor, Franck; Communion on a Noel,
Hure: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," Diton; "Benedictus," Reger.

J. HERBERT BROWN, VETERAN ORGAN MAN, DEAD



# J. HERBERT BROWN, AUSTIN

# MAN FOR 50 YEARS, IS DEAD

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J. Herbert Brown, prominent in the field of organ design and sales for more than half a century, died Aug. 1 at his home in Pelham, N. Y. He was 79 years old. He was known to organists throughout the United States and his fund of information concerning organs was hardly equaled by that of any other man.

Mr. Brown, who had been associated with Austin Organs, Inc., and its predecessor, the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Conn., for the last fifty years, was born in Shefiield, England, and came to this country at the age of 18. His father and grandfather were organ builders.

New York church organs designed by

builders.

New York church organs designed by Mr. Brown include those of the Episcopal Chapel of the Intercession, the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, St. James' Episcopal Church, St. George's Episcopal Church and the Marble Collegiate Church. He was a Mason and a life member of the Larchmont Yacht Club. Surviving are the widow, Lyda M. Cunningham Brown; two brothers, Calvin of Chicago, who represents Austin Organs here, and Walter of Sheffield, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Staniland of Sheffield.

### DR. BARNES WILL OPEN ORGAN AT SEMINARY IN EVANSTON

AT SEMINARY IN EVANSTON
The three-manual organ built for the new chapel of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., by the Reuter Organ Company will be dedicated in a recital by William H. Barnes Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 8 o'clock. Dr. and Mrs. Barnes are the donars of the instrument and Dr. Barnes drew up the specifications.

Some of the pipes of the organ in the old Congregational Church of Evanston, a Roosevelt built in 1886, and some of the

pipes of a relatively recent Aeolian organ pipes of a relatively recent Aeolian organ are incorporated in the instrument. The remainder of the pipes were made by Reuter, who also made the new all-electric console, windchests, relays, swell shutter fronts, engines, etc., so that the instrument is a new organ except for some fine old pipes. The installation was by Frank C. Wichlac of Chicago.

### RECITALS BY LUDWIG ALTMAN AT CARMEL BACH FESTIVAL

More than 1,000 people attended the three organ recitals which Ludwig Altman gave at the Bach festival in Carmel, Cal., July 15 and 17. This has been the fifth year of Mr. Altman's participation and he has already been asked to be next year's festival organist. The reviews state: "Altman's playing was, as always, a seamyear's testival organist. The reviews state:
"Altman's playing was, as always, a seamless union of taste and musicianship"
[San Francisco Chronicle]; "All Saints'
Church was packed yesterday, as it always
is when Ludwig Altman plays" [Monterey Herald]; "The execution of the
rapid passages was thrilling" [Carmel
Pine Cone]: "Unfailingly fine organist"
[San Francisco Examiner].

### SIGMUND KVAMME APPOINTED TO HOLY TRINITY IN BUFFALO

TO HOLY TRINITY IN BUFFALO Sigmund Kvamme will succeed Dr. Roberta Bitgood as organist and choir director of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, N. Y. For the last two years Mr. Kvamme has been minister of music at the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa. He has lived in the United States for four years, having been graduated in 1946 from the Conservatory of Music in Oslo, Norway, his native country. After coming to America Mr. Kvamme taught at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., and at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

### **JACOB P. ESTEY DIES** SUDDENLY IN BOSTON

### ESTEY CORPORATION HEAD

Prominent Citizen of Brattleboro, Vt., and Descendant of Founder of Organ Business in 1846. Victim of a Heart Attack.

Jacob Poor Estey, president and treasurer of the Estey Organ Corporation of Brattleboro, V., founded by his greatgrandfather, Deacon Jacob Estey, died after a heart attack while leaving Fenway Park, Boston, Aug. 15 after attending with Mrs. Estey the Red Sox-Yankee baseball game. He died a few minutes after being placed in an ambulance for removal to a hospital.

J. P. Estey, one of Brattleboro's most

baseball game. He died a few minutes after being placed in an ambulance for removal to a hospital.

J. P. Estey, one of Brattleboro's most prominent citizens, active in many civic affairs and fraternal organizations, succeeded to the presidency of the organ company after the death in 1930 of his father, Colonel J. Gray Estey. The company was established by the first Jacob Estey in 1846 for the manufacture of reed organs. Many of its organs have been installed throughout the world and its total output of reed organs has reached the 500,000 mark. Earlier this year the company filled its largest single order, a \$52,000 pipe organ installed in Tallahassee, Fla. The company made its first pipe organ in 1901.

Mr. Estey was born in Brattleboro March 7, 1895, a son of Colonel J. Gray and Mattie H. (Poor) Estey. He was graduated from the Brattleboro High School in 1914 and was a member of the class of 1918 at Amherst College, where he belonged to Chi Phi fraternity. His marriage to Miss Edith M. Tyler of Newton, Mass., took place March 11, 1922.

Survivors besides the widow are one daughter, Susan, wife of Robert H. Cochrane, Jr., and a granddaughter. Mr. Estey's only son, Jacob, lost his life in Italy in 1945 while serving with the army. A brother, Joseph Gray Estey, vice-president of the company, died in 1946.

Mr. Estey was secretary of the board of Memor al Hospital many years. He was president of the board of trustees of All Souls' Universalist-Unitarian Church and formerly president for many years of the Brattlesboro Lodge of Elks, Wantastiquet Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. He also was a member of the National Association of Music Merchants. A veteran of world war I, he formerly belonged to Brattleboro Post, American Legion.

# HARRY B. JEPSON OF YALE

# DIES AT THE AGE OF 82 YEARS

Harry B. Jepson, Mus. D., professor emeritus of organ at Yale University, died Aug. 23 in Groton, Conn., at the age of 82 years, according to word received as this issue goes to press. Dr. Jepson was active on the Yale faculty for nearly half a century and was one of the most noted organists and composers of his day. [An obituary article will appear in the October obituary article will appear in the October issue of The DIAPASON.]

### RUSSELL WICHMANN TO LEAD PITTSBURGH CHORAL GROUP

Russell G. Wichmann, organist and choirmaster of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and head of the music department at Pennsylvania College for Women, has been appointed conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh for the 1952-53 season. The appointment of Mr. Wichmann will make him the choir's first permanent conductor since the retirement of Dr. Ernest Lunt, founder and conductor-emeritus of the forty-four-year-old musical organization.

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FRANK B. CAMPBELL



F. B. Campbell, executive vice-president and cashier of the State Savings Bank of Caro, Mich., finds organ playing a more interesting avocation than playing golf and he is shown here seated at the console of the new Aeolian-Skinner instrument in the Caro Presbyterian Church, where he has been organist since 1914. For part of that period Mr. Campbell also served as choir director. He received most of his musical training at the University of Michigan, studying organ with Palmer Christian.

The organ was designed by Mr. Campbell in collaboration with G. Donald Harrison and Robert Noehren. It replaces a Hook & Hastings tracker instrument of 1902 and its installation was the last major item in a church rehabilitation pro-

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gram begun five years ago. The case of the old organ, made of white birch, has been retained and the display pipes have been refinished in their natural zinc.

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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ANNOUNCES 1953 CONTEST

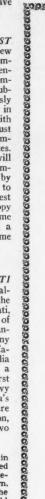
The Church of the Ascension in New York City anounces its sixth annual competition for a composition for the Ascension day festival service. This year composers are asked to submit an unpublished work for organ solo, not previously performed in public. The work may be in any of the forms usually associated with organ music. Voices may be used but must be considered as incidental. The recommended length is eight to fifteen minutes. A \$100 prize is offered and the piece will be published by the H. W. Gray Company. Entries must be in the mail by Feb. 1, 1953, and should be addressed to Secretary Anthem Contest, 12 West Eleventh Street, New York 11. Copy should contain the composer's pen name only, his real name being enclosed in a sealed evelope which bears the pen name on the outside.

J. WALTER DEVAUX IS DEAD;

LONG CAREER IN CINCINNATI

J. Walter DeVaux, organist of the Walnut Hills Presbyterian Church and the Rockdale Avenue Temple in Cincinnati, died at his home July 25 at the age of 60. Besides his work as a church organists Mr. DeVaux had served for many years as organist of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He was an agent for the Acadia Mutual Life Insurance Company and a thirty-third degree Mason. In the first world war Mr. DeVaux served in the navy as a trombonist in John Philip Sousa's Great Lakes Navy Band. Surviving are his widow, Frieda Cook DeVaux; a son, Donald; his mother, a sister and two brothers.

THE CHURCH MUSIC FOUNDATION in Decatur, Ill., has made available in printed form the address on Gregorian chant delivered July 3 by the Rev. Robert Hayburn, A.A.G.O., at Stanford University before the national convention of the American Guild of Organists. The full title of this paper is "Gregorian Chant—Its Origin, Decline, Restoration and Interpretation."



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### TO GO TO TRINITY LUTHERAN

Floating Positiv Division Is a Feature of Three-Manual Instrument Which Was Designed by Dr. Robert S. Baker.

A Casava.it organ of three manuals has been purchased by Trinity Lutheran Church, Staten Island, N. Y., and is to be installed by Christmas. An interesting feature of the installation will be a "float-

ing" positiv division, playable from any manual.

Dr. Robert S. Baker was consultant for the church and designed the specifications in collaboration with Wilfrid Lavallee, Casavant representative. The organ will be divided into two sections, one on each side of the gallery. The stoplist is to be as follows:

### GREAT ORGAN.

Open Diapason, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Rohrflöte, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Gemshorn, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Octave, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Fifteenth, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Mixture, 3 ranks, 183 pipes.
Chimes (from Choir).

### SWELL ORGAN.

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Lieblich Bourdon, 16 ft., 68 pipes.
Geigen Diapason, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Stopped Diapason, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Stoman, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Gamba, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Geigen Octave, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Geigen Octave, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Flute Triangulaire, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Mixture, 4 ranks, 244 pipes.
Contra Oboe, 16 ft., 68 pipes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Tremulant.

POSITIV ORGAN

### POSITIV ORGAN.

Bourdon, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Principal, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flute Harmonique, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flautino, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Larigot, 1½ ft., 61 pipes.
Blockflöte, 1 ft., 61 pipes.

# CHOIR ORGAN.

Melodia, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Spitz Flöte, 8 ft., 68 pipes

Spitz Flöte Celeste, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Lieblich Flöte, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Nazard, 225, ft., 61 pipes.
Piccolo, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Clarinet, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Tremulant.
Chimes (new mechanism).

### PEDAL ORGAN.

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Contra Bass, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Gedeckt, 16 ft., 32 notes.

'Cello, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Bourdon, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 32 notes.
Choral Bass, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Trombone, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Fagotto, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 12 pipes.

### ROBERT T. ANDERSON TO GIVE HYDE PARK RECITAL SEPT. 7

Robert T. Anderson, a pupil of Lillian McCord at Illinois Wesleyan University, will give a recital Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Hyde Park Methodist Church in Chicago. Mr. Anderson has been assistant organist at that church for the summer months and is doing summer study with Frederick Marriott at Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.

In his recital Mr. Anderson will be assisted by Robert Manahan, tenor, member of the faculty of Illinois Wesleyan University, who will sing selections from two Bach cantatas. Mr. Anderson's numbers will be as follows: Concerto 5, Handel; Prelude and Fugue in E flat major, Chorale Prelude, "Dear Christians, Let Us Now Rejoice" and Fantasie in G minor, Bach; "La Nativité," "Chant de Paix" and Finale from Symphony I, Langlais. Together Mr. Anderson and Mr. Ma ahan will perform Peeters' "Speculum Vitae," for organ and voice.

"A Tribute to Organ Music, B.C.—

"A Tribute to Organ Music, B.C.—A.D." is the title of a poster issued by the Rudoph Wurlitzer Company showing the history of the organ from the time of the pipes of Pan to the latest developments in the closeries. the electronic musical instrument field. Some of the illustrations show the hydraulus, the first keyboard, early types of bellows, the first swell-box and other achievements. The poster may be obtained free from the content of the ments. The poster from the company.

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GREAT ORGAN.

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GREAT ORGAN.
GREAT ORGAN.
Open Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Hohlflöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Principal, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Rohrflöte, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Twelfth, 22\(^1\_3\) ft., 61 pipes.
Fifteenth, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Chimes.

SWELL ORGAN

SWELL ORGAN.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 97 pipes.
Bourdon, 8 ft., 61 notes.
Salicional, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 49 pipes.
Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flute, 4 ft., 61 notes.
Nazard, 2% ft., 61 notes.
Mixture, 3 ranks, 183 pipes.
Flautino, 2 ft., 61 notes.
Vox Humana, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Trumpet, 16 ft., 85 pipes.
Trumpet, 16 ft., 61 notes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 61 notes.
Tremolo.

CHOIR ORGAN

Gelgen, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Lieblich Gedeckt, 8 ft., 61 pipes Gambe, 8 ft., 61 pipes.

Gambe Celeste, 8 ft., 49 pipes.
Flute Harmonique, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Geigen Octave, 4 ft., 61 notes.
Nazard, 2% ft., 61 notes.
Piccolo, 2 ft., 61 notes.
Clarinet, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Tremolo.

PEDAL ORGAN.

PEDAL ORGA Sub Bass, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Gedeckt, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Echo Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 not Flute, 8 ft. 12 pipes. Gedeckt, 16 ft., 32 notes. Principal, 8 ft., 32 notes. Principal, 4 ft., 32 notes. Flute, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Trumpet, 16 ft., 32 notes. Trumpet, 16 ft., 32 notes. Clarion, 4 ft., 32 notes.

FORT WAYNE, IND., CHURCH

OFFERS \$100 ANTHEM PRIZE

Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., is conducting a competition for a short anthem from three to petition for a short anthem from three to live minutes in length, based on an Advent or Christmas text of the composer's own choosing. All compositions must be submitted unsigned, accompanied by a letter. Decision of the judges is final. The deadline for receiving compositions is Sept. 25. The winning anthem will receive a prize of \$100, will be published and will be performed at the festival of contemporary religious arts to be held in Plymouth Church Dec. 8 to 14. The judges for the competition are Dr. Igor Buketoff, conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and of the children's concerts of the New York Philharmonic; Varner Chance of the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music, Berea, Ohio, and Warren Martin, head of the composition department, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J.

THE TENTH ANUAL Psalm-tune competition sponsored by Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., has been announced. A prize of \$100 is offered for the best musical setting of a metrical version of Psalm 150. Particulars may be obtained from the college. Manuscripts will be received until Oct. 31.



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as.

The direction of the conference this year was again under the able leadership of Adolph Steuterman, F.A.G.O., organist-choirmaster of Calvary Church, Memphis. He was assisted by Thomas Alexander of St. Paul's, Chattanooga, the conference registrar and bursar; M. B. McGrew of Good Shepherd, Memphis, secretary; F. Arthur Henkel of Christ Church, Nashville, and Jack Edwin Rogers of St. John's, Knoxville. Courses of instruction at the conference were offered in "The Hymnal 1940" by William C. Teague, organist-choirmaster of St. Mark's, Shreveport, La.; in chanting and service music by Ray Francis Brown, A.A.G.O., instructor in church music and organist at the General Theological Seminary, New York City; in voice production and techniques by Frank Slater, choirmaster of St. Andrew's, Jackson, Miss., and in the Christian Year by the Rev. Dr. Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass. The conference chorus was conducted by Robert L. Van Doren, organist-choirmaster of Trinity, Columbia, S. C.

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# MARTHA MAHLENBROCK ENDS BUSY YEAR IN JERSEY CITY

Miss Martha A. M. Mahlenbrock, A.A.G.O., has completed a busy season of musical activities in the Old Bergen Church, Jersey City, N. J., where she is organist and director of music. The church has a professional quartet, a vol-unteer adult choir of which the quartet is a part and two children's choirs. Sunday evening musical services as planned by Miss Mahlenbrock, in which the quar-tet and choir participated, included the following:

Oct. 7—"The Holy City," Gaul.
Nov. 4—A service of hymns with a paper, "The Message of Hymns," prepared by Miss Mahlenbrock.
Dec. 2—"Elijah," Mendelssohn.
Dec. 9—Harp and organ recital; Yoland Greco, harpist.
Dec. 16—The North Hudson Chorus, John Harley, director.
Dec. 23—"The Messiah," Handel.
Dec. 24—Christmas Eve candle-light carol service.

service.
Jan. 6—Selections from "Creation," Haydn;
"Daughter of Jairus," Stainer; "Psalm 48,"
Elgar: "Judas Maccabaeus," Handel, and
"Naaman," Costa.
Feb. 3 and March 2—Services of music
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lenbrock.

March 23—"Hear my Prayer," Mendels-

sohn.
March 30—"Gallia," Gounod.
April 6 (Palm Sunday)—"Requiem,"

The choir participated also in the Jersey City Council of Churches Reformation service. The children's choirs, besides singing occasionally in church, gave a Christmas operetta, "Merry Christmas, Mr. Snowman," gave a concert in the Home for Aged Women and a choir musicale in the church parlor, and sang for the Easter sunrise service. A part of the children's choir training includes a piano and music class.

Miss Mahlenbrock went to the position at the Old Bergen Church in September, 1947.

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# FREDERICK C. MAYER, WEST POINT ORGANIST, MARRIES

Announcement has been made of the marriage June 17 of Frederick C. Mayer, organist of the cadet chapel of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., and Miss L. Virginia Simpson, an organist, of Miami, Fla. The wedding took place in the West Point chapel and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Hunter of Princeton, N. J. Only a few friends and relatives were present. After a brief stay at Lake Mohonk, N.Y., the couple took a trip to California. Mrs. Mayer was for a number of years organist in the Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh.

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IRENE BELDEN ZARING



MRS. IRENE BELDEN ZARING, well-known Chicago organist, has made definite progress toward recovery since she was stricken at a service in her church last September. After a period of rest she hopes to be able to resume many of her former activities in the fall. She has been able to attend some events and reports that she enjoys sitting in a pew at the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church and listening to the music. She has also been able to do some teaching. Her right hand is again nearly normal. Mrs. Zaring has been an active church organist for about two-score years and therefore was due for a slowing down of her work while heeding the warning signals of nature.

### ORGANIST'S WIFE IS FLOWN TO HOUSTON IN IRON LUNG

To HOUSTON IN IRON LUNG

Margery Halford, wife of Richard J. Halford, Texas organist, was the subject of news photographs and stories when she was flown some weeks ago from Odessa to Houston in an iron lung. Mr. Halford is the newly-appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston. Mrs. Halford has been in the iron lung since Dec. 15, when she was stricken with polio. She was moved from the Medical Center Hospital to the Odessa-Midland Air Terminal in a moving van equipped with a portable power unit to operate the iron lung. There she was transferred to a giant air force C-54 airplane. Her physician and two air force flight nurses accompanied Mrs. Halford. In Houston she was taken to the Southwestern Respiratory Center, which is owned and operated by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and is especially equipped to handle iron lung patients.

Mr. Halford, a native of Gouverneur, N. Y., met Mrs. Halford at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, where both were students, and they were married in 1947. Before entering the conservatory Mr. Halford had served in the army air force three and a half years. Upon completing their studies the Halfords moved to Odessa, Tex., where Mr. Halford was minister of music at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Halford was organist and choir director at St. John's Episcopal Church. She also taught piano and organ and conducted classes in theory and music appreciation.

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The Halfords have a 3-year-old daughter, Cassandra Lee.

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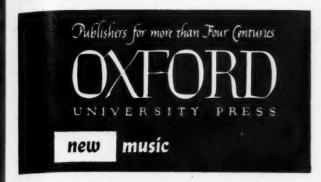
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(b) Viva voce:
The candidate will be required to answer questions concerning the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church: The Mass, Vespers, 4 hours Devotion, Feast days, Holy Week; i.e., the procedure to be followed at all services, also the pronunciation of ecclesiastical Latin; also legislation: The motu Proprio of Pope Pius X and all regulations; also questions arising out of the practical tests.

Section II—Paper work:
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The District of Columbia Chapter held the final meeting of the season June 2 at the Fairfax Hotel, Washington, with Dean Bries final meeting of the season June 2 at the Fairfax Hotel, Washington, with Dean Bries presiding. A goodly number sat down to an excellent dinner, which, while moderate in price, cleared a neat sum for the Guilda sum applied to the expense of sending our regional coniestant, Robert Quade, to the San Francisco convention. A beautiful briefcase was presented to our retiring dean Mrs. Lawrence Brice. Several members told of their greatest "agony" moments at the organ. Mrs. Kinsella's was outstanding—the was requested to play "Turkey in the Straw" as a wedding processional! Under the supervision of Mrs. Kathryn Rawls a relaxing program provided much hilarity. Amen's quartet consisting of John Wilson. Ted Adams, Lawrence Brice and Bill Tufts, obliged with harmony, close and otherwise; and with Mrs. Rawls at the piano and Nang Tufts as emcee, Mary Adams, Marguerite Brice, Marietta Clayton, Katherine Fowler, Helen Williams and Chris Tenley presented Sigmund Spaeth's riotous musical version of "Jack and Jill."

The highlight of the evening, however, was the recognition of Maude Sewell, charter member of our chapter, for her prizewinning composition, "The 150th Psalm."

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Bernice G. Fraser, Registrar.

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The August meeting of the Charleston Chapter was held at the home of the sub-dean, Mrs. Jervey Royal at Bay View Acres on Mount Pleasant. This meeting was in the form of the annual pichic, but because of the unsettled weather it was held indoors. The new dean, Mrs. D. Horning, conducted the meeting. Plans were formed for the year. Discussions followed as to the programs to be presented in different churches and as to arrangements for the annual choir festival. In September the chapter will have a tea for the ministers and organists in St. Matthew's Lutheraw Church. Special invitations will be sent to the ministers and to the new organists in Charleston and suburbs.—ELIZABETH McCannie, Reporter.

LA JOLLA, CAL.—The La Jolia Chapter Community.

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LA JOLLA, CAL.—The La Jolla Chapter held its July meeting in the Community Presbyterian Church, Point Loma, and after a business session under Dean Charles Marsh the chapter was privileged to hear Dr. David Nyvall, noted educator from Chicago, in an enlightening talk on music education. The chapter sponsored a recital by Margaret Wooster Freeman, formerly teaching fellow at Smith College, in St. James-by-the Sas Episcopal Church.—Barbara A. Cameros, Secretary.

Requirements Announced for Examinations of 1953 by American Guild of Organists

Examination week in 1953 is announced by the American Guild of Organists to take place June 16 to 19. The associate and fellowship organ tests are scheduled for June 17, 18 and 19 and the paper work for June 18 and 19. Candidates may take the examinations at head-quarters or chapter centers.

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Candidates must have been elected colleagues of the Guild in order to be eligible for the examination for the associateship. The associateship must be attained before proceeding to the examination for the fellowship. The fellowship examination cannot be taken less than one year after the attainment of the associateship. Candidates taking both sections who fail in one section will be credited with the section passed and be eligible for re-examination any following year in the section failed.

Candidates should write to national headquarters for the required form and register not later than June 1, by paying the fee for the examination. Fees are as follows: Associateship, both sections \$15; single section \$10; fellowship both sections \$20, single section \$15. Re-examination in one section: Associateship, \$10; fellowship, \$15.

A study of the following textbooks is required: "Counterpoint," by Jeppesen (Prentice-Hall) (associateship and fellowship); "A History of Musical Thought," by Ferguson (Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc.) (associateship only). A list of other books that will be found useful may be procured from the examination committee.

To receive either of the certificates candidates must secure at least 50 per cent of each item and 70 per cent of the total maximum marks obtainable in each section of the examination.

Following are the examination requirements:

# ASSOCIATESHIP.

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A1. To play the whole or any portion of all three of the following pleces: (a) Intermezzo from Symphony 6 by Widor (Hamelle Edition; Edward B. Marks Music Corp.).
(b) "Kyrie, Gott Helliger Geist" (five parts) by J. S. Bach (Bridge-Higgs Edition volume 16, page 33), also published separately (H. W. Gray Company); (Peters Edition, volume 7, page 23); (Bornemann Edition volume 8, page 18). (c) Chorale Prelude "Ton-y-Botel," by Purvis (Carl Fischer, Inc.)

A2. To play a passage of organ music at sight, in the form of a trio.

A3. To play from vocal score, G and F clefs, four staves, at sight, with or without pedals. A certain amount of voice-crossing will appear.

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A5. To harmonize an unfigured bass in four parts at sight.

A6. To accompany a recitative at sight from a figured bass.

A7. To transpose a short passage at sight into two keys, neither more than one tone above or below the printed music.

A8. To improvise a four-measure phrase, modulating from one key to other keys. Time signatures will be given and two tests required.

# FELLOWSHIP.

F1. To play the whole or any portion of all three of the following pieces: (a) Lied Symphony (movements 3 and 5) by Peeters (Peters Edition). (b) Aria in F by J. S. Bach (Bridge & Higgs Edition volume 12, page 112), also published separately by the

H. W. Gray Company; (Peters Edition vol-9, page 16); Bornemann Edition, vol-6, page 5). (c) "Sonata Dramatica", movement, by Candlyn (H. W. Gray any)

Company).

F. To play a passage of organ music at sight, in the form of a trio.

F3. To play a short passage in ancient vocal score, with C, G and F clefs (alto and tenor in C clefs), at sight, with or without pedals. A certain amount of voice-crossing will appear.

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F4. To transpose a short passage at sight into two keys, neither more than a major third above or below the printed music.

F5. To harmonize a given melody in four parts at sight.

F6. To harmonize an unfigured bass in four parts at sight.

F7. To improvise on given themes in A-B-A (three-part) form, including brief introduction and coda.

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First session (Three hours allowed) First session (Three hours allowed).
A9(a) To add two parts in fifth species (strict counterpoint) to a C.F. Candidates must be prepared to use the C clefs for alto and tenor parts. A use of the modes and of imitative writing will be required; or (b) To add two parts in fifth species (free counterpoint) to a C.F. not in whole notes.
A10. To write answers to fugue subjects, also a countersubject to each in double counterpoint at the octave or fifteenth. Show the inversions.
A11. Questions in musical history drawn

the inversions.

All. Questions in musical history drawn from "A History of Musical Thought" by Donald N. Ferguson, published by Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., New York. Also, questions on the organ and choral training, based on practical experience, may be included.

Second session (Three hours allowed)

Al2. Ear Tests: To write down from dic-tation two short passages in two parts of which the keys will be announced and the tonic chords struck. Each passage will be ayed four times. Al3. To add alto, tenor and bass parts to

given melody.

Al4. To add soprano, alto and tenor parts an unfigured bass.

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A15(a) To add to a given string part another string part in free counterpoint, with bowing indicated; or (b) To write a descant to a given theme. A bass part must be written, but no harmonizing is required.

# FELLOWSHIP.

First session (Three and one-half hours

allowed).

F8.(a) To add three parts in fifth species (strict counterpoint) to a C.F. Use of the modes and of imitative part writing will be required; or (b) to add three parts in fifth species (in the style of Palestrina) to a C.F. not in whole notes.

F9. To write any one of the three portions of a fugue as specified: (a) Exposition (subject given); (b) middle section (subject, answer, C. S. and end of exposition given); (c) Final section (subject, answer and countersubject given). (If fugue is for strings, bowing should be indicated.)

F10. To write a short essay of about 200 words. The subject to be selected by the examiners from "Our Musical Heritage" by Curt Sachs, published by Prentice-Hall.

Second session (Three and one-half hours allowed).

F11. Ear tests: To write down from dic-tation two short passages in four parts, of which the keys will be announced and the tonic chords struck. Each passage will be ed four times

yed four times. <sup>1</sup>12. To complete harmonization (instru-ntal or vocal). If for strings, mark bow-

ing.

F13. To harmonize a given ground bass three times, adding a coda. Variety, imitative writing and a continuous flow will be

expected.

F14.(a) To orchestrate a given passage, with phrasing marked, and bowing indicated for string; or (b) To add a choral excerpt

having piano accompaniment, parts for two horns, two trumpets, two trombones, timp and strings, with bowing and phrasing ma ed. The accompaniment must be arran for organ.

Announcement also is made by the examination committee of the requirements for the choirmaster tests of 1953. The examination is to take place June 16. Candidates may take these examinations at headquarters or chapter centers. Candidates must have been colleagues of the Guild to be eligible for the choirmaster examinations. Candidates should register not later than June 1 by paying the fee for the examination. Both sections or either section may be taken. The examination fee for both sections is \$15 and for a single section \$10.

Candidates may elect either examination

Candidates may elect either examination A (complete) or examination B (complete). The examination consists of two sections—practical work and viva voce, and paper work. Requirements for examination A are: B

Section I (a)—Practical:

1. The candidate will be called upon to demonstrate with a choir (which will be provided), methods of good breathing, good tone production, purity of vowel sound and clear enunciation.

2. To rehearse the choir in the singing of Chant 612, Venite (Plainchant) page 707, 1940 Episcopal Hymnal; Chant 657, Magnificat (Anglican) page 723, 1940 Episcopal Hymnal.

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3. To rehearse the choir in the singing of the whole or any portion of any of the following anthems: (a.) "II Will Lay Me Down in Peace," Willan; (b.) "O Thou, the Central Orb of Righteous Love," Gibbons (E. C. Schirmer); (c.) "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs," K. H. Braun (Concordia).

4. To accompany on the organ a performance of the whole or any portion of any of the following: (a.) A Hymn from the 1940 Episcopal Hymnal to be selected by the examiners; (b.) "Lauds," Dyson (H. W. Gray); (c.) "Come, Holy Ghost," Sowerby (H. W. Gray); (d.) "Te Deum Laudamus" (Unison), Milford (Oxford Press).

A simple modulation will be required between the works used.

(b) Viva voce:

Candidates will be expected to answer questions arising out of the practical tests; the pronunciation of church Latin, "Liber Usualis" and questions concerning anthems (rehearsed and accompanied) as to construction and general form.

tion and general form.

Section II—Paper work:

(Three and a half hours allowed for this paper) Questions will be asked regarding the following points: 1. The rudiments of music and basic harmony; 2. The harmonization of a given hymn-tune or chant; 3. A general knowledge of the ecclesiastical modesnames, intervals, range, finals and dominants of each, transposition and use in general musical composition. (Knowledge of Gregorian notation is necessary.) 4. Choir organization and training. 5. Repertory of church music. Selection of suitable music for services (including all schools), taking into consideration size, balance, and efficiency of the choir. 6. General questions on the form and construction of choral composition.

For examination B, designed for organists in Roman Catholic Churches, the requirements are:

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Section I (a)—Practical:

1. The candidate will be called upon to play, with acceptable harmonization, a short selection from the "Liber Usualis" in Gregorian notation and to sing an example of lain-song at sight.

2. To improvise briefly on a Gregorian

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theme.

3. To rehearse the choir (which will be provided) in the singing of the Communio of the Mass for Easter, page 781, "Liber Usualis"; also one of the following; (a.)

# News of the A.G.O.-Continued

GALVESTON, TEX., CHAPTER—The Galveston Chapter presented Lawrence S. Frank, professor of music at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, in a recital at Trinity Episcopal Church June 14. Mr. Frank was assisted in the final number, Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze," by his brother, Dr. Theodore M. Frank of Texas City. A reception was held for Mr. Frank at the home of Mrs. Wesley Merritt.... The Galveston Chapter held its annual picnic at the Boat Club on Offat's Bayou July 14. Dinner was served to approximately thirty-five members... The first business session with the newly-elected officers for 1952-53 was held on the lawn of the home of Mrs. Adam Levy Aug., 9. Mrs. William H. Benson, the dean, presided and plans were made for the new season, after which refreshments were served.—Thomas J. Smith, Ja., Registrar.

OREGON CHAPTER—The annual summer picnic was held July 26 at the home of Charles Gray, sub-dean, on the Tualitan River. Approximately seventy guests were present for the supper, served under the trees on the river bank. Assisting Mr. Gray were the dean, Jean Harper; Ida May Howatt and Louise Vaughn. Boating was very popular with everyone and the evening was rounded out with colored "movies," provided by Marcellian Fox. In appreciation of many courtesies which he has shown the chapter, Gerdau Roeder was presented with a long playing record of the Poulenc G minor Concerto, recorded by E. Power Biggs.—Mary HAZELLE, Recorder.

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READING PA., CHAPTER—Every year our chapter plans an out-of-state trip as a feature of our program. This year we went to New York and attended the Ascension Day services at Trinity Church. In the evening we went to hear the special musical program presented by Harold Friedell at St. Bartholomew's Church. Everyone had a most enjoyable day.... At the May meeting the following officers were elected: Dean, Marguerite Scheifele; sub-dean, Richard Miller; secretary, Ellen Madeira; treasurer,

Margaret Straub; registrar, Marian Steigerwalt; executive board member, E. Fred McGowan... Our annual picnic was held in July. Dean Hiester expressed his sincere thanks to the officers and members for their fine cooperation and support and committee for their accomplishments. The meeting was then turned over to the new dean, Miss Scheifele. After the business meeting the members played games and enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic supper.—Marian C. Steegerwalt, Registrar.

SUFFOLK, N. Y., BRANCH—An evening of music was given by the Suffolk Branch of the Long Island Chapter in St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntington, July 15. In spite of the oppressive heat many turned out to hear the gifted artists who gave a performance which was greatly enjoyed. The program was as follows: Sonata for Organ and Strings, Mozart (George Hutchison, organ; Maurice Partnoy, first violin; Dr. Everett Haeffner, second violin; David Alberger, viola; Mrs. Catherine Margeson, 'cello); Lento and Finale from American Quartet, Dvorak (violins, viola and 'cello); "Das Alte Jahr vergangen ist" and "In Dir ist Freude," Bach (Mr. Hutchison, organ); Wind Sextet, Beethoven (Dr. Everett Haeffner, sone and Milton Bergey, bassoons; Mrs. E. E. Stickley and Earle Snow, French horns); Chorale in A minor, Franck (Mr. Hutchison, organ). Mrs. William Stewart entertained the musicians and Guild members at her home in Huntington after the concert.

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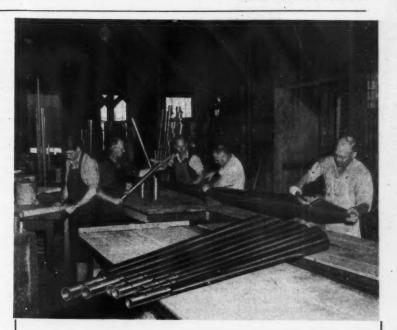
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# Story of Our Hymns Valuable Handbook on Songs of Church

"The Story of Our Hymns, The Handbook to the Hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church," by Armin Haeusster. Eden Publish-ing House, 1952.

By REGINALD L. McALL, MUS.D.

This is the "Handbook for the Hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church," of the Evangelical and Reformed Church," a body formed by merger in 1934. Compiled by the Rev. Armin Haeussler, D.D., it was issued early this year, the first edition being immediately exhausted. Its author spared neither time nor effort in the search for new and significant material. Issued more than a decade later than "The Hymnal," it contains much new information and many corrections have been included.

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At the outset we may mention two distinctive features: The book includes an index of Scriptural texts and there is also a very adequate bibliography of hymnic works. The value of repeating the topical index of hymns, already in "The Hymnal," may be doubted.

The chief difference between this work and earlier handbooks lies in the spaciousness of its treatment of the two main divisions. The articles on the 481 hymns occupy 430 pages and the responses and canticles are given more than thirty pages. Biographies and notes on the sources, to the number of more than 650 headings, occupy 490 pages. In reading the hymn articles one finds much rewarding matter about the people of today, gathered through lengthy correspondence, and the author's patient search for origins and first appearances has added greatly to our knowledge. The chief difference between this work

Special fields of hymnic interest are covered by topical articles. For example, "The Psalters" is the heading for an excellent resume of the metrical Psalms since the Reformation. The characteristics of plainsong are set forth on pages 67-8; the subject is continued in the commentaries or Gragorius chart for the Lord's the subject is continued in the commentaries on Gregorian chant for the Lord's Prayer and on the page of Gregorian tones and in the biography of Pope Gregory I. The function and use of the Amen has similar treatment and there are "a few observations on the sacred music" of the Hebrews on pages 110-113. It is a pity that such articles are necessarily scattered throughout the text. A student might well index them for quick reference.

Three stimulating essays are included in the preface of the book. The nature of a hymn is discussed, following which there is a practical note on hymn singing a hymn is discussed, following winch there is a practical note on hymn singing and playing. Finally we have an authoritative history of the hymnody of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It traces the mixed ancestry of the present hymnal, stemming from various Reformed and Evangelical bodies in Germany and then in the United States. One notices incidentally that the predominance of the chorale has extended far into the twentieth century. This historical review is invaluable. It ranks with Dr. Ellinwood's account of the hymnody of the Protestant Episcopal Church ("Hymnal 1940 Companion"). We would welcome similar essays on the hymnic heritages of other churches, and particularly of the various branches of the Lutheran communion.

This narrative ends with a detailed review of the genesis of "The Hymnal," for which sixteen hymns and nineteen tunes were written—not a large total, but of high quality. Members of the Hymn Society were responsible for twelve of the nineteen tunes. The "technical details of the texts and tunes" were in the skilled hands of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickinson, as well as a decisive voice in the choice of the tunes. From this account we gather a clear impression of competent group action, with much detail divided among qualified sub-committees. Complete records were made of the proceedings. We hope these will be preserved, for each succeeding hymnal committee should have access to them. We have seen the complete bound file of all correspondence and actions of the committee for the Methodist Hymnal (1935).

Several comments are suggested in

reading the articles on the hymns. Among them are the following reactions: We are left in doubt why Bortmansky was not the composer of "Vesper Hymn," specially as his name is given in "The Hymnar" itself. Dr. Helen Dickinson should be credited with the revisions in the English text "As Fades the Daylight" (No. 52). In 1951 the library or Canon Julian was housed in a special gallery in the British Museum. 'Last summer we examined it and saw its formidable card index covering more than 10,000 items. As an example of liberal treatment nearly three pages are devoted to an essay on "Good Christian Men, Rejoice." Sly humor dictated the remark that the committee felt that in place of a certain setting a "tune with less equine friskiness" was preferable! (No. 137) The secular origin of the "Passion Chorale" is indicated, the English translation of the song being "My spirit is disturbed by a tender maiden." We would have thought that the favorite tune in England for Alexander's "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" is "Horsley," rather than "Meditation." It is stated that "the fixed-time" principle in singing hymn-tunes was first established in a collection by Gauntlet and Blew in 1852, a century ago. The whole subject of the change from the practically free rhythms of the earlier hymn music of the Reformation period to our modern definite time signatures needs separate treatment. We should bear in mind that "Webb" was composed to the secular text "Tis Dawn, the Lark Is Singing."

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Regarding "Old Hundredth" it is stated that the version given in No. 550 follows the original rhythm. This assertion is not quite correct. The edition of the Genevan Psalter printed in 1551 gives a rest of a whole measure after the last note of each line it being printed above the staff. It whole measure after the last note of each line, it being printed above the staff. It also lengthens the second and third notes of the fourth line, so that this line contains only two short notes. We verified this fact at Geneva last summer, when we were shown a precious copy of the 1551 edition of the Psalter. To preserve the rugged character and briskness of this first edition we would suggest a fermata over the final note of each line, with a footnote that it has the value of two short notes. At the head of the hymn we should add "Altered from Louis Bourgeois, 1551." This would indicate that the two extra long notes were not being retained. But modern congregations can readily But modern congregations can readily learn to use the holds after each line.

The biographical section also is rewarding. One feels drawn toward the company of great spirits of hymnody as he delves into the life stories of these men and women—who were in fact the creators of "The Hymnal." A vast amount of new material appears in these sketches, entailing prolonged study and correspondence. While the contents are not of uniform importance, the space allotted to the major—and many minor—personalities is

dence. While the contents are not of uniform importance, the space allotted to the major—and many minor—personalities is so ample that one can gain a clear pen portrait of many real people. The liberal entries for men like Paul Gerhardt, Baron Canitz, John B. Dykes, Pope Gregory I and Isaac Watts are balanced by adequate fresh accounts of Thomas Curtis Clark, Harry Webb Farrington, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, John Glover Eldridge and J. Lewis Elvey, the nestor of Welsh hymnic bards.

We conclude with a word about the author. Dr. Armin Haeussler is pastor of the Church of St. Lucas, Evansville, Ind. His wife, who is an organist and church musician, was responsible for the article on hymn singing and playing. For six years Dr. Haeussler has given several months each year to work in residence in the East, consulting sources in hymnic libraries and in the further work of collating the material. He may be assured that these labors have aided the church's song enormously and that he has the gratitude of every church musician in the country.

DR. ALBANT HAMER, organist of St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, died March 22 at the age of 70. He was a choir boy and organist in Leeds before going to South Africa in 1920 to take the position of organist at Bloemfontein Cathedral. He was appointed to Cape Town in 1927 and did much in that city to foster the love of music among the colored community. In token of his services to music the Archbishop of Canterbury some years ago conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of music.

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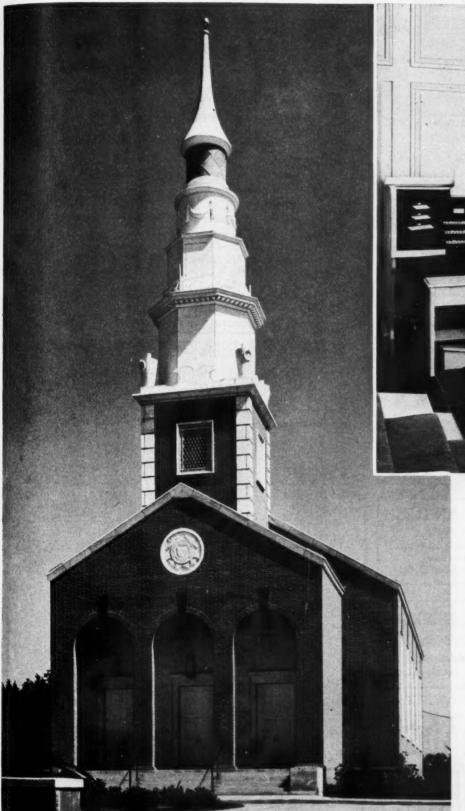
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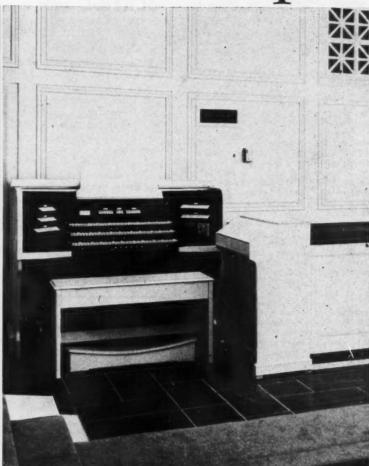
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# Bach Society Holds Its Thirtieth Annual Meeting in Marietta

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Marietta Bach Society was held on the evening of July 30 at Cisler Terrace, the home of the late Dr. Thomas H. Cisler in Marietta, Ohio.

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The program was announced in the traditional manner with the playing of chorales by a brass choir composed of high school students who were directed by Mrs. S. W. Stout. Opening the program, following an introductory statement emphasizing Johann Sebastian Bach as a church musician, the chorale preludes "Come, Saviour of the World" and "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" were played by William E. Waxler. The aria "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," from the church cantata with the same title, was sung by William Morris, accompanied by R. Clayton Morris. Accentuating the preludes and fugues in the organ works of Bach, the Prelude and Fugue in D minor was played by Tom Tibbetts. The Prelude and Fugue in C minor (Weimar work) was played by Mr. Waxler. Bach's fourpart chorale "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" was sung by an impromptu Bach choir.

Closing the program, following recorded program notes by the late Dr. Cisler, Bach's chorale melody "Come, Sweet Death" was sung as a baritone solo by David Peavy. Bach's last composition was played by Miss Lillian E. Cisler, the organ chorale prelude "Before Thy Throne I Now Appear."

The program was concluded with an expression of tribute to the work of the

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# Using the Small Organ

There are many indications that this is the day of the small organ. And the demand for instruments of limited size probably will grow unless economic conditions change. There are several reasons for this. One is the prevailing inflation, which makes the cost of building organs high; another cause is electronic competition, which makes it necessary to meet as nearly as possible the price of the pipeless instrument.

This means that many organists accus-

tomed to three and four-manual organs, with a great variety of tone and full equipment of mechanical controls, must learn also to obtain the maximum of effects from instruments of four to twelve ranks of pipes. Some of them will have to learn to give more than perfunctory attention to the combinations possible when the instrument is limited. This involves more work and will require the exercise of greater ingenuity. It will mean a study for effects in preparing combinations such as that for which the late Lynnwood Farnam was known. One must realize that when you do not have varieties of lovely reeds and other solo stops at your disposal you must work for various combinations of flutes and strings. And you may discover what a beautiful solo stop a diapason can be. Necessity always has been the mother of invention. In a large church of course there must be sufficient ensemble to lead hymns and to interpret great organ compositions adequately. But there are thousands of small churches which have become organ conscious only since elec-tronics were placed on the market and which are no longer satisfied with a reed organ or a piano for their regular church

The changed situation has made of spe cial interest the valuable paper prepared by Everett J. Hilty of Boulder, Colo., read at the San Francisco A.G.O. convention and reproduced for the benefit of our readers in the August issue of The Diapason. Mr. Hilty's paper is eminently practical because he gives many hints which the performer on a small organ can follow and which may serve as a suggestion to him to experiment to the end that he may make full use of an organ that may contain, for example, only a unit flute, a unit string, a diapason and director or music by the Leveland to a reed. Mr. Hilty makes it clear that he does not defend extremes in coloring and no doubt he has little patience with the organist who eschews all color and makes his performance one of so many correct notes delivered to an audience without regard to the almost unlimited possibilities of any good organ.

One may go back much farther than Farnam to champion colorful playing when one reads the quotation from Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, who wrote in 1775 of his father that "no one understands the art of registration as he did" and of whom contemporary writers said:
"His method of registration was so unconventional that many organists and or-gan builders were horrified when they saw his selection. They believed that such a combination of voices could not possibly sound well, but they marveled when they later noticed that it was exactly in this way that the organ sounded its best and that it had only received something beterogeneous and unconventional which th own manner and registration lacked." Mr. Hilty gave the thoughtful ones something to stimulate thought when he quoted the foregoing from "The Little Bach Book," edited by Nickel.

any musician needs adaptability as a professional attribute it is the organist, and especially the concert player who goes about from one organ to the other, no two of them identical in tone quality, size or character. The best of these artists can adjust themselves to the small organ as well as to the largest, and many are doing so.

### LONDON SCHOOL FEATURES NOTABLE PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The summer session of the London School of Church Music, held in London, Ont., July 2 to Aug. 1, this year sponsored a series of recitals and concerts in Aeolian Hall which attracted wide attention and drew highly favorable comments from the Canadian press. The first of these was an organ recital July 10 by Benjamin Hadley, a member of the faculty and organist-choirmaster of St. Clement's Catholic Church, Chicago. His program was as follows: Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Sarabande, Baustetter; Gavotte, Raick; Giga, Loeillet; Flute Solo, Arne; Trumpet Voluntary, Purcell; "Clair de Lune" and Scherzo from Symphony 2, Vierne; Sonata on the Ninety-fourth Psalm, Reubke.

Eleanore Bidka, also a member of the faculty and organist of Trinity Lutheran Church, London, played July 16. Her program was devoted to works by Duruflé, Peeters, Hindemith. Weinberger, Bloch and Van Hulse. The London Chamber Orchestra assisted Gordon Jeffery, registrar of the school, in an organ-orchestra concert July 23. Featured on the program were Handel's First amd Sixth Concertos. Other selections played by Mr. Lefferv included compositions by Willan. Martini, Clarke, Pachelbel and Schroeder.

The series was brought to a close July 30 with a concert by the Aeolian Choral Society and the London Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Jeffery. The principal work performed was Bach's Cantata 180. "Beautify Thyself, O My Soul." Mr. Hadley conducted the group in motets by Farrant and Jommelli. Also

Cantata 180. "Beautify Thyself, O My Soul." Mr. Hadley conducted the groun in motets by Farrant and Jommelli. Also included on the program were numbers for organ and orchestra, the solo parts being played by Miss Bidka and Mr. Hadley

Hadley.

Besides the aforementioned events the students and faculty members of the summer school provided the music for two snecial church services, an evensong Iuly 20 at St. James' Westminster Anglican Church and a high mass July 27 at St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral.

H. HARRISON FLINT, general manager of radio station WOSC in Fulton and Oswego, N. Y., and formerly a radio broadcasting organist at stations WMEX and WLAW in Boston, will become organist and choirmaster of Trinity Anglican Church, Ottawa, Ont., beginning Sept. 21. Until recently Mr. Flint was organist and choir director of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall, Ont.

# ORGANIST AND EDUCATOR

Kussell Van Dyke Morgan, Mus.D., director of music in the Leveland, Onio, public schools for twenty-nine years and organist of the Old Stone (First Presbyterian) Church for twenty-six years, died organist of the Old Stone (First Fresbyterian) Church for twenty-six years, died
suddenly June 12 at h.s home in Shaker
Heights. He was 59 years old, Earlier
heart attacks, the first two and a half
years ago, had compelled him to give up
his cnurch work and his chair as professor
of music at Western Reserve University,
where he had taught for twenty-six years.
For many years he had carried on editorial work for music publishing houses,
but the majority of publications with
which he had anything to do were brought
out by the Silver-Burdett Company,
school and college textbook publishers.

Before going to the Old Stone Church
Dr. Morgan was organist and director at
the Boulevard Presbyterian Church in
Cleveland from 1920 to 1923. Previous to
that he was organist of the First Congregational Church in La Crosse, Wis., from
1916 to 1920.

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Dr. Morgan was born and reared in Burlington, Iowa, his birth date being March 1, 1893. All his study was at Northwestern University and he held three degrees from that school. He taught in the high school at Highland Park, Ill., from 1915 to 1916. From 1916 to 1920 he was chairman of the music department of the State Teachers' College, La Crosse, Wis., except for twelve months when he was overseas with the army in the first world war. He had been in Cleveland since 1920 and had been director of music of the schools since 1923.

Dr. Morgan had taught summer sessions in a number of universities, including Northwestern, Columbia, Stanford, the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Colorado.

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Dr. Morgan held office in national organizations too numerous to list. He was a past president of the Music Educators' National Conference, the Music Teachers' Association, the Ohio Music Teachers' Association and the Cleveland Musicians' Club. He was also a former dean of the Northern Ohio Chapter, American Guild of Organists; former chairman of the Music Education National Research Council, a member of the Advisory Council on Music of the United States Department of State, a member of the editorial board of the Music Educators' Journal, a member of the advisory board of the Educational Music Magazine and a member of the executive committee of the Music Teachers' National Association. In addition to this he was a trustee of the Musical Arts Association, operating the Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Music School Settlement, the Cleveland Women's Symphony and the Cleveland Singers' Club.

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In 1945 Dr. Morgan married Dr. Hazel Nohavec, whose career as a musician, teacher and editor has made her name known throughout the United States. Surviving him, besides Mrs. Morgan, are a daughter, Mrs. Robert Mogge of Evanston, Ill., and a sister, Mrs. Henry Dever of Philadelphia.

# Weinrich in Bach Program

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A large group of organ enthusiasts from the Chicago area and students from Northwestern University gathered Aug. 7 in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston. to hear a notable recital by Carl Weinrich. To the gratification of those who have grown to admire Mr. Weinrich because of his exemplary interpretations of the works of Bach, the artist devoted his program to a complete performance of the "Clavierübung," Book 3, commonly called "The Catechism."

Mr. Weinrich's understanding of the intrinsic values in Bach's music was evident in the Prelude in E flat, which serves as an introduction to this great "musical confession of faith." The chorale preludes and fugues which followed revealed a musician who has lived with this music in a real sense and to whom it has become a credo. The registrations were beautifully contracted and theorem.

real sense and to whom it has become a credo. The registrations were beautifully contrasted and, though unconventional at times, always served to make the meaning of the music clear. Mr. Weinrich's masterly plaving of the celebrated "St. Anne Fugue" brought the program to a close in a manner which seemed to give his audience a true feeling of musical and spiritual eatisfaction. spiritual satisfaction.

# Looking Back into the Past

Forty years ago the following news recorded in the issue of Sept. 1, 1912.

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Three organists took part in the decation of the large Austin organ in the City Hall at Portland, Maine, late August. They were Will C. Maefarlan Ralph Kinder and R. Huntington Woodman. The dedication ceremony took place Aug. 2 with Mr. Macfarlane at the cosole. The organ was the gift of Crn. H. K. Curtis.

The annual convention of the National Association of Organists was held Ocean Grove, N. J., Aug. 5 to 10. Capence Eddy, president of the association presided over the sessions. The election of officers resulted in the choice of D. J. Christopher Marks for president.

It was announced that "T. Tertin Noble, organist of York Minster and on the best-known organists and cosposers in England," would come to the country in September under the direction of G. Schirmer, Inc., for a series of necitals.

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The annual convention of the National Association of Organists, marking the completion of twenty years by that organization, closed Aug. 26 in St. Londer Ernest Douglas won a convention award of \$500 for the best composition for the organ. George Kilgen & Son offered the prize. A prize of \$100 offered by The Diapason for the best paper on the suject of the use of two-manual organs wawarded to Edwin Hall Pierce. F.A.G.O Reginald L. McAll was elected president of the association. Harry Goss Custo of the Liverpool Cathedral was brought of America by the N. A. O. to be one of the convention recitalists.

Ten years ago the following events were recorded in the issue of Sept. 1, 1942–Hugh McAmis, F.A.G.O., nationally

Hugh McAmis, F.A.G.O., nationally-known organist and composer, died Aut 19 in his home city, San Antonio, Tex. It had been organist and choirmaster at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Great Neck, N. Y., one of the most promined New York suburban churches, for the last thirteen years.

Arthur Poister, professor of organ at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Obelin, Ohio, entered the United States amy Aug. 24. He was enlisted at Camp Perry.

### OCEAN GROVE CONFERENCE DEALS WITH SACRED MUSIC

The sixteenth annual conference of Sacred Music at Ocean Grove, N. J. took place July 14 to 19 during what proved to be one of the hottest weeks of the year, and in fact about the hottest and most humid in the history of the conferences. But the week was unique to other ways, too, for seldom has there been such heartwarming response to a course of music study.

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The faculty consisted of Homer Whatford, Sigmund Kvamme, Anna Shoremount Rayburn and Ray B. Rayburn. The course of study covered all the phase of choir training. A special feature was the series of five lectures on music therapy by Dr. Whitford.

The conference was sponsored by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, under the direct supervision of Dr. Walter D. Eddowes, dean, assisted by Josephine Eddowes, organist-accompanist, and Elizabeth Thomson, registrar. The only regret was the smallness of the number of organists present.



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# New Issues for the Choir

By JAMES S. DENDY, MUS. B.

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Again the time of year has come for choirmasters to begin thinking seriously about music for the Christmas season. A small number of Christmas choral offerings have come in but readers of this column will be kept posted through the tall months on new Christmas issues as they are received. One unfortunate fact about new publications for Christmas is that the musical level of some of these anthems is lower than that of most anthems for general use coming from the presses. The spirit of the season and the great tradition of Christmas carols set a pattern for "tidings of comfort and joy," to be sure, but this does not imply also a secularization of church services or a cheapening of aesthetic values. aesthetic values.

aesthetic values.

Outstanding among the numbers received to date is a setting of "Dost Thou in a Manger Lie," by M. Searle Wright, who certainly cannot be accused of lowering his standards for the amusement of the people who go to church once or twice a year. This SSAATTBB a cappella anthem (M. Witmark & Sons) is a first-rate example of modern choral writing. There are solo passages for soprano and tenor. It must be pointed out that this is no number for an amateur choir, but the time spent mastering its unusual harmonies will certainly be rewarded by the result.

Four numbers from the Galaxy Music

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Four numbers from the Galaxy Music Corporation are worth investigation. The first of these is Richard Donovan's arrangement of the sixteenth-century French carol "Jacques, Come Here," for SSA. This tasteful arrangement should attract all those who conduct women's choruses. "Christ, the Lord Is Born," by Roberta Bitgood, also for three-part women's chorus, is an attractive, simple lullaby. "Rise Up Early," by Richard Kountz, is based on a Slovak carol. It is a pleasing number, needing a full mixed chorus, since there are divisi passages. John Blackburn's "A Great and Mighty Wonder" (SSAATB) is based on the famous Praetorius "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen." The writing is good but this reviewer feels that the tune loses some of the loveliness inherent in the simple old chorale harmonization.

"Sing Gloria" by Katherine K. Davis monization.

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"Sing Gloria," by Katherine K. Davis (Remick Music Corporation), is available both for SATB and for SSA. Both versions have a soprano and alto duet. The same publisher offers a number by H. R. Evans entitled "March of the Wise Men" (SATB). The idea of a "wise man's march" featuring a heavily accentuated four-four beat for the full length of a composition long ago lost the novelty that it had when it first became popular years ago.

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Leroy Ostsransky's "You Will Have Joy" (Boston Music Company), for fourpart chorus of cappella, avoids the trite harmonies and conveys a mood of exhilaration appropriate to the text. It is not unusually difficult and would be a worthwhile addition to the repertory of any choral group. The same company offers an a cappella SSATB setting of Eugene

Field's poem "Why Do the Bells of Christmas Ring?" by John O. Garrish. The most attractive part of this is the melody, which is a simple, lilting tune such as might easily be taught to children. Why he made it into a five-part choral arrangement is a little difficult to understand

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There are three numbers just published for the harvest season. A good festival type anthem called "Harvest Blessings, Richly Showered" was written by Benjamin J. Maslen and published by Novello & Co. It is for four-part chorus with a sturdy organ accompaniment. A simpler number, which would not take long to master, is "We Give Thanks," text by Dorothy Brown Thompson and music by Gladys Blakely Bush (Canyon Press). The text is based on Deut. 33:13-15. The music is attractive and appropriate to the spirit of the words. "The Lord Is Good" (Western Music Company) is the adaptation of English words to music by Christopher Tye for SATB.

M. Searle Wright's "Prayer of St. Francis" (M. Witmark & Sons) is scored for SATB but may be sung in unison with an occasional second part. This number would be especially good to introduce a choir to music in a modern idiom. The poem is the well-known "Lord, Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace," paraphrased by the composer.

"As the Disciples," by Lee Hastings

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"As the Disciples," by Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., tells the story of the Last Supper in words by Percy Dearmer (Can-Supper in words by Percy Dearmer (Can-yon Press). The scoring is for SATB with organ. An arrangement of Handel's "Thanks Be to Thee" for SATB with or-gan has been made by Howad D. McKin-ney. A spirited SATB accompanied set-ting of "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" is from the pen of N. Lindsay Norden. The last two numbers are pub-lished by J. Fischer.

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The Boston Music Company has published an interesting setting of the Twenty-third Psalm by Paul J. Sifler. This number is of above average difficulty. It is imaginatively composed and should attract the better choirs. M. Witmark & Sons is responsible for a four-part a cappella setting of "The Earth is the Lord's," by Louis H. Diercks.

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These numbers are available from Neil A. Kjos: "In Thee Is Gladness," SATB accompanied, arranged by Morten I. Luvaas: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," SATB a cappella, by Raymond Rhea; "My House of Life," SATB with divisi, a cappella, by Raymond Rhea.

Three new Galaxy offerings are: "Ye. Who Seek the Truth," for chorus of mixed voices with tenor solo, by Julia Perry; "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," for unaccompanied chorus of women's voices, by William France; "God Is Life," arranged for SSA with organ interludes by Katherine K. Davis.

DR. C. L. MURPHREE, father of Claude L. Murphree, organist of the University of Florida, died July 26 in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Murphree was 80 years old and had been a practicing physician for fifty years. He was a lifelong devotee of music and played in the Shrine bands in Birmingham and in Gadsden, Ala.

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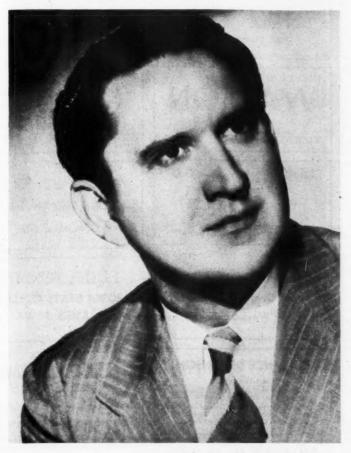
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Samuel Singer Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 1, 1946 ....

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Linton Martin Philadelphia Inquirer, April 21, 1947

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Helen A. F. Penniman

News-Post, Baltimore, Jan. 17, 1947

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Max de Schauensee Evening Bulletin, Feb. 1, 1946

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New York Times, May 25, 1945

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Noel Strauss The New York Times, April 28, 1947

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Samuel L. Singer,
Philadelphia Inquirer, March 25, 1947

"The music presented showed the insight and clarity of Dr. Dash's directorial genius... pianissimo spun out until it merged with silence, fortissimo that almost thundered, brilliant phrasing, razor sharp staccato, and a sustained singing tone that delighted the ear."

William Hunt
Cumberland, Md., Times, Nov. 20, 1948

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The Bulletin, March 25, 1947

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Linton Martin
Philadelphia Inquirer, May 3, 1944

"J. S. Bach was tendered disciplined, thoughtful, but uninhibited directing by James Allan Dash (you'll hear more of him) in one of the most satisfying concerts I've ever been privileged to hear."

Hanford Henderson
Park East, New York, May 5, 1944

"Dr. Dash gives a reading of great dignity and breadth, and he builds up powerful climaxes in such passages as the 'Sanctus' and the 'Osanna in 'Excelsis.' The performance was received with great enthusiasm; in fact, an ovation was accorded Dr. Dash, soloists, and chorus after the 'Dona Nobis Pacem.'" (Bach B Minor Mass, Academy of Music, Philadelphia Orchestra)\*

Max de Schauensee Evening Bulletin, May 27, 1946

"The formal musical season in Philadelphia ended Saturday with a magnificent performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion. J. A. Dash had members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, a rousing chorus of 250 voices and distinguished soloists under his direction. With such an aggregation, a stupendous performance was heard by a capacity audience."

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Philadelphia Bulletin, May 28, 1945

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Mrs. James Reeder, for forty years organist of the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomingtom, Ill., died Aug. 12 in a Bloomington nursing home. Mrs. Reeder was 82 years old. She retired from her position at the Second Presbyterian Church in 1946 but in recognition of her long and faithful service her salary was continued until her death.

Mrs. Reeder began her career at the organ when she was only 11 years old at the Methodist Church of Normal, Ill. From there she went to the Normal Presbyterian Church and in 1869 to St. Matthew's Episcopal, Bloomington, where she remained until 1890. In 1888 she was married and in 1890 went to live on a

she remained until 1890. In 1888 she was married and in 1890 went to live on a farm. Later she returned to St. Matthew's and was there until 1905, when she was appointed to the Second Presbyterian to succeed Arthur Dunham. Mrs. Reeder's daughter Sally died in the influenza epidemic of 1920 and her son Samuel died in 1934, while her husband died in 1938. After the loss of her family Mrs. Reeder devoted herself almost entirely to her church. From 1915 to 1926 she was accompanist for the Bloomington Philharmonic Society.

Mrs. Reeder was a member of the Illinois Chapter of the A.G.O. and of the Chicago Club of Women Organists.

ROBERT STANLEY SWAN GOES TO SPRINGFIELD, MASS., POST

Robert Stanley Swan will take over his new duties as organist and choir director of the South Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass., Sept. 7. He goes to South Church from the First Congregational of Amherst, Mass., where he has been organist and choir director for the last two years. After five years of study at the Eastman School of Music, where he received the performer's certificate for attainments in organ playing, Mr. where he received the performer's certificate for attainments in organ playing, Mr. Swan taught at the University of Oklahoma City. He returned to the East to become college organist and instructor of organ, theory and harmony at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

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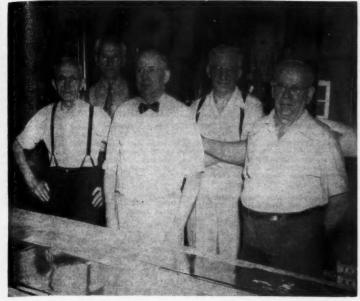
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Mabel Zehner, Ashland, Ohio—Miss Zehner gave recitals July 31 and Aug. 1 at the City Hall of Portland, Maine. This was her thirteenth summer as a guest organist there. The latter program was: Prelude, Dethier; "Ballet of the Spirits," Gluck-Jennings; "A Little Trio," Felton; "Nativity Miniatures," Taylor; "Ave Maria," Schubert; "Divertissement," Vierne; "To an American Soldier," Thompson; "Hymn of Glory," Yon; Toccata, Mulet.

Mulet.

Miss Zehner played these numbers July 31:
Introduction and Toccata in G, Walond;
"Pax Vobiseum," Edmundson; Prelude and
Fugue in G major, Bach; "Nutcracker
Suite," Tschaikowsky; "The Tumuit in the
Praetorium," de Maleingreau; "By the
Brook," Boisdeffre; "Liebestod," Wagner;
Toccata, de Mereaux; Variations on a
Noel, Dupré.

Maurice John Forshaw, San Francisco, Cal.—For a resital Aug. 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland, Cal., Mr. Forshaw chose the following numbers by Langlais: Prelude to "Suite Medievale"; "Hommage a Frescobaldi"; "Chant de Peine"; "Suite Francaise."

Heinrich Fleischer, Valparaiso, Ind.—Mr. Fleischer gave a recital Aug. 11 at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago. He played the fellowing numbers: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bruhns; Pastorale in F major, Bach; Chorale Preludes, "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" and Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach; Two Chorale Preludes, Ludwig Lenel; Fantasie and Fugue, Op. 52, on the Chorale "Sleepers, Wake," Reger.

Klaus Speer, Harrogate, Tenn.—Mr. Speer played the following program July 10 at Indiana University, Bloomington: Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Lübeck; Three Vari-

ations on the Chorale "Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ," Weckmann; Chorale No. 1, Sessions; Three Variations on the Chorale "Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort," David; Sonata, Elisabeth Clark Speer; Five Preludes, Milhaud; "Whimsical Variations," Sowerby; Fantasia on the Chorale "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" and Chorale Prelude on "Jesus Christus, unser Heiland," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach.

Reginald W. Martin, Mus.D., Berryville, Ark.—Dr. Martin gave a recital Aug. 3 at the Christian Church. He played: Fugue in E flat and Air in D. Bach; Fourth Sonata, Mendelssohn; "Song of the Nova Sootia Fishermen," Gaul; "Marche Religieuse," Guilmant; "The Lord's Prayer," Malotte; "Song without Words" and Berceuse, Martin; Fugue-Fanfare, Lemmens.

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Thomas J. Crawford, F.R.C.O., Toronto, Ont.—A recital was played by Mr. Crawford June 29 at St. James' Church in Vancouver, B. C. The program consisted entirely of Mr. Crawford's compositions and the following were included: Improvisation on an Original Carol; Suite, "In a Great Cathedral"; "A Sonnet"; "On Georgian Bay"; Meditation; "Cerbadoc Putnamos"; "Nunc Dimittis"; Toccata in F.

Dimittis"; Toccata in F.

Mrs. Reginald Hamlin, A.A.G.O., Burlingame, Cal.—Mrs. Hamlin gave a recital July 27 at the Church of St. Matthew, San Mateo, Cal. She played: "Liebster Jesu," Bach; Canzona, Purvis; "In duici Jubilo," Dupré; "Priere," Lucas; "La Fete-Dieu," Dubois; "Cow Keeper's Tune," Grieg-Stewart; "The Little Bells of Our Lady of Lourdes" and "Procession," Gaul.

Claude Means, Greenwich, Conn.—Mr. Means gave a recital July 29 at the City Hall in Portland. Me. He played: Rigaudon, Campra; "Cradle Song," Couperin; "Puer Nobis Nascitur," Le Begue; "Ein' feste Burg," Bach; Suite for a Musical Clock, Haydn; "Martial" from "Symphony of the Mystic Lamb," de Maleingreau; "Still Waters," Weaver; Toccata on "In Babilone," Purvis.

Weaver; Toccata on "In Bablione." Purvis.

Harold M. Frantz, Davidson, N. C.—Mr.
Frantz gave a recital Aug. 4 at Rockefeller
Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago. He
played: Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Bach; Precessional, Martin; "Carnival
Suite," Crandell; Intermezzo, Dickinson;
Prelude on the 110th Psalmtune and Fantasia-Improvisation on Psalm 3, Frantz;
Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn-tunes, Penick; Chorale in A minor, Franck.

Elise Moody, Hampden, Mass.—Miss Moody, a pupil of Charles Schilling, F.A.G.O., gave a recital June 30 at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Springfield, Mass. Her program was as follows: Sonata 2, Hindemith; Three Chorale Preludes, Brahms; Chorale in A minor, Franck; Toccata in E minor, Pachelbel; Three Chorale Preludes, Bach; "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet.

Bach; "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet.

Margaret Wooster Freeman, La Jolla, Cal.

—The La Jolla Chapter of the A.G.O. sponsored Mrs. Freeman in a recital July 28 at St. James-by-the-Sea Church. She played: Canzona, Gabrieli; Pavane, Byrd; "Dialogue," Clerambault; Magnificat on Tone VI, Titelouze; Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, Bach; "Lebhaft," from Sonata 2, Hindemith; Prelude on "Gaudens Gaudebo," Benoit; "Young Girl in the Wind," Charles Marsh; Prelude, Bloch; "Hymn to the Stars," Karg-Elert.

Harold Fink, New York City—Continuing the special musical offerings at the Fordham Lutheran Church in commemoration of his twentieth anniversary as organist, Mr. Fink

chose music by Mendelssohn to play at the services in September. These numbers were included: Prelude and Fugue in C minor; Prelude and Fugue in G; Prelude in D minor; "Spring Song"; First Sonata; Second Sonata; "On Wings of Song."; Allegro from Fourth Sonata; Sixth Sonata; "Song without Words"; "War March of the Priests."

Charles Shaffer, Akron, Ohio—Mr. Shaffer gave a recital July 20 at St. Paul's Cathedral. Los Angeles; His program: Chorale in B minor, Franck; Chorale Preludes, "Comest Thou, Jesus, from Heaven bearth?" and "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in G major, Bach; "Little Preludes and Intermezzi" Schroeder; "Carillon," DeLaraarter; "Rhythmic Trumpet," Bingham; Concert Variations, Bonnet.

Royal A. Brown, F.A.G.O., San Diego, Cal.—For his recital Aug. 24 at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion Mr. Brown chose the following numbers: Overture to "Der Freischütz," Weber: Adagio from Concerto in C major and Fugue in D major, Bach; Nocturne in G minor, Spinney; Allegro from Sonata in C major, Frank Lynes; "Romance sans Paroles" and "Elves," Bonnet; "The Little Bells of Our Lady of Lourdes," Gau; "The Only Girl," Victor Herbert.

Gordon and Grady Wilson, Birmingham, Ala.—The "twin organists" were heard in a recital Aug. 3 at Duke University Chapel, Durham, N. C. Gordon Wilson played: Chaconne in G minor, Couperin; Toccata in J. Bach; "Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle", Messiaen; Variations on a Noel, Durté Grady Wilson chose these numbers: Adagorfrom Concerto in D minor, Vivaldi; "Harmonies du Soir," Karg-Elert; Sonata on the Ninety-fourth Psalm, Reubke.



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### GEORGE MARKEY APPOINTED TO HISTORIC NEWARK CHURCH

George Markey has resigned his position at the Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, to become minister of music at the Old First Church (Presbyterian) in Newark, N. J. There his wife, Jane Page Markey, will take an active part with him as co-minister of music

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Mr. Markey will continue his teaching activities at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, though not on as large a scale as in the past.

The Old First Church, founded in 1666, is the original church in Newark and the present church auditorium was dedicated in 1791. The story is told that none of the early settlers could vote in city elections unless they were members of the church in good standing. A large building program was formulated two years ago and the new parish buildings and chapel will be dedicated the last week of September.

Music has long played an important part in the life of this church and Mr. Markey will have at his disposal a large Austin organ of some 160 sets of pipes. This organ has two consoles. One is a four-manual in the rear gallery and it controls all of the organ; the other is a three-manual console in the front of the church which controls the front organ only. An Allen electronic organ is being placed in the new chapel.

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George Markey was one of the last of the concert organists the late Bernard R. LaBerge chose to manage. Last season he played thirty-four recitals on three trips across the country and traveled more than 20,000 miles. This season his principal tour will be in January and February and his performances will be managed by the Colbert-LaBerge agency.

Mr. Markey received his Mus.B. degree from the MacPhail College of Music in Minneapolis and then did graduate study for four years on a scholarship at the Curtis Institute of Music. He has received instruction in piano from Theodore Bergman, Joanna Graudan, Dimitri Mitropoulos and Rudolf Serkin. His organ instructors have included Rupert Sircom, Leo Sowerby and Dr. Alexander McCurdy. Mrs. Markey received her training at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Curtis Institute, where for four years she held a voice scholarship with Mine. Euphemia Gianinni-Gregory.

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In the second part the numbers were broadly representative of contemporary composers. The Fantasia (1929) by Otto Luening of Columbia University is linear and dissonant, yet restrained. The Pavane (1952) by Robert Elmore is a romantic work offering a definite contrast to the Fantasia. The Hymn Canon on "Aughton" (1951), better known as "He Leadeth Me", by Seth Bingham, was dedicated to Miss Mason. Here is a fine example of the composer's superb craftsmanship. The "Dirge" (Passacaglia) (1941) was written in memory of Horatio Parker by Douglas Moore, head of the department of music at Columbia University. It is a difficult work, yet Miss Mason's performance of it was so effortless that one was unaware of the technical obstacles. The work contains twentyone variations, which build up to a splendid climax. The variations on two Sun-

day-school tunes (1928), by Virgil Thom-son, were introduced to the New York audience for the first time. They were not audience for the first time. They were not only clever and musically interesting, but suspiciously humorous, as if actually to question "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" and "Shall We Gather at the River?" With a brilliant performance of Messiaen's "Dieu Parmi Nous" ("La Nativite du Seigneur") (1936) Miss Mason concluded her program. In this colorful work, the descending nedal passage ful work, the descending pedal passage represents the descent of Christ upon earth, from which is drawn the title "God among Us." among Us."
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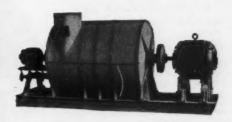
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Cradle Song, for organ, by Martin G. Dumler; published by the Composers' Press, New York City.

This reviewer confesses a distaste for lullables and the like when written for organ. To his feeling the style is alien to the size and majesty of the instrument. But if composers insist on efforts in that direction the prejudice must be set aside and a fair appraisal must be made on purely musical grounds. When we do this to this work, a short and simple one, we must admit that it is a charming melody, well set for the instrument, of a certain Brahmsian flavor, conservative in idiom and closely adhering to the traditional in style and treatment. It is well-written organ music of a simple nature.

Organ Works of Dietrich Buxtehude, edited, collected and annotated by Seth Bingham; published as Book 8 in the "Anthologia Antiqua" series by J. Fischer & Bro., New York City.

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This selection of the larger works of the pre-Bach master contains five titles. The pieces consist of: "Magnificat." Chaconne in E minor, Passacaglia, Chorale Prelude on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" and Canzonetta in G major. Volume 5 in the series contains more of this composer's organ works, edited by the same expert hand; the earlier book consists of chorale treatments exclusively. This new issue is of the same excellence as its predecessors. The notes and editorial comments by the editor are of firstrate quality and contain much that is new and pertinent and of historical interest. Of the value of the music little remains to be said at this late day. This composer, at his best, is little below the stature of the great Bach himself, and these five well-chosen works are Buxtehude at his best. The registrations and editorial details in this issue will make the music more understamdable.

Jubilee Suite, by Camil Van Hulse; published by the H. W. Gray Company, Inc., New York City.

This is a work of importance. It was written for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Edwin Arthur Kraft as organist of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland and is based on the theme "E. A. Kraft." It is a tribute to the man, the musician, the artist, and to forty years of labor in the service of lofty ideals. So states the preface. Further quotation from the introductory notiee will serve well to make clear the composer's intentions and

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Miss Patricia Gibbs and Robert Scoggin were united in marriage June 24 in the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Tex. The Rev. Luther Kirk of Midland and Dr. Alsie H. Carleton of Big Spring officiated at the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli, backed with arrangements of greenery. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Gibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scoggin are parents of the bridegroom. A program of music preceded the ceremony. Dr. Nita Akin of Wichita Falls was the organist. She played: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach; Andante from Fifth Symphony, Tschaikowsky, and Fugue in D major, Bach, and improvised ou themes of Franck and Bach. William Harrod, violia soloist and conductor of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, played "Arioso," Bach, and "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Saint-Saens. "O Perfect Love," arranged especially for the couple by Cecil Lapo, minister of music at the First Methodist Church of Wichita Falls, was sung by a quartet and Mrs. Carl Scoggin, soprano soloist. At the close of the ceremony, following the benediction, the quartet sang the Sevenfold Amen by Stainer. The traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride is a graduate of Midwestern University and Texas "Tech." She is a former member of the Wichita Falls and Lubbock symphony orchestras and is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon national music sority. She is to teach music in one of the Dallas public schools in the fall. Mr. Scoggin, a graduate of Texas "Tech" and Midwestern University, is a ministerial student in the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. He is organist of the Highland Park

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Methodist Church in Dallas, is a former member of the Wichita Falls Symphony and was assistant minister of music at the First Methodist Church, Wichita Falls. Prior to that he was organist at St. John's Methodist Church in Lubbock. He is an ordained Methodist minister.

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the new recommended lists of service music for small choirs, including music suitable for weddings and funerals, were presented to all choirmasters in attendance.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Peek are graduates of Union Theological Seminary, holding the degree of master of sacred music. While in New York Betty Peek studied organ with Searle Wright while Richard studied with Vernon de Tar. Betty did her undergraduate work at Mary Bald-

win College, Staunton, Va., and Richard graduated from Michigan State College magna cum laude with a bachelor of music degree. Further study included work of Juilliard and at the Peabody Conservatory. Mr. Peek served in the navy in the last war, during which period he was organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Chapel, NTC, Bainbridge, Md. He was director of music at the First Methodist Church, Mason, Mich., and then of Trinity Episcopal Church, Grand Ledge, Mich., and at Michigan State College he was president of the M.S.C. student group of the A.G.O., a member of Phi Mu Alpha, national music fraternity, and of Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, and accompanist of the M.S.C. a cappella choir. Mrs. Peek is holder of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award in recognition of her outstanding work at Mary Baldwin. While in New York she was director of music at the First Methodist Church, Newark, N. J., while Richard was organist and choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church, Plainfield, N. J. Richard is also a composer, his latest work being a Christmas carol-anthem, soon to be published by Canyon Press. Further works include a Suite for Organ which received its first performance at an A.G.O. meeting in September, 1949, at East Lansing, Mich., and a Toccata which the composer played for the first time in a recital at Union Seminary in November, 1951.

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By JOSEPH LEWIS IREDALE

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What may be termed the "revival of interest" in organs, organ literature, and even organists, is a happy characteristic of our age. This "revival of interest" finds documentation throughout the musical world. A recent article in The Diapason (Aug. 1, 1951) comments favorably upon it, and all of us in our own experience are happily aware of this phenomenon. There are, I believe, profound historical reasons which in some measure account for this "revival of interest." It will be necessary for me to comment upon them in passing. My primary aim, however, is not congratulatory but critical, in the classical sense of the term. I wish to call attention to a great void in the organ world, a void brought about largely by that very a void brought about largely by that very "revival of interest" upon which we all rightly congratulate ourselves, and a void which our enthusiasm to date has failed

which our enthusiasm to date has taked to fill.

The void of which I speak concerns what may be termed a lack of general aesthetic. By this I mean a knowledge or awareness on the part of organists as to what their specific art should be. It is precisely the lack of such knowledge which generates nine-tenths of the willful misunderstanding current among us. By a general aesthetic I mean an agreed method of how to cultivate taste and a general feeling upon the part of organists as to what should constitute fine playing. Now in one sense—a very broad sense—we have and always have had such an aesthetic. It is not a matter of devising or discovering something which we as organists generally lack so much as bringing to light and becoming conscious of something the great majority of us already possess. In this the general aesthetic is more akin to faith than to reason. Part of my purpose is to attempt a definition, breed outline of the method of cultiof my purpose is to attempt a definition, in broad outline, of the method of cultivating taste, but before doing so I would like to ward off an objection which may already have arisen.

Perhaps someone is wondering by what right 1 speak. One might well ask, "Who is he to say who has taste and who hasn't?" If I were about to distinguish the artists from the "camp followers" such an objection might be to the point. This is the job for the professional critic and in a sense the "camp followers" label themselves pretty well anyway. But in another sense my credentials for speaking of artistic taste are a love for the or-

in another sense my credentials for speaking of artistic taste are a love for the organ and its historic literature and also the fact that I am a practicing musician. After all, everyone of us forms aesthetic judgments and in practice we mean them to be taken authoritatively.

Now the method of cultivating taste, as I say, is already in existence. If we turn to an examination of our experience as teachers we can understand this fact better. The music teacher knows that his function is not to give the pupil something which the pupil lacks so much as it is to awaken in the pupil lacks so much as it is to awaken in the pupil the dormant capacities already there. Thus one of the first prerequisites is a love of music. Now a love of music is not something that one person can give to another, but only something that one person can awaken in the pupil teacher. one person can give to another, but only something that one person can awaken in another. Thus the experienced teacher knows that among his pupils there are those instinctively capable of scaling the heights of music and those for whom no amount of effort and labor will justify the study of music. Work will bring technical ability but never will it impart sensitivity and taste. This, I take it, is a proposition borne out by experience and I shall not labor the point.

One does not have to have had practical teaching experience to understand this point. It holds, by analogy, when we turn our attention to recitalists. It is common musical experience in this field also that some are better than others. There are recitalists who play with fire, brilliance

and profound understanding of the music and profound understanding of the music they offer, and there are those that simp-ly "play the notes." In both instances the fact that taste is a gift and not an acquisition open to all for the asking is manifest. This means that the order of music is hierarchical and not egalitarian, and no matter how the fact may injure our democratic instincts, it is the case nevertheless. We would better spend our efforts by accepting the fact humbly than efforts by accepting the fact humbly than by fooling ourselves into believing that "everyone is musical."

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When we have said that taste is given to some and not to others and that the job of the teacher is one of illumination and drawing out of an already latent quality, it by no means follows that we have said all there is to say. It does not mean that we are entitled to rest on the knowledge that we possess something others lack (no matter how comforting it may be). Taste is not a static body of knowledge "delivered once for all", but a growing, organic capacity—a capacity once given that lays upon us the resnonsibility of development and constant cultivation. If a teacher knows that there are among his pupils those who are gifted, it is not uncommon also for him to recognize that there are those among the gitted who squander their talents. It is, unfortunately, not an uncommon experience to hear a gifted recitalist limited and bound down by a technical incapacity due to lack of work. While the capacity for taste may be given, it may also be abused, misused and misdirected.

So far then, I have sought to describe quite generally what I take to be the primary base for a general aesthetic—that, apart from which, no general aesthetic can arise. I have further sought to elicit a truth from what I take to be experiences common to the majority of musicians. In the sense in which I have employed the word "taste" so far it can be shown that taste in a very real way is a matter of temperament. It does not follow, however, that taste is merely a matter of temperament. Those who argue that taste is merely a matter of temperament. Those who argue that taste is merely a matter of temperament—which assuming that one aesthetic judgment is as good as another—misunderstand what temperament involves and they are precisely those who can be depended upon to have no taste!

I now wish to consider how these general remarks affect the organ world. I believe that such considerations are germane to the organ world in particular and I will not attempt to apply them. If we can expect no aid or progress from those without taste, it by no means follows that those capable of taste will initiate what I have termed a general aesthetic. In order to develop taste more is needed than a capacity for taste, although without that capacity for sanctity does not produce the saint, so the mere capacity for taste does not produce the artist.

Earlier I spoke of the method of developing taste of which all of us must become more conscious. That method consists in exposing those interested in the organ and its literature to the very best playing possible. It consists in imparting to the young

ing taste of which all of us must become more conscious. That method consists in exposing those interested in the organ and its literature to the very best playing possible. It consists in imparting to the young musician a sense of the uniqueness of the organ and a sense of the tradition behind the "king of instruments." Those without an historical sense obviously will be unable to impart such a feeling. We must be very clear on this point and must have the courage of our convictions. We must be willing to take issue with those around us who simply "muddle through." We must raise our profession to the dignity to which it is entitled. To do this we must be clear as to what our aim should be. At this point I propose to state a definition which I believe will provide an ideal for many of us to approximate: Tasteful playing, artistry, consists in the ability of the performer to play organ compositions of different historical periods in the style and manner peculiar to that period. This definition is admittedly ideal and few are the players who approximate it. But that such a definition is ideal and fath anothing else is seems clear. One of the reasons for not accepting such a definition is the ersponsibility it places on the performer. This definition clearly limits the performer in that it requires more of the virtuoso than virtuosity. It demands of the sincere artist that he lose himself in the temper and spirit of the music he performs. It exalts the music and the message of the music above the technical abilities of the performer. Some mistaken souls believe that so-called "objective playing" accomplishes this. Nothing, however, could be farther from the truth. It is not sufficient to play Bach on baroque stops. While it is inexcusable to play him on Romantic registrations, the mere substitution of tone does not guarantee the proper result. To play Bach properly it is necessary to play his music with all of the tonal "limitations" he enjoyed and to play his music beautifully, with the maximum understanding and

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what is needed is a sense of history and sense of the organ and its literature with-the musical tradition. It cannot be denied a sense of the organ and its intender with in the musical tradition. It cannot be denied that the organ and its literature have suffered historical change. During the Romantic period the organ was changed considerably and no works comparable to Bach's were written for the instrument. This is not a matter of debate, as many pretend, but a matter of debate, as many pretend, but a matter of historical fact. Something within the nature of the instrument itself rebelled against the Romantic mood. As a consequence the attempt was made (particularly in this country) to alter the nature of the instrument, with its original contrapuntal bias, into an imitation of the orchestra. To cite this fact is not to deny that some worthy music was written during this period, but simply to recognize a limitation.

Our age has seen the rediscovery of the nature of the organ and the development of nature of the organ and the development of an instrument capable of playing the music of all historic schools faithfully. With this rediscovery we have witnessed the revival of interest mentioned at the beginning of this paper. We have so far failed, however, to become fully conscious of an underlying general aesthetic. To develop such an aesthetic it is necessary to reawaken the historical sense and to grasp the spirit and genius of each historic musical epoch. This may best be done by recognizing our limitations for the blessing that they are. It can best be done by recognizing that the organ is a unique musical instrument and not a potpourri of everything found in the world of music.

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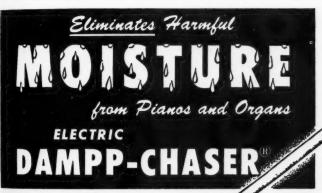
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