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FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK **GREAT FIVE-DAY EVENT**

SERVICES ARE IMPRESSIVE

Famous Churches Are Visited-Four Recitals and Three Papers-Dinner Brings Together Visitors from Eighteen States.

An intellectual and spiritual course dinner spread over five days—this is what organists and choir directors enjoyed at the spring festival of the American Guild of Organists, held in New York City the week of May 15. The opulent menu in-cluded five impressive services, held in famous churches; four organ recitals and three papers. All this was topped off with the annual dinner of the Guild, the final event, at which visitors from points distant from New York had the opportunity to fraternize with their fel-low organists of the metropolis and to gain a conception of the scope, the aims and the activities of the organization from the reports of the officers. Eighteen states and the District of Co-lumbia were represented, making it in fact a national gathering. These states were: California, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Vir-ginia, Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Vermont, Massa-cusetts, Ohio, Texas, New Jersey and Connecticut. An intellectual and spiritual course

Connecticut. Several of the services were of a nature to demonstrate the exalted church music standards in America that prevail in those places in which such music is cultivated at its best. -

Deans Meet with Council Closer fellowship between headquarters of the Guild and the chapters was pro-moted by a meeting of deans and regents with the council members at the Faculty Club of Columbia University Monday evening. After the usual council proceed-ings reports were made briefly by the evening. After the usual council proceed-ings reports were made briefly by the visiting heads of chapters or their repre-sentatives and word of organizational activities was brought from points all the way from New England to Califor-nia, as well as from New Jersey, Balti-more, Washington, Chicago, Louisville and other cities. Then dinner was served and many new acquaintances were made and old ones were renewed.

and many new acquaintances were made and old ones were renewed. The first event of the festival, a service of compline for Rogation Monday, took place in St. Paul's Chapel of Columbia University. Preceding the service a short program was played by Carl Weinrich, guest organist of the evening. Lowell P. Beveridge, director of music of the chapel, led his choir in the service music. The voices showed careful training. It was interesting to note that with two exceptions the anthems were written ex-

It was interesting to note that with two exceptions the anthems were written ex-pressly for this choir. The first and the last were works of Noel Sokoloff, now 22 years old—settings of "Grant to Us, Lord" and "God Be in My Head." Others were Virgil Thomson's "Tribu-lations" and Randall Thompson's "The Paper Reeds by the Brooks." Friedrich M. Breydert, born in 1909, and Everett B. Helm were still other composers rep-resented and the latter's "Attende Do-mine" was an impressive number. The purpose and character of the service music was set forth in the following ex-planation on the program: "There has been no thought of a new or radical style or of mere innovation. What we offer here is the product of a long and serious consideration of the basic prin-ciples of a genuine choral liturgical ciples of style." a genuine choral liturgical

Mr. Weinrich's fine musicianship was devoted to an exposition of presentday trends in composition of the ultra-modern type, concerning whose permanent value and immediate importance there is wide

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AT AN EXPENDITURE of \$1,662 the American Guild of Organists has pur-chased for the United States Army the field ambulance shown in the picture. The photograph was taken on West Fifty-third Street at Fifth Avenue in New York City on the afternoon of May 18, when the ambulance was formally

FLORIDA CONCERTO FESTIVAL COMBINES PIANO AND ORGAN

annual "concerto festival," in The annual "concerto festival," in which a combination of organ and piano was used, took place at the University of Florida in Gainesville May 7 and 14 in place of Claude L. Murphree's regular recitals. May 7 the Concerto in A, Mo-zart; Rhapsody in D minor, Federer, and the Concerto in D, Haydn, were played by Joe Adkins, Myrna Johnson and Maurice Hinson, pianists. May 14 the Concerto in A minor, by Grieg, was

presented and was accepted by a repre-sentative of the army. Next to the con-veyance are the Rev. Dr. Roelif H. Brooks, rector of St. Thomas' Church, and Warden S. Lewis Elmer. On the steps of St. Thomas' are members of the Guild in attendance at the spring music festival festival.

played by Mr. Adkins; the Concerto in C minor, Rachmaninoff, by Miss Char-maine Linzmayer, pianist, while all the orchestra parts were played on the organ by Mr. Murphree. All four pianists are pupils of Mr. Murphree.

AT THE McMYLER ORGAN RECIT-ALS at the Cleveland Museum of Art on the four Sundays in June at 5:15 p.m., Walter Blodgett, curator of musical arts, will play the Suite in E minor of Bux-tehude and the Chorale in B minor of Franck. These recitals are open free to the public. the public.



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SPIRITUALS ARE SUNG AS 2,000 PEOPLE LISTEN

THRILLING NEW YORK EVENT

George W. Kemmer Directs Twentyfirst Annual Service at St. George's Church — Harry T. Burleigh One of the Soloists.

One of those thrills that seldom can be One of those thrills that seldom can be experienced at a musical service came to more than 2,000 people who crowded historic St. George's Church in Stuy-vesant Square, New York City, Sunday afternoon, May 14, to hear the twenty-first annual presentation of Negro spirit-uals by the church's choir, under the able direction of George W. Kemmer. Before the service began every seat was taken, the aisles were jammed and many had to be turned away. Those who were privileged to be present listened for an hour and a half to a gorgeous feast of a type of music that only America has produced. There were nine spirituals harmonized

hour and a half to a gorgeous feast of a type of music that only America has produced. There were nine spirituals harmonized by Harry T. Burleigh, who stands at the top in this work of adapting the relig-ious songs of his race and who for more than half a century has been a soloist at St. George's Church. Five other spirituals were harmonized and arranged by Mr. Kemmer. The instrumental music of the service consisted of a performance of Mr. Kemmer's new Prelude on "Deep River," dedicated to Mr. Burleigh, played on the large four-manual Austin, and a group of harp solos beautifully played by Miss Mildred Dilling, whose program constituted a half-hour prelude that in-troduced the vocal part of the service. All the spirituals made a distinct ap-peal of their own, but the arrangement of "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door," the pathos of "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," the contrasting spirit of "I Got a Robe" and the sublime effects achieved in the Negro composer Na-thaniel Dett's "Listen to the Lambs" moved everyone. The climax came in "Ride On, King Jesus" and "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" as sung by Mr. Burleigh, whose voice and style have not been withered by age. "Deep River," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Steal Away to Jesus," the remarkable solo work of two young Negro singers, Carol Brice and Mar-guerite Wood, and the lovely touch in "Listen to the Lambs" when Edith Umbers, a girl of 15 years, sang "He Shall Feed His Flock"—all these are things which left a profound impress. Not the least noteworthy part of the afternoon was the singing of the hymns by the great congregation. Anyone who heard them in the old tune of "Erie" to the words of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" must have admitted that there is a charm of their own in some of the old gospel hymns. The fact that Mr. Kemmer's twenty-first anniversary as organist and choirold gospel hymns. The fact that Mr. Kemmer's twenty-

old gospel hymns. The fact that Mr. Kemmer's twenty-first anniversary as organist and choir-master of St. George's occurs this sum-mer was brought to the attention of the congregation by the rector, the Rev. El-more M. McKee, in a gracious way. In the folder for the day Dr. McKee also paid a warm tribute to Mr. Kemmer and emphasized that "great indeed is the debt of the parish and community to him as a person, and to his leadershin." It was Mr. Kemmer, he added, "who first raised the Negro spiritual to its place in the worship of the American church as a whole when he came to St. George's." George W. Kemmer is a native of New York City and after extended piano study took voice under Mme. Marcella Sembrich, Mme. Margaret Rabold, David Bispham and James M. Helfenstein, organ with David McK. Williams, theory with Clement Gale and composition with William Y. Webbe. He was a boy soloist at Grace Church and then for twelve years was organist and choirmaster of

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Grace Church, Orange, N. J., before going to St. George's in 1923. He is director of music at Beard's School in Orange and at the Dearborn Morgan School in the same city. His special musical services, including not only the programs of spirituals, but an annual service of Christmas carols and a per-formance of the Bach "St. Matthew Pas-sion," attract citywide notice. In addition to his arrangements of spirituals Mr. to his arrangements of spirituals Mr. Kemmer is the composer of several an-thems published by Gray and a cantata, "The Star That Lit the World," pub-lished by G. Schirmer. Some twenty of

lished by G. Schirmer. Some twenty of his arrangements of spirituals are pub-lished by Ricordi. A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kemmer to mark his twenty-first anni-versary at St. George's Church was held by Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Rosen April 27 and among those present were the rector and members of the vestry. On that occasion Mr. Kemmer's friends pre-sented him with a silver tray and a check. -

CHOIR FESTIVAL IN BOSTON WITH CHORUS OF 600 VOICES

The seventh annual choir festival under the auspices of the Massachusetts and Boston Area Council of Churches and the Choir Directors' Guild was held at Trinity Church, Boston, Sunday after-noon, April 30, with 2.200 people crowd-ing into the church to hear forty-five choirs, a total of 600 vioces. Of this number 225 were men. Dr. Carl Mc-Kinley of the New England Conservatory of Music and of Old South Church, played a ten-minute recital. Master Philip Howell, soprano at Trinity Church, and Mildred Jenkins, the Marian Anderson of Boston, were soloists. Rachael Quant of St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, was the service organist. H. Everett Titcomb of St. John the Evange-list Church and the Schola Cantorum di-Everett Litcomb of St. John the Evange-list Church and the Schola Cantorum di-rected his own anthem, "Come, Ye Faith-ful," and George Arkwell two women's chorus numbers—"The Peace of God," Coke-Jephcott, and "Lift Thine Eyes," Mendelssohn

Coke-Jephcott, and "Lift Thine Eyes," Mendelssohn. Dr. H. Augustine Smith, director of music for the Massachusetts and Boston churches and conductor of these festivals since their inception in 1936, conducted three anthems and directed the congrega-tion in singing four humos from the new

three anthems and directed the congrega-tion in singing four hymns from the new Episcopal Hymnal. Aside from the anthems mentioned Saint-Saens' "Ave Verum," Francis W. Snow's "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord," with eight parts for men and eight for women, sung a cappella. Holst's "Turn Back, O Man" and Mendelssohn's "I Waited for the Lord" were sung. The denominations represented were Baptist, Reformed, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran, Church of Latter-Day Saints, Unitarian and Universalist. MAEKELBERGHE WILL PLAY AT PEABODY SCHOOL JULY 2

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GEORGE W. KEMMER



WALTER N. HEWITT HONORED: TEN YEARS AT HIS CHURCH

Walter N. Hewitt, A.A.G.O. (Chm.), celebrated his tenth anniversary as or-ganist and minister of music at the Pros-pect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, N. J., Sunday, April 30, at the monthly "hour of music" from 5 to 6 o'clock. Mr. N. J., Sunday, April 30, at the holding
"hour of music" from 5 to 6 o'clock. Mr.
Hewitt was the artist of the afternoon, playing from memory the following organ music: Toccata and Fugue in D
minor, Bach; "O Man, Bewail Thy
Grievous Sin," Bach; "Come, Gentle Death," Bach; "A Memory," Hewitt;
"The Cuckoo," Weaver; Etude, Chopin-Schminke; Arioso, Handel.
Members of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter of the A.G.O. attended the service in a body.
After the service a tea was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt in the parish-house. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt received many floral tributes, a \$100 bond from the session.
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\$100 bond from the session. Mr. Hewitt is a past dean of the Met-ropolitan New Jersey Chapter, A.G.O., past president of the Music Educators' Association of New Jersey, Inc., past president of the Music Teachers' Asso-ciation of the Oranges and Vicinity, past president of the Arlington Music Club and a member of the St. Wilfrid Club.

PRIZE OF \$100 FOR ANTHEM IS OFFERED BY H. W. GRAY

IS OFFERED BY H. W. GRAY Under the auspices of the American Guild of Organists a prize of \$100 is offered by the H. W. Gray Company, Inc., to the composer of the best anthem submitted by any musician residing in the United States or Canada. The text, which must be in English, may be se-lected by the composer. There is no objection to seasonal anthems—Christ-mas, Easter, etc. There is no restriction as to the difficulty or the length, but it is suggested that a comnosition of about eight pages, for mixed voices, is the most practical one. The manuscript, signed with a nom de plume or motto and with the same inscription on the outside of a sealed envelope containing the composer's name and address, must be sent to the American Guild of Organists, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N. Y., not later than Jan. 1, 1945.

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RICHARD GORE WINS AWARD IN A COMPOSITION CONTEST

Richard T. Gore, organist and mem-ber of the musical faculty of Cornell University, is the winner of the publica-tion award contest of the Composers' Press, Inc., of New York City for 1944. Among eighty manuscripts submitted Mr. Gore's "Let God Arise," for mixed chorus and organ, won first place. The iudges were Dr. John Warren Erb, John Harms and George W. Volkel.

THE CHOIR OF ST. LUKE'S Episcopal Church, San Francisco, gave a notable rendition of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" on Maundy Thursday evening, directed by Harold Mueller, F.A.G.O., organist and director at St. Luke's. Florence L. Stone, assistant organist, played the organ ac-companiment and Dorothy Nordstrand was at the piano.

DOCTOR OF SACRED MUSIC DEGREE CONFERRED ON FOUR

At the commencement of the School of Theological May 17 Dr. Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary in New York May 17 Dr. Clarence Dickinson presented four candidates for the degree of doctor of sacred music. This is a veritable landmark in

Clarence Dickinson presented four can-didates for the degree of doctor of sacred music. This is a veritable landmark in the history of church music, as it is the first time in history that this degree has been conferred. The four recipients, already holding degrees from colleges and the master's degree in sacred music from Union Seminary, were: Robert Baker, organist and director at the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn; Robert Griswold, organist and director at the Church of the Messiah, Presbyterian, Paterson, N. J.; Robert Wesley Magin, organist and director at Centenary Meth-odist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Hugh Porter, organist and director of music of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, New York City. Dr. Dickinson also presented twelve candidates for the master's degree in sacred music and listed two others who will receive the degree at the August commencement. Those upon whom the master's degree was conferred are: Marjorie Abbott, Central Baptist Church, New York: James Bergen, Hitchcock Memorial Presbyterian Church, Scars-dale, N. Y.; V. Earle Copes, Chester Hill Methodist Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Lyn Davies, Mount Washington Presbyterian Church, New York; Mar-jory Gregory. Presbyterian Church, Scars-horough, N. Y.; Jeanette Hart Hollman, Trinity Lutberan Church, Allentown, Pa.; Jean Knorr, Trinity Methodist Church, West Brighton, N. Y.; Marjorie Marshall, St. Thomas' Episconal Church, Newrk, N. J.; Wallace McPhee, First Baptist Church, Montclair, N. J.; M. Louise Miller, First Congregational Church, Stratford, Conn.; K. Mulder Schuil, Central Methodist Church, Newerks, N. Y.; Ruth Turner, Church of the Redeemer, Yonkers, N. Y. A program of original compositions by presented on the evening of May 14 in the James Chapel. The program opened with an Introduction and Fugue for organ; the balance of the program was choral, including anthems and a setting of each of the four major canticles of the Episcopal Church.

UKRAINIAN PASSION TRILOGY IS SUNG IN PROVIDENCE, R. I.

IS SUNG IN PROVIDENCE, R. I. The first Providence performance of the "Passion Trilogy" of Ukrainian spirituals, taken from eighteenth century manuscripts and arranged by Alexander Koshetz, director of the Ukrainian Na-tional Chorus, took place in the Cathedral of St. John, Providence, R. I., on Palm Sunday evening. The cathedral choir was under the direction of Willard E. Retallick, organist and choirmaster. These works, relatively unknown, are considered by Mr. Retallick as some of the finest *a cappella* music. The complete program was as follows: Organ, "Out of the Deep," Karg-Elert; hymn, "God Himself Is with Us," Eighteenth Century Ger-man; Psalm 130, "Out of the Deep," Tone iv, 6; Magnificat (with fauxbour-don by Dr. Francis W. Snow), Tone vij, 1; hymn, "O Sacred Head," Hassler-Bach; "The Passion Trilogy," Ukrainian, arranged by Koshetz ("Trial before

IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

Festival of the American Guild of Organists in New York City offers five days of services, recitals, lectures, etc., closing with annual meeting.

Twenty-first annual service of spirituals draws great congregation to St. George's Church in New York.

Carl Engel, president of G. Schir-mer, Inc., and former head of the division of music of the Library of Congress, dies suddenly.

Chapters of the A.G.O. close an active season and elect officers for the vear.

New compositions of Seth Bingham, entitled "Baroques," and other publications for the organ are reviewed by Dr. William Lester.

Dr. Harold W. Thompson deals further with the Easter music of 1944 and new anthems.

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CHICAGO CONVENTION TAKES PLACE IN JUNE

REGIONAL EVENT OF GUILD

Program of Recitals and Addresses to Occupy Two Days-Local Organists and Visiting Performers Will Be Heard.

Under the auspices of the Illinois Chapter, A.G.O., organists from Illinois and nearby states are coming to Chicago to join the local organ fraternity in the fourth biennial regional convention of Guild chapters. The convention will take place Monday and Tuesday, June 19 and 20. A program of high excellence to occupy the two days has been prepared and promises much of interest to all who can attend the events. Monday will be spent on the north side

Monday will be spent on the north side of Chicago in the forenoon, moving to Evanston in the afternoon. Registration will take place at St. James' Episcopal Church at 9 and at 9:15 Miss Sarah Hammerschmidt, representing the North-orn Ohio Chapter will give a recital of Hammerschmidt, representing the North-ern Ohio Chapter, will give a recital of half an hour, followed by a lecture-recital by Dr. Leo Sowerby. At 11 o'clock a recital will be given at the Fourth Presbyterian Church by Miss Adrienne Moran of Chicago and Ken-neth Cutler of the United States Navy, who has been overseas for many months and is expected home in a few days. In the afternoon at 1:15 luncheon will be served at the First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, followed by a talk by Dr. William H. Barnes on the recon-struction of the organ he gave that church. After this lecture Mrs. Mary Porter

struction of the organ he gave that church. After this lecture Mrs. Mary Porter Gwin will give a recital on the organ in this church. At 4:30 D. Deane Hutch-ison of Portland, Ore., will be heard in a recital at St. Luke's Church. Dinner will be served at the First Methodist Church and in the evening Brahms' "Requiem" will be sung by Dr. Emory L. Gallup's choir at the same church. Tuesday the activities will be on the

L. Gallup's choir at the same church. Tuesday the activities will be on the south side, beginning at 9:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a recital by Dr. Arthur C. Becker of Chicago, followed by an address on "New Organ Publica-tions" by Dr. William Lester, who re-views the new works for THE DIAPASON, and a recital by Lester W. Groom, F.A. G.O. After luncheon at the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A. cafeteria Emory L. Gallup will speak on the service of the church at the Hyde Park United Church. At the same church there will be a special feature in the form of organ and piano ensemble music played by Miss Sarah Hammerschmidt of Cleveland and Dean Walter Flandorf.

Sarah Hammerschmidt of Cleveland and Dean Walter Flandorf. Going to the First Unitarian Church, the convention will hear Whitmer Byrne in a recital and Margaret Hanson, so-prano, will sing several solos, accom-panied by Charles H. Demorest. Arrangements have been made for a banquet at the Hotel Windermere and then the convention will go to Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago for

then the convention will go to Kocketeller Chapel at the University of Chicago for a carillon recital, followed by an organ program by Allen W. Bogen and Frieda Opt-Holt Vogan of the Michigan Chap-ter. A special closing event will be an address by Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the chapel.

14 West Lake Street



RUTH BARRETT ARNO

RUTH BARRETT ARNO, who for ten years has held the important post of or-ganist at The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, the Mother Church, has been making a name for herself like-wise as a composer, especially of music for the church service. Her latest com-position, published by Carl Fischer, is entitled "Song of Light," and is a sacred solo which makes use of John B. Dykes' tune to Cardinal Newman's famous hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." A set of lines by an anonymous author, which introduce Newman's words, are set to effective music. These words are: A glorious day is dawning.

A glorious day is dawning, And o'er the waking earth The heralds of the morning Are springing into birth.

In dark and hidden places There shines the glorious light; The beam of truth displaces The darkness of the night.

After a quiet introduction the music After a quiet introduction the music leads up to a fortissimo and then dimin-ishes to mezzo piano to the beginning of the hymn. On the last verse the Dykes tune is used, with a soft repetition of the words "Lead, kindly light, lead Thou me on" at the close. This song should make a strong appeal as it preserves much of the familiar tune but adds a more hope-ful note. ful note.

Mrs. Arno began her work at the Mother Church of Christian Science in 1934. She is a native of Albany, N. Y., but lived in New York City for some time and studied at the Guilmant Organ School, with Miss Lilian Carpenter and with the late Lynnwood Farnam, and then at Fontianaleau then at Fontainebleau.

THE CLAYTON F. SUMMY COMPANY of Chicago has issued a new three-part women's chorus with piano accompani-ment entitled "The Coming of June" by Frances McCollin. The score is dedicated to Dr. H. Alexander Matthews. The words of the poem are by Margaret Brand, an English poet. The chorus was awarded a \$300 prize in a nationwide competition conducted by Ginn & Co. of Boston. Dr. Matthews plans to present the new num-ber next season with his Philadelphia Music Club Chorus.

FOR THE ORGAN

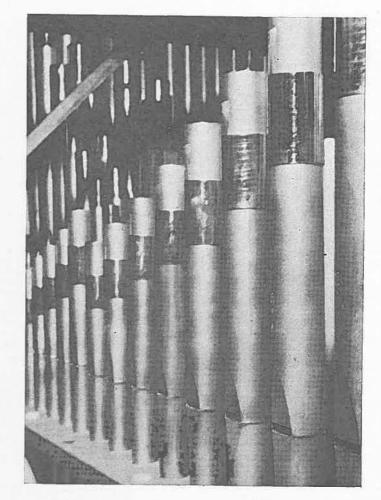
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Organ Recital by Richard Ellsasser Arouses Enthusiasm—Programs at Baldwin-Wallace College Draw Large Audiences.

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it is at the organ that he excels and his work has won much more than local acclaim. Saturday afternoon he presented an entire recital on the new baroque organ in Kulas Hall, consisting of the Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major, the Prelude and Fugue in E minor, four chorale preludes and the Prelude and Fugue in B minor. His performance showed technical perfection. excellent Fugue in B minor. His performance showed technical perfection, excellent poise and a keen insight into the meaning of the composer. His enthusiastic audi-ence was thoroughly impressed by his pedal facility. The program was repeated to accommodate the large number who wished to hear it. Each of the last two concerts was pre-ceded by a group of chorales played by

Each of the last two concerts was pre-ceded by a group of chorales played by the Baldwin-Wallace Brass Choir under the direction of Cecil W. Munk. Satur-day evening's concert, devoted largely to solo masterpieces, opened with another organ work, the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, played by Mr. Ellsasser, substitut-ing for Dr. Riemenschneider, who was unable to participate because of illness. Mr. Treash sang a group of four spiritual Mr. Treash sang a group of four spiritual songs in English translation, accompanied by Mr. Ellsasser at the organ. Carl

Schluer, head of the piano department, gave a clean-cut rendition of the difficult Chromatic Fantasie and Fugue. The Son-ata for Piano and Violin No. 5 in F minor was played by Blair Cosman and Mr. Poinar. The Baldwin-Wallace Wom-en's Choir, conducted by Mr. Munk, closed the program with three selections from the Magnificat in D, Cantata No. 78 and "Jesu, Priceless Treasure." The last number was sung a cappella, while the others were accompanied by a small number of instruments, chiefly strings, with Sophie Soeffker at the piano. The festival reached a climax in the final concert Sunday afternoon by the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Chorus, the fes-tival orchestra and soloists, with Lucile

tival orchestra and soloists, with Lucile Harley at the harpsichord and Mr. Ell-Harley at the harpsichord and Mr. Ell-sasser at the organ. Three religious can-tatas were sung: No. 39, "Give the Hun-gry Ones Thy Bread"; No. 93, "If Thou Wilt Suffer God to Guide Thee," and No. 4, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison." Splendid solo work was done in the first two by Mary Marting, so-prano; Evelyn George Wilkinson, con-tralto; Robert Marshall, tenor, and Leon-ard Treash, bass. The chorus showed the results of a year of careful training under Dr. Riemenschneider's direction. Mr. Poinar ably substituted for Dr. Riemen-schneider as conductor.

EVALINE MARY DOEING, PRIZE WINNER, IS HEARD IN RECITAL

Evaline Mary Doeing, winner of the young artist organ contest of the Society of American Musicians, gave a recital in Kimball Hall, Chicago, May 22 under the management of Bertha Ott, this ap-pearance being awarded to the successful competitor. Miss Doeing gave a per-formance that established her as an or-ganist of decided promise. She played this exacting program: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, "Hark, a Voice Saith All Are Mortal," "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days" and "In Thee Is Glad-ness," Bach; Concert Variations, Bon-net; "Piece Heroique," Franck; Scherzo (Symphony 4), Widor; "Cortege et Litanie," Dupré; Concerto in D minor, Handel; "Carillon," Sowerby; Toccata, Widor. Widor.

Widor. Miss Doeing has given a number of successful recitals and is organist of the Sandridge Methodist Church of Dolton, Ill., and of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Hammond, Ind. She has studied with Kenneth Cutler and Dr. Frank Van Dusen and is a member of the Illinois Chapter, A.G.O., and the Van Dusen Organ Club.

Death of Roy Wilfred Tibbs.

Roy Wilfred Tibbs, for thirty-two years head of the piano and organ faculty at Howard University, died in Washyears head of the plano and organ faculty at Howard University, died in Wash-ington April 1. He was educated at Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Fisk University and was for many years or-ganist of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church at the capital.

Church at the capital. THE REV. DUNCAN S. MERVYNNE, organist of the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Church, Pasadena, Cal., for nearly twenty-three years and also organist at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for many years, has taken a position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pomona, Cal. There is a boy choir of twenty voices that is well trained by a choir director. The church is built in the mission style, with buildings around a court.





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terly-Was Born in Paris.

Carl Engel, president of G. Schirmer, Inc., the music publishers, since 1934 and writer on music, died of a heart at-tack May 6 at his home in New York. Mr. Engel, editor of *The Musical Quarterly* since 1929, served as chief of the music division of the Library of Con-gress from 1922 to 1934 and honorary consultant in musicology to the library gress from 1922 to 1934 and honorary consultant in musicology to the library since 1934. Among his best-known com-positions were "Triptych," for violin and piano, and a song setting for Amy Lowell's poem "Seashell." He was the author of "Alla Breve: From Bach to Debussy," 1921, and "Discords Mingled," 1931. 1931.

1931. Mr. Engel was born sixty years ago in Paris and was a great-grandson of Josef Kroll, founder of the Kroll Opera House in Berlin, and grandson of J. C. Engel, who made the Kroll Opera internationally famous. Mr. Engel attended the univer-sities of Strasbourg and Munich and studied composition with Ludwig Thuille in Munich. He received an honorary doctorate in music from Oberlin College in 1934

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from 1929 to 1932. Mr. Engel was first chairman of the committee on musicology of the Ameri-can Council of Learned Societies, presi-dent of the American Musicological So-ciety from 1937 to 1938 and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was a member of the Musical Association of London, an hon-orary member of the Harvard Musical Association, a corresponding member of the Societe Francaise de Musicologie and United States delegate to the Beethoven

Centenary in Vienna in 1927. He was also a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Surviving are a daughter, Lisette, and two sisters, Miss Iffi Engel and Mrs. Lotte Shauvan.

FREDERICK J. HARRJE, A.A.G.O., DIES AT MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

Frederick J. Harrje, organist of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Mount Vernon, N. Y., died May 3 at his home at the age of 47 years. Mr. Harrje was born in New York and was graduated from the Bushwick Conservatory of Music. He was an as-sociate of the American Guild of Organ-ists and a governor of the Echo Bay Yacht Club of New Rochelle, N. Y. In the first world war he served as an army radio operator.

Mr. Harrje left his widow, Mrs. Alma Mr. Harrje left his widow, Mrs. Alma Marie Kuehner Harrje; a brother, Ed-win H. Harrje of Philadelphia, and a sister, Mrs. Albert Gerkin of Newburgh, N. Y.

W. LAWRENCE CURRY TAKES CHURCH AND GLEE CLUB POSTS

W. Lawrence Curry, head of the music department at Beaver College, Jenkin-town, Pa., and music editor of the Pres-byterian Board of Christian Education, byterian Board of Christian Education, has been reappointed organist of the First Methodist Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, where he served from 1932 to 1940. From 1940 to the present he was at the Summit Presbyterian Church, Germantown. Both Dr. Paul Waitman Hoon, the new pastor, and Mr. Curry are graduates of Union Theological Sem-inary, New York City. Mr. Curry also has been appointed con-ductor of the University Glee Club of Philadelphia and directed its spring con-cert May 6. He succeeds Dr. H. Alex-ander Matthews, who has been made conductor emeritus.

IN MEMORY OF Mrs. Ira A. Morton, Verdi's "Requiem" was sung at Trinity Methodist Church, Denver, Colo., Sunday afternoon, May 7, under the direction of Dr. Antonia Brico. David Pew was at the organ for the performance. Mrs. Morton was organist and choir director of Trinity Church from 1937 until ker death a year ago.

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(1563-1633), Cesar Franck and Johannes Brahms. Mr. Brewer possesses a large library of music and literature gathered from many sources and containing several unique items. He has traveled exten-sively through Europe from Iceland and Russia in the north to Greece and Tur-key in the cast and Spanish Morocco and Spain in the south, and he spent some time in the monasteries on Mount Athos in 1927. in 1927.

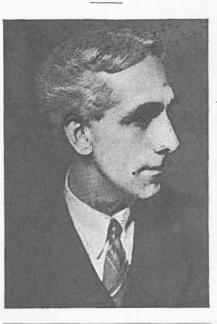
in 1927. In 1913 Mr. Brewer married Miss Edith L. Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have two grown children—Mar-jorie Isabel and Griffith Carmichael Brewer.

NIES-BERGER'S NEW PIECE MAKES REAL HIT IN ONE CITY

MAKES REAL HIT IN ONE CITT Edouard Nies-Berger, the New York organist, had a very heartening expe-rience on a recent recital tour in South Carolina. At Florence his performance at the Baptist Church was sponsored by the Musical Art Society. He included in his program his own composition, "Resur-rection," recently published by H. W. Gray, and it was so much admired that several organists asked him to play it the next Sunday in their churches. So it was arranged he should play "Resurrection" in the Methodist Church for the Prelude, in the Presbyterian Church for the offer-tory, before the sermon, and in the Epis-copal Church for the offertory, after the sermon. Mr. Nies-Berger was driven from one church to the other and played his composition three times that Sunday morning.

his composition three times that Sunday morning. Mr. Nies-Berger has been appointed organist and choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah and Incarnation, Brooklyn, succeeding the late Maurice C. Rumsey, who held this post for twenty years. He is continuing as official organ-ist of the New York Philharmonic Or-chestra. In June he will be the recitalist

GEORGE M. BREWER



at the baccalaureate concert at Northfield Seminary, East Northfield, Mass.

NATIONAL COMPOSERS' CLINIC TO GIVE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO

A schedule of concerts, all open to the public, is announced by the National Composers' Clinic through its general director, Bethuel Gross of the faculty of the University of Akron and organist and director at St. James' Methodist Church, Chicago. The concerts will take place at St. James' Church and the pro-gram is as follows: June 11, 4:30 p.m.—Choral and vocal concert.

concert. June 12, 8:30 p.m.-Modern music

forum. June 13, 8:30 p.m.-Instrumental and

piano concert. June 14, 8:30 p.m.—Guest composers'

concert. June 15, 8:30 p.m.—"Honorary mention" concert.

June 16, 8:30 p.m.—Orchestra concert. June 17, 6:30 p.m.—Banquet at Bis-marck Hotel.

June 17, 6:30 p.m.—Banquet at Bis-marck Hotel. The National Composers' Clinic con-sists of an executive body and a com-mittee known as the appraisers. This group will each year select and recom-mend for publication the best manu-scripts presented by any American com-poser, regardless of age or academic affiliation. A non-profit organization whose policy is governed by the advisers, the clinic covers ten areas of musical composition—band, chorus, instrumental solo, instrumental ensemble, opera, ora-torio, orchestra, organ, piano and voice. "The manuscripts selected for perform-ance must indicate a tendency of the com-poser to demonstrate an exhilarating lib-erty in his musical expression which implies dissatisfaction with traditional formulae, or at least an endeavor to avoid thoughtless imitation of methods and idioms of older and contemporary composers," the prospectus states. INSTITUTE IN WINFIELD, KAN.

INSTITUTE IN WINFIELD, KAN., DISCUSSES CHURCH MUSIC

DISCUSSES CHURCH MUSIC In an effort to consider trends in church music, choir directors and organ-ists of the Southwest met April 14 and 15 at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., for their second annual institute. The Southwestern School of Fine Arts was host to the group. About 100 persons attended each day. Guest lecturer and recitalist was Alexander Schreiner, or-ganist of the Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah. Several lectures com-pleted the institute program. Sister Xavier of St. John's Academy, Wichita, lectured on the origin and use of Grego-rian chant. The chants were illustrated by members of the Southwestern Girls' Choir. Dean Luther O. Leavengood re-ported on the church music forum of the 1944 Music Teachers' National Associa-tion convention in Cincinnati. "Music for the Soldier" was discussed by Russell L. Young, chaplain at Strother Field. Mrs. Floyd Strong, director of the junior choir of the First Presbyterian Church, To-peka, discussed organization and use of junior choirs in the educational program of the church. junior choirs in the educational program

of the church. Saturday morning President Charles E. Schofield led the panel discussion on

Gigout demands contrast

Eugene Gigout (1844-1925) at an early age became the pupil of Camille Saint-Saens and in 1911 succeeded Alexandre Guilmant as professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire. Beginning in 1893, Gigout toured many foreign countries as organ virtuoso, gaining a reputation as one of the most eminent organists of France.

While his composing was not limited to any particular me-dium, Gigout is best known by his works for the organ, which comprise hundreds of pieces in all degrees of technical demands, from the simple voluntary to the most taxing opus for the virtuoso.

A favorite among Gigout's works, which organists hold in high esteem, is the Grand Choeur Dialogue. The striking dynamic contrasts inherent in this work are accomplished with utmost ease on the Wicks organ, by reason of the in-stantaneous action of its expression shades, which swing freely, quickly and quietly. They are mounted on ball bearings, are laminated, and their beveled and overlapped con-struction provides superb expression.



'Currents and Trends in the Church and

"Currents and Trends in the Church and Their Influences on Church Music." Par-ticipating in the panel were Dr. W. E. Wente of St. John's College, Winfield, and the Rev. Edwin F. Wilcox, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Winfield. In addition to Mr. Schreiner's recital, musical features of the program were given by Robert W. Hays, organist of Grace Cathedral, T o p e k a; Ernestine Parker, organist of Trinity Episcopal Church, Arkansas City, and the South-western Girls' Chorus, conducted by Mr. Leavengood. Dr. Leroy Allen was guest speaker Friday evening after dinner. J. HENRY FRANCIS' ANTHEM "Joy-bells Shall Ring" was sung by the com-bined choirs of the Kanawha County Schools at an Easter carol service in St. John's Church, Charleston, W. Va., Sun-day afternoon, April 2. The boy choir of twelve schools, a total of 125 voices, was assisted by the choir of the church.

NEW JERSEY ORGANIST DIES WHEN TRAIN STRIKES HER CAR

Miss Ruth Audrey Hopper, 23 years old, organist of the Millburn, N. J., Pres-byterian Church, and her mother, Mrs. William E. Hopper, were killed April 30 when their car, driven by Miss Hopper, was struck by an Erie Railroad train. The two women were driving to their home in Mahwah, N. J., after attending the church at which Miss Hopper played.

the church at which Miss Hopper played. IN MEMORY OF PIETRO A. YON, Carl Wiesemann played a program of Mr. Yon's compositions at the Texas State College for Women in Denton April 12. His numbers included the following: "Concerto Gregoriano," "Elan du Coeur," "Minuetto Antico e Musetta," "Rimem-branza," "Christmas in Settimo Vittone," "Gesu Bambino," "L'Organo Primitivo," "Arpa Notturna," "Echo," "Speranza" and "Hymn of Glory."

JUNE 1, 1944

More About Easter Services and Reviews of New Choral Music

By HAROLD ₩.THOMPSON, Ph.D., L.H.D. A very large number of Easter pro-grams arrived after my last article went to press; so I am making further com-ments, though I shall thereby defeat my purpose of cleaning up my new music which demands review. A reviewer's work, like woman's, is never done and always too plainly visible.

always too plainly visible. One thing that impresses me in these service lists is the very elaborate plans now made necessary by a highly organ-ized church. For example, at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles there were an "Easter eve service of the Holy Flame," an "immortality sunrise service," a morning worship service, a "church of y out h," a "high school church," a "children's church," a vesper service and a "Sunday evening club"—all with Easter music provided by Arthur Leslie Jacobs and three assistant organ-ists. Mr. Jacobs also had the duty of furnishing for the program an "Easter Church Message," containing some re-marks such as these: "Music in the church will come into its own when its purveyors and the clergy permit music church will come into its own when its purveyors and the clergy permit music to be dug out of its escapist rut and boldly assume the role of constructive uplifter. * * * Until music is recognized by the church as a powerful ally, not as a servant, the church goes to her task with a heavy handicap."

with a heavy handicap." There are things about this program which make all but persons of very high animal spirits wince—but the music is of high quality and great interest. For ex-ample, at the Easter eve service the choir sang Gabriel Faure's "Requiem"; at the service for the "high school church" there was a performance of Clokey's "Adoramus Te"; and there was much good organ music, from Bach to Francis W. Snow.

Another set of programs, showing a very different trend and a different idea of ecclesiastical dignity, but likewise full of promise for our future, comes from Herbert D. Bruening at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke in Chicago. Lutheran Church of St. Luke in Chicago. Here there is evidence of that recovery of old glories which is one of the strik-ing facts in musical history. On Passion Sunday, for instance, there was a per-formance of the "St. John Passion" of Heinrich Schuetz, who died in 1672, and of the "Improperia" of Victoria (or Vittoria), who died in 1613. The Easter services began with matins at 6 in the morning. The festival service at 11 gave evidence that Mr. Bruening is well aware of modern American composers: for ex-ample, he plaved George Vause's Prelude on "Easter Hymn" and Candlyn's Toc-cata on "He Is Risen." At Grand Rapids, Mich., the First Con-

ample, he plaved George Vause's Prelude on "Easter Hymm" and Candlyn's Toc-cata on "He Is Risen." At Grand Rapids, Mich., the First Con-gregational Church (C. H. Einecke, or-ganist) had very interesting programs beginning Wednesday. April 5, when the Buxtehude cantata for high voice, "My Jesus Is My Lasting Joy," and a set of organ pieces from Dupré's "Fourteen Stations of the Cross" were included; then there was a Maundy Thursday com-munion service which opened with the playing of "Communion," by Richard Purvis, and the widely-used Telemann "O Lamb of God." On Good Friday there was a "Tre Ore" service, which began with Scheidt's "When Jesus on the Cross." followed by two recent American pieces, Edmundson's "O Sacred Head" and Winfred Douglas' Partita on "Stabat Mater." At the Easter eve candlelight service the music ranged from Vulpius and Bach to the popular Russian "Alle-luia!" by Kopolvoff. Easter morning there was good fare in Americaan and Canadian organ music, including Eger-ton's "An Faster Prelude." Farnam's Toccata on "O Filii" and Professor Rich-ard Gore's on "Ye Watchers." and the Miles Paraphrase on "St. Kevin," not to mention such choral numbers as Eugene Hill's anthem on an old English melody, "The Whole Bright World Rejoices." and Marryott's "We Will Be Merry." I have mentioned these programs in some detail, partly because I realize that the future historian of our ecclesiastical music will have to draw his conclusions prety much from this journal; partly because I rejoice at our proof of wide scholarship and generous acceptance of

new things, even when they are composed

new things, even when they are composed by our countrymen. And now for briefer mentions: At the West End Presbyterian Church in New York the newly-installed organ-ist, Ralph Douglass, got off to an excel-lent start with a performance of Clarence Dickinson's Easter oratorio "The Re-deemer," and other delightful choral numbers, including Clokey's "Christ Con-quereth," Whipple's French carol "Love Is Come Again" and Goldsworthy's "Easter Dawn." Our old friend Reginald L. McAll liked best on his own program Durrant's "The Strife Is O'er" and George Kemmer's "I Heard Two Soldiers Talking," the latter the best seller of 1943 and much used again this year. Dr. David McK. Williams used twice the big anthem by Macfarlane which holds its own, "Christ Our Passover," and the Dvorak "Te Deum." I still think that Dr. Williams has as much claim to have his name on the programs as the "sexton and undertaker" has at St. Bart's. Before leaving New York and its suburbs, let me note that in Yonkers the very popular anthem by V. D. Thompson, "Spring Bursts Today." was used by K. M. Schuil. Speaking of Dr. Williams, down in Schuil.

anthem by V. D. Thompson, "Spring Bursts Today." was used by K. M. Schuil. Speaking of Dr. Williams, down in Washington his anthem entitled "He Is Risen" was used by J. H. Marville and Kathryn H. Rawls, who also listed the Goldsworthy "Easter Dawn" and Brough-ton's popular "Easter Paean." At Balti-more Frederick Erickson featured the Davies "The Walk to Emmaus" and that most popular of modern English anthems for Easter, Bairstow's "The Promise Which Was Made." At Oak Park, IIL, the composer himself used Dr. Francis S. Moore's "He Is Risen" in the good company of Randall Thompson's "Alle-luia" (which Professor Gore listed at Cornell), Gaul's "Russian Easter Carol of the Trees" and other interesting carols. At Needham, Mass., two of the Wild carols, "An Easter Carol" and "Blow, Golden Trumpes," were on the lists of James Taylor, together with Marryott's "One Early Easter Morning" and Goldsworthy's "Dawn in the Gar-den," both of them very useful for com-bined choirs. At the Cadet Chapel at West Point, Frederick C. Mayer chose the anthem called "The Strife Is O'er" by Sumner Salter and one of the most popular of Easter pieces for the organ, Yon's "Christ Triumphant." Sometimes it interests me to make notes on the organ pieces in a program exclusively, to see how the Americans are faring. For example, in Pittsburgh Earl B. Collins included the Miles Para-phrase on "St. Kevin," Farnam's Toe-cata on "O Filii" and Titcomb's Impro-visation on "Alleluia, Pascha Nostra." At the cathedral in Denver David R. Pew opened his morning service with Gaul's "Easter Morning," followed by two Edmundson numbers. "The Grave Itself a Garden Is" and "An Easter Spring Song." If I have failed to mention any pro-grams sent me, I should say in apology that I had not intended to make these additional comments and may have mis-

grams sent me, I should say in apology that I had not intended to make these additional comments and may have mis-laid a few letters.

Reviews of New Music The finest anthem of the month is cer-tainly Kemmer's "Meditation" (Gray), an unaccompanied work of ten pages. half of which is an admirable fugal Gloria. Only four parts are needed, but there are the possibilities of really splen-cid choral effects.

there are the possibilities of really splen-did choral effects. Also very effective is Shure's setting of Psalm 145 (J. Fischer), whose ten pages may be sung unaccompanied *ad lib.* The composer has used alleluias with fine variety and sonority; in one section they call for a high solo voice in addition to the chorus in four parts.

Another good praise anthem is Francis S. Moore's "Praise the Name of the Lord" (Hall & McCreary), whose seven pages have a text adapted from Psalm 113. This is a sonorous accompanied work with effective short interludes for the organ. the organ. If you do not find at least one of these

If you do not find at least one of these anthems to your taste, you are hard to please. It is a good sign that we are preparing songs of praise, isn't it? Dr. Williams has a splendid accom-panied anthem partly in another mood, called "Grace Be to You and Peace" (Gray), running to nineteen pages of varied and always beautiful music. It opens with one of St. Paul's great bene-dictions, with the adjuration to forgive one another; it closes with a stanza of a hymn of praise by Ellerton. A bass soloist is needed, and the organ part is soloist is needed, and the organ part is important.

I think that Dr. Noble's Lenten anthem called "It Is Finished" (Galaxy) came out too late for use this season. It is an expressive unaccompanied work in four parts, three pages. I like even better Dr. Noble's short Communion Service (Gal-axy), which omits the Credo. As in the

axy), which omits the Credo. As in the other services, he is particularly inspired in the Agnus Dei, which is both simple and very beautiful. A service more unusual in its idiom is the "Missa Sancti Albani" (Gray) by Clair Leonard, which is never so dis-sonant as to be harsh, but rather suggests the harmonies of an older day

the harmonics of an older day. Herman Reichenbach has edited a set of "Classic Canons" (Music Press), for two to six voices, including some ex-cellent sacred ones as well as secular.

Among the masters represented are Byrd, Purcell, Boyce and Bach. Dr. Clokey's "Twelve Hymn Anthems" (J. Fischer) are for congregation and choir. The texts are of the highest literary quality, including several by "Holy George Herbert" of the seventeenth century. The rhythms are free and strong. For my taste the accompani-ments are sometimes too thick.

ments are sometimes too thick. Speaking of hymns, there is a most touching one for fallen warriors called "O Valiant Hearts" (Gray), published as a leaflet. Both the words by John Stanhope Arkwright and the tune by Elizabeth Ender are worthy of a great while the source of the sourc subject.

Elizabeth Ender are wortny of a great subject. For men's voices I recommend Pro-fessor Bement's edition of Arkhangel-sky's "O Light Divine" (Ditson); and for women, SSA or (another edition) SSAA, Miss Davis' arrangement of Marshall Kernochan's "The Lord Said to My Lord," from "The Foolish Vir-gins" (Galaxy). Two organ suites are well worth get-ting. One is "The Westminster Suite," by Purcell, arranged and edited by Dr. Whitehead from certain movements for strings in the great English composer's big anthems (Oxford). There are five delightful short pieces. Another suite of five is Seth Bingham's "Baroques" (Gal-axy), charming and less difficult than the composer's usual work. MARIANNE GENET, PITTSBURGH

MARIANNE GENĚT, PITTSBURGH ORGANIST, PASSES AWAY MAY 1

Miss Marianne Genet, a prominent Pittsl after a long illness. She had been or-ganist of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkins-

ganist of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkins-burg, for thirty-one years when she was compelled to retire in February and was succeeded by G. N. Tucker. Miss Genet was born in Watertown, N. Y., and after training under promi-nent teachers in this country she studied with Isidor Phillip and Andre Bloch in Paris. She had the honor of being the first woman composer to broadcast an entire program of her own compositions from station KDKA, Pittsburgh.



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The Warden's Column

The A.G.O. spring music festival from May 15 to 19, which is fully reported in this issue, was eminently successful in every way and attracted a goodly repreevery way and attracted a goodly repre-sentation of the membership of the Guild. The council meeting with deans and regents was an occasion of much worth, as at the time of the conclave of deans and regents in December, 1943. We are now planning for another conclave dur-ing the Christmas holidays in 1944.

The newest members of our national family are the recently organized Kanaw-ha Chapter in Charleston, W. Va., the Denton, Tex., Chapter and the Westerly, R. I., Branch Chapter. One hundred and ten colleagues were elected in May. To all of these additions a hearty welcome!

all of these additions a hearty welcome! Announcement is made in this issue of THE DIAPASON of the 1944-45 anthem contest for a prize of \$100 offered by the H. W. Gray Company, Inc. An amendment to by-law 20 has been adopted by the council. Instead of the clause: "The dues of any member shall begin Jan. 1 following election. The dues of those elected prior to Oct. 1 shall be assessed pro rata from the date of elec-tion to the following January," substitute the following: "The dues of any member elected by the council during the year shall be apportioned monthly, until the following January." Chapter treasurers are reminded that the initiation fees are divided equally between the chapters and headquarters. headquarters.

We are greatly pleased that forty-eight candidates presented themselves for the Guild examinations May 25 and 26. This is remarkably good for a war year. The "workings" of the test ques-tions in these examinations will be pub-lished in the July DIAPASON; also the requirements for the 1945 examinations. An "Examination Booklet" is being pre-pared by the examination committee, which we believe will prove to be of great value to prospective candidates for the examinations and to those who are preparing the candidates. The idea is to explain briefly the intent in each item of the tests and thus help in clarifying the requirements. Copies of the requirethe requirements. Copies of the require-ments and the booklet may be obtained from national headquarters. A charge of 25 cents will be made for the booklet. S. LEWIS ELMER, Warden.

Detroit Hears Catharine Crozier.

S. LEWIS ELMER, Warden. Detroit Hears Catharine Crosier. Catharine Crozier of the Eastman School of Music was presented by the Eastern Michigan Chapter in Detroit May 16. The four-manual Casavant in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the exacting program which in St. John's Church proved to be entirely adequate for the Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor of Bach, followed by two chorale preludes of Bach. Then fol-lowed a lovely set of variations on "Bis Crozier showed her dramatic qualities in the well-known Fantasie and Fugue on "B-A-C-H" by Liszt. This was one of the high points in the pro-gram. The sizable audience which was on hand to greet Miss Crozier left with the fervent hope that her future tours. Miss Crozier's recital was preceded by dinner in the parish-house to seventy members and guests. Following the din-ner the annual election was held. The members decided to place the destinies of the hands of William Fishwick, A.R.C. O, organist of Salem Lutheran Church, Detroit. The other officers chosen were John Callaghan, sub-dean: Mark Wis-dom, secretary, and Nova Bransby, treas-

urer. An enthusiastic vote of appreciation was given to the retiring dean, August Maekelberghe, for a splendid two years' administration. Congratulations were also extended to him on his having been called to Peabody Institute in Baltimore. MARK WISDOM, Secretary.

Buffalo Chapter.

The annual meeting of the Buffalo Chapter and election of officers were held May 15, with dinner at Tuyn's res-taurant. The reports of officers and the resume of events showed a very successtaurant. The reports of officers and the resume of events showed a very success-ful year. Officers were elected as follows: Dean, DeWitt C. Garretson, A.A.G.O. (Chm.); sub-dean, Stephen Palmer; sec-retary, Edna L. Springborn; treasurer, Gilbert W. Corbin; registrar, May Goeh-ler Boehm; librarian, Esther Elling; chaplain, Dr. John G. Fleck; auditors, Eleanor L. Brocklehurst and Gordon Felton; executive committee, Emilie Y. Davis and Charles R. Nicholls, M.Mus. The annual junior choir festival was held Sunday evening, May 21, in Grace Lutheran Church. Ten junor choirs par-ticipated in the festival chorus, number-ing approximately 200 voices. Clara Mueller Pankow was chairman and di-rector. The following anthems were ren-dered: "Thanks Be to Thee." Handel; "Jesus, Blest Redeemer," Black: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," Seven-teenth Century; "The 100th Psalm," Mueller: "O Saviour Sweet," Bach; "Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing," Nicolai-Bach; "Where Cross the Crowd-ed Ways of Life," Beethoven. Organ numbers were: Prelude, Toccata, Yon; offertory, "Offertoire sur 'O Filii," De-plantay; postlude, "Alleluia," Bossi, played by Edna L. Springborn. The Rev. Edwin H. Boettger, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, delivered the address. The Buffalo Chapter is sponsoring a summer school for two weeks beginning

The Buffalo Chapter is sponsoring a summer school for two weeks beginning June 19 on the subject "Improvisation," taught by Frederick Schlieder of New York City.

EDNA L. SPRINGBORN, Secretary. Annual Banquet in Kansas City.

Annual Banquet in Kansas City. The Kansas City Chapter held its an-nual banquet at the Sophian Plaza April 25. Forty-two members and guests were present. The dean, Clarence D. Sears, gave a brief talk on the purposes of the Guild. Miss Pearl Voepel was toast-mistress and led in the singing of "pep" songs. Mrs. Leigh M. Havens, accom-panied by Miss Helen Hummel, sang a group of songs. The guest speaker of the evening was

group of songs. The guest speaker of the evening was Clarence E. Hill, church editor of the Kansas City Star, who spoke on "The Choir Loft and the Pulpit." Mr. Hill emphasized the need of intelligently planned publicity for church music, and said that the organist and choir should have the principles of Christianity in have the principles of Christianity in their hearts to create a worshipful atmos-phere as a background for the sermon. After the address an informal discussion was held.

HESTER CORNISH, Registrar. Hebrew Music the Subject.

Hebrew Music the Subject. "An Introduction to Hebrew Music" was presented at Har Sinai Temple, Trenton, N. J., May 9 as a contribution to Trenton's observance of national music week by the Central New Jersey Chapter. Two organ selections by Joseph Denels-beck, "Hark, a Voice Saith All Are Mortal," Bach, and Prelude and Fugue in A minor. Bach, opened the program. Rabbi Abraham Holtzberg then gave an explanation of some of the Hebrew music used on the Sabbath and the Day of Atonement. Rabbi Holtzberg, as can-tor, was assisted by the temple quartet, Mrs. Norman W. Hartman organist-director. The program was concluded

with the Finale from Vierne's First Symphony by Mr. Denelsbeck.

At the conclusion of the program the annual business meeting was held. Officers elected for the coming year are: Dean, Isabel Hill; sub-dean, Theodore H. Keller; secretary, Elsie Gebhard; regis-trar, Helen R. Pierce; treasurer, Edward W. Riggs.

Plans were made for a picnic to be held at the home of Mrs. James C. Con-over, Princeton, June 17. HELEN R. PIERCE, Registrar.

Miss Fowler D. C. Dean.

The District of Columbia Chapter held its May meeting May 1 at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints. The important of the Latter-Day Saints. The important business of the evening was the election of officers, with the following results: Dean, Katharine Fowler; sub-dean, Theo-dore Schaefer; secretary, Elizabeth Bish-op; treasurer, Matthew Wise; registrar, Macon McArtor; auditors, Henry Starr and Mrs. John Milton Sylvester; execu-tive committee, Jean Appel, Lewis At-water and Mabel Frost.

water and Mabel Frost. As has been the custom for several years, the Guild sponsored a series of re-citals the first week in May at the Church of Latter-Day Saints. This year the re-citalists were service men. May 1 Ser-geant Charles Henderson played and May 3 Sergeant Henry Beard. May 6 Lieutenant Ellwood W. Hill was the recitalist. MACON MCARTOR. Registrar.

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MACON MCARTOR, Registrar. **Pennsylvania Chapter Activities.** The April dinner meeting of the Penn-sylvania Chapter was held on the 29th at Leed's in Philadelphia. The attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, due to the fact that several events of interest to music-lovers were scheduled for the same night. More Guild members, how-ever, appeared at the recital which fol-lowed at the Curtis Institute of Music. The organist for the occasion was Clari-bel Thomson, Mus. B., A. A. G. O. The charming poise so characteristic of Mrs. Thomson was in evidence and she dis-played fine technique in the performance of the following program before an audi-ence which filled Curtis Hall: Allegro Vivace from Concerto 2, in A minor, Vivaldi-Bach; Fantasia in F minor. Mozart; Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, B a c h; Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue. Willan; Allegretto Grazioso from Sonata in G, Robert Russell Bennett; "Scene de la Passion," Daniel-Lesur; Fugue in G minor, Dupré. May 10 the Pennsylvania Chapter spon-sored a recital in the Second Baptist

Fugue in G minor, Dupré. May 10 the Pennsylvania Chapter spon-sored a recital in the Second Baptist Church of Germantown. Our dean, Robert Elmore, was the organist on this occa-sion. The program was planned with dis-criminating taste and played with Mr. Elmore's usual fine artistry. It was as follows: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach; Trio in C minor, Bach; "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier," Bach; Passacaglia. Bach; Prelude and Fugue on "B-A-C-H," Liszt: "Cantilene Pastorale," Guilmant; Introduction and Scherzo, Pagella; "Leaves," Pruitt: Eklog, Kramer; "Hnumba," Elmore; Toccata, Renzi. Mr. Elmore played two encores—"Donkey Dance," one of his own compositions, and "Hymn of Glory," Yon. ADA R. PAISLEY. Central Pennsylvania Programs.

ADA R. PAISLEY. Central Pennsylvania Programs. Members of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter were guests of the congregation of Temple Beth Israel, Altoona, Pa., March 17. Rabbi I. E. Philo reviewed the history of Jewish music. Dr. Philo illustrated his lecture by singing tradi-tional chants and by commenting on the significance and character of each. He appealed to both Jew and Christian to join more often in singing the great hymns of both religions. The organ prelude was played by Miss

The organ prelude was played by Miss Mary E. Wertz of Grace Lutheran Church, Bellwood. She chose "Evening." from the "Alpine Suite," by Benna Moe. Through-out the service Mrs. L. M. Nugent presided at the organ. The creed of the Guild was

read by the dean of the chapter, Harry P. Hitchen, organist and choir director at Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Altoona. The former dean, Technical Altoona. The former dean, Technical Sergeant Alfred Ashburn, now in the United States Army, attended the service. The chapter presented Mrs. Robert K. The

The chapter presented Mrs. Robert K. Jones, a member of the chapter, in a re-cital at Temple Lutheran Church April 24. She played: Chorale Prelude, "Our Father Who Art in Heaven," Bach; Toc-cata and Adagio, from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major, Bach; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach; Chorale from Cantata No. 147, arranged by Grace; Sonata in D minor, Guilmant; "In Moon-light," Kinder: "Cibavit Eos," Titcomb; "Ave Maria," Bach-Gounod. Mrs. J. Calvin Lang. Jr. Foor wood

Mrs. J. Calvin Lang, Jr., was vocal soloist, with Miss Charlotte Kunzig play-ing her accompaniments.

Western Pennsylvania Chapter. The Western Pennsylvania Chapter. The Western Pennsylvania Chapter held its annual minister-organist dinner April 24 at the Eighth United Presbyte-rian Church. Pittsburgh. This event, established six years or more ago by the chapter, was well attended from all parts of the city by all denominations. After dinner the speaker of the evening, Charles A. H. Pearson, delivered an inspiring lecture on the relationship between the minister's and the organist's work. He traced the duties of the "minister of music" back to ancient Hebrew times, outlining how the music of early temple worship was originally under the direct charge of the clergy. Two comical skits were performed by

Two comical skits were performed by choir members of the Eighth United Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mrs. Betty Roxer Maier, organist, to close the evening. G. N. TUCKER, Publicity.

of Mrs. Betty Roxer Maier, organist, to close the evening. G. N. TUCKER, Publicity. *Texas Chapter Closes Season.* The season's last meeting of the Texas Chapter, at Dallas, was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cassidy May 15. Election of officers took place with the following results: Katherine Hammons, dean; Alice Knox Fergusson. sub-dean; Mattie Ger-berich, secretary: Anita Hansen, treas-urer: Mrs. W. E. Blomdahl, registrar; the Rev. Gerald G. Moore, D.D., of St. Matthew's Cathedral, chaplain; Mrs. H. L. Gharis and Annette Black, auditors; Mrs. J. H. Cassidy, Mrs. J. L. Price and Mrs. Ellis Shuler, members of executive com-mittee. Reports of the standing commit-tees were read. Reviews of THE DIAPASON by Mrs. Fred Buchanan and *The Ameri-can Organist* by Alice Knox Fergusson were given. Mrs. Thelma Johnson Clark, planist, and Sarah Gallaher, organist, played Grieg's A minor Concerto and Mrs. Myrtle Haydon, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Frye, sang numbers by Haydn, Rubinstein and Schubert. The Texas Chapter has been honored in having one of its members elected to the presidency of the Dallas Federation of Music Clubs—Mrs. J. M. Sewell and Alice Knox Fergusson—are, respectively, president and first vice-president of the Dallas Music Teachers' Association. Assisting the hostess were her daugh-ter, Viola Cassidy, Mrs. W. E. Blomdahl and Katherine Hammons, who served punch and cake to forty-two members and guests. ALICE KNOX FERGUSSON, Reporter. The La Crosse Chapter had a lesson

ALICE KNOX FERGUSSON, Reporter. **Gregorian Chant La Crosse Topic.** The La Crosse Chapter had a lesson on Gregorian chant at its meeting May 12 at St. Rose College of Music. Sister M. Zitana. the dean, gave the lecture, inter-spersed with demonstrations by the Schola Cantorum of the college. The different kinds of chant were exemplified—the syllabic chant by the singing of the "Victimae Paschall," the sequence for Mass on Easter Sunday; the neumatic chant by the Kyrie of the Mass, "Lux et Origo," No. 1, Mass for the Easter sea-son, and the melismatic chant by the "Alleluia" from the Graduale of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost and the "Ave Maria" offertory for the fourth Sunday in Advent. At the conclusion of the lec-ture the members decided to continue the study of Gregorian chant at their next Maria". SISTER M. ANTONICE, Secretary.

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News of the American Guild of Organists-Continued

Recital by Charlotte L. Garden.

One of the outstanding recitals of the Guild's winter program was played by Charlotte Lockwood Garden in the Church of the Ascension, New York, April 24. This recital was under the auspices of the subscribers' committee and in spite of most inclement weather there was a good audience to hear Mrs. was a good audience to hear Mrs. Garden.

Of particular interest, in a well-balanced program, were the four sonatas for two violins, 'cello and organ by Mozart. Here we had delightfully rhythmic and melodic music which should be heard more frequently. In these sonatas Mrs. Garden was ably assisted by Edwin and Conrad Held, violinists, and Abrscha Bass, 'cellist.

Mrs. Garden began her recital with a finely-conceived reading of Mozart's Fantasia and Fugue in F minor, con-tinued with Karg-Elert's Symphonic Chorale "Jesu, meine Freude," Sowerby's "Requiescat in Pace," Parker's Allegretto "Requiescat in Pace," Parker's Allegretto in B flat, Dupré's Elevation in E and the same composer's Prelude and Fugue in B. Her interpretation of the Sowerby work was especially moving. Throughout the recital Mrs. Garden was facile in her use of multiple registration colors, whether bold or quiet, and her technical equipment matched the requirements of each work with ease. At a social hour which followed the

At a social hour which followed the recital Vernon de Tar, organist of the Church of the Ascension and chairman Church of the Ascension and chairman of the subscribers' committee of the Guild, made a plea to non-organists to become subscribers to the musical pro-grams presented throughout the year. Mr. de Tar hopes that this group may grow into a body large enough to hold meetings of its own. WILLARD I. NEVINS.

WILLARD I. NEVINS. *Illinois Annual Meeting Held.* The annual meeting and dinner of the Illinois Chapter took place at the Corner-House restaurant in Chicago May 22 and brought out an attendance of approxi-mately fifty members. Dean Flandorf told of the activities of the past year, the various officers made reports and Mrs. Ora Bogen chairman of the prothe various onders made reports and Mrs. Ora Bogen, chairman of the pro-gram committee for the regional conven-tion in June, presented the plans for the two-day meeting. Emory L. Gallup and S. E. Gruenstein reported on the New York festival, from which they had just returned returned.

An excellent and inspiring address on "The Sin of Being Ordinary" was de-livered by the Rev. Emerson C. Cox, professor at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago and a member of the chapter.

Walter Flandorf was reelected dean Walter Flandorf was reelected dean for the new year and the other officers chosen are: Sub-dean, Ora J. Bogen; secretary, Clare Gronau; treasurer, Alice R. Deal; registrar, Grace Symons; mem-bers of executive committee, Edna M. Bauerle, Emory L. Gallup and William Lester Lester.

Junior Choir Festival in Binghamton. Junior Choir Festival in Binghamton. As a climax to music week several junior choirs of Binghamton and John-son City united in a festival at the First Presbyterian Church of Binghamton, N. Y., Sunday afternoon, May 14. The festival was sponsored by the Binghamton Chapter. Albert Goldsworthy, the dean, was organist. Mrs. Jeffers D. Richardson, organist of the Tabernacle Methodist Church, directed the choirs. The Rev. T. Milton Bond, chaplain of the Guild, presided as master of ceremonies. Mrs. presided as master of ceremonies. Mrs. William Sharpe, organist of the Ross Memorial Church, was general chairman. Memorial Church, was general chairman. The following choirs participated: Tabernacle Methodist, Mrs. Jeffers D. Richardson, director; Chenango Street Methodist, Miss Elizabeth Britton, di-rector; North Presbyterian, Mrs. Leroy R. Bixby, director; Plymouth Congre-gational, Mrs. Edgar Balch, director; First Congregational, Mrs. Mildred F. Kelley, director, all from Binghamton, and the Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial Methodist from Johnson City, with Mrs. Earl V. Tolley as director. Two inter-mediate choirs participated—one from the Chenango Street Methodist, with Miss Elizabeth Britton as director, and the Weslevan Choir from Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial Methodist in Johnson the Chenango Britton as director, and Miss Elizabeth Britton as director, and the Weslevan Choir from Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial Methodist in Johnson Citv, with Mrs. Tolley as director. The Binghamton Chapter held its an-

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nual meeting at the Iron Fence tea-room May 15. Following the dinner a busi-May 15. Following the dinner a busi-ness meeting was held at which the fol-lowing officers were chosen: Dean, Al-bert Goldsworthy; sub-dean, Mrs. Jeffers D. Richardson; registrar, Miss Ruth Schroeder; secretary, Mrs. William Sharpe. A general discussion resulted in tentative plans made for each month of the year 1944-1945. EMILY H. WILLIAMS, Secretary. Program by George Wald in Boston

Program by George Wald in Boston. A recital was given March 20 in Boston. A recital was given March 20 in Boston at the Church of the Covenant by George Wald, organist and choir direc-tor of the First Presbyterian Church, Utica, N. Y. The only real snowstorm of the season accounted for the fact that Mr. Wald had a very small audience, but it was a most appreciative one but

It it was a most appreciative one. The program material was well chosen for interesting musical progression and for organ playing of brilliance and beauty. Mr. Wald used requisite colorfor organ playing of brilliance and beauty. Mr. Wald used requisite color-ing and balance on the divided instrument, which is a Welte-Tripp. He gave the following program: Toccata, Muffat; "Basse et Dessus de Trompette," Cleram-bault; Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Buxtehude; Chorale, "Come, Saviour of the Heathen," Bach; Concerto in B flat, Handel; Fugue on "B-A-C-H," Schu-mann: "In Paradisum," Daniel-Lesur; "Elegiac Poem," Karg-Elert; Melodia, Reger: "Now Thank We All Our God," Whitford.

MARGARET READE MARTIN, Secretary. Hartford Pastor-Organist Dinner.

The annual pastor-organist Dinner. The annual pastor-organist dinner of the Hartford Chapter, held April 24 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, was attended by eighty-six members and ruests. Donald D. Kettring of New York, our guest speaker, gave an able presentation of some of the opportuni-ties and problems of an effective minis-try of music. Mr. Kettring also empha-sized the need for definite ecclesiastical recognition of the church musician in his colling as a minister of music calling as a minister of music.

Calories, vitamins and hormones ap-Calories, vitamins and hormones ap-peared to be the respective order of the program. Mrs. Henry Lyman brought the evening to a jovial conclusion with her rendition of "Hormoney" and some other highly entertaining vocal charac-terizations. She was assisted at the piano by Mrs. Esther Nelson-Ellison. RAYMOND W. LINDSTROM. Publicity Chairman.

Publicity Chairman. **Recital by Mead in Cincinnati.** The Southern Ohio Chapter had the pleasure of presenting Edward G. Mead, past dean of the chapter, in a recital, combined with the annual service of the Guild. May 16 at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Cincinnati. The service opened with a procession of the chapter mem-bers, after which the address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. Peter C. Wolf, pastor of the church. Mr. Mead is in charge of the organ

Mr. Mead is in charge of the organ and theory of music departments at Miami University, Oxford. Ohio, where he is also organist and director at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. He studied under Widor, Libert and Dupré. He holds degrees from Harvard and Yale.

Mr. Mead's program was as follows: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bing-ham; Evening Song, Bairstow; Fan-tasia on the Hymn-tune "Hanover,"

Mead; Chorale in E flat major, Hausser-mann; Canon, "Storm King" Symphony, Dickinson; "The Cuckoo," Weaver; "Clair de Lune," Karg-Elert; Intermezzo on an Ancient Carol, Clokey; Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae," Farnam.

After the recital Mr. and Mrs. Robert After the recital Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Alter held an informal reception and supper at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mead. During the evening a piano program of Chopin and Rachmaninoff was given by Miss Helen Smith, mem-ber of the piano faculty of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and organist of the Norwood Presbyterian Church. the Norwood Presbyterian Church. Tenor solos were sung by Earl Kemmer. Ethel HAAG, Registrar.

Tenor solos were sung by Earl Kemmer. ETHEL HAAG, Registrar. Niagara Falls Chapter. A joint recital was sponsored May 8 at St. Paul's Methodist Church by the Ni-agara Falls Chapter, presenting H. Proc-tor Martin, A.A.G.O., and Henry Jerge, baritone soloist, with Florence T. Smith as his accompanist. It was a distinct privilege at this recital to hear the first presentation of a group of organ pieces recently composed by Dr. Matthew N. Lundquist, in charge of the music depart-ment at Niagara University. Mr. Martin played these selections from manuscript. The first two numbers were a chorale prelude, "Herr, wie lange willst Du doch," and "Resonet in Laudibus." The final piece was a Prelude and Fugue in C. Mr. Martin showed skill both in the presentation and interpretation of these selections. The other organ selections in-cluded pieces by Noble, Swinnen, Warner and Verrees, and a very modern number by Sowerby. Mr. Jerge displayed excel-lent voice in Handel's "Thanks Be to Thee." His other numbers included an aria from "La Traviata." by Verdi; "The Clothes of Heaven," by Dunhil, and "Sing, Break into Song." by Mallinson. After the recital a short business meet-ing was called to order by the dean, H.

"Sing, Break into Song." by Mallinson. After the recital a short business meet-ing was called to order by the dean, H. Proctor Martin, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dean, H. Proctor Martin; sub-dean, Mary C. Neff; secretary, Alice Barbari; treas-urer, Florence T. Smith; directors, Elsa Vorwerk, Eleanore Schweitzer and Walter McDannel

Mount, A.A.G.O.; sub-dean, Mrs. Everett H. Antonides; secretary. George Roe; treasurer, Miss Evelyn Allen. The fol-lowing were selected for the executive committee: Mrs. Robert B. Fisher, Mrs. Herbert Tolhurst and Walter Longstreet. Plans were made to have a dinner meeting and musicale at the First Bap-tist Church in Asbury Park June 19. After the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess. GEORGE W. ROE, Secretary. Microaryi Chatter

GEORGE W. ROE, Secretary. Missouri Chapter. The monthly meeting of the Missouri Chapter was held April 24 at the First Congregational Church, with Howard Kel-sey as host. The meeting was dedicated to the past deans of the chapter and was in conjunction with a farewell dinner tendered to Mr. Kelsey upon his transfer from the First Congregational to the Second Baptist Church in St. Louis. After dinner the business of the eve-

Second Baptist Church in St. Louis. After dinner the business of the eve-ning was transacted, the past deans present spoke and letters were read from those unable to attend. We were happy to welcome Mrs. Emerson Russell and James W. Evans into our membership. The climax of the evening was the organ program on the large Austin by our dean, Wilhelmina P. Nordman, who

gave an excellent performance of the Prelude in C minor and the Chorale Pre-lude on "Ich ruf' zu Dir" by Bach and the complete Second Symphony of Vierne. Miss Nordman showed splendid musicianship.

ARTHUR R. GERECKE, Treasurer.

ARTHUR R. GERECKE, Treasurer. **Rheinberger Is Dubuque Subject.** The Dubuque, Iowa, Branch heard a paper on Rheinberger, prepared by Mrs. F. Di Tella, at its meeting in the Wart-burg Seminary chapel on the evening of April 24, and afterward Professor Albert A. Jagnow played the Fantasie Sonata. Op. 65, the Intermezzo from the Pastoral Sonata and "A Vision," by Rheinberger, followed by a performance of his Four-teenth Sonata by Miss Martha Zehetner. The paper was excellent and the program interesting, varied and well received. At the next meeting, May 22, Alexandre

At the next meeting, May 22, Alexandre Guilmant was the subject. Miss Leona Heim presented a paper on Guilmant and arranged the program.

North Texas Chapter Activities.

The North Texas Chapter met at the Floral Heights Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, Sunday afternoon, April 16. Donald MacDonald spoke on "American Hymn Falls, Sunday afternoon, April 16. Donald MacDonald spoke on "American Hymn Writers," as a continuation of the year's study of hymnology. Mrs. A. H. Mahaffey played the following numbers: "Spring Morning," Catherine Doige; Improvisation on "Break Thou the Bread of Life," Miles; "Sortie Solennelle," Diggle. Private Gordon Hansen played the Adagio and Fugue movements from the Sonata in E minor by Rogers Concluding the program Fugue movements from the Adagio and minor by Rogers. Concluding the program Mrs. Gerald Deatherage played the "Mountain Sketches" by Clokey, which included "Jagged Peaks in the Stat" "Mountain Sketches" by Clokey, which included "Jagged Peaks in the Starlight," "Wind in the Pine Trees" and "Canyor Walk" Walls.

"Wind in the Pine Trees" and "Canyon Walls." On the evening of April 22 the chapter presented Alexander Schreiner in a re-cital at the First Methodist Church. The interesting and varied program included the following numbers: Allegro from Con-certo in G minor, Handel; Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Bach; Chorale in E major, Franck; Arabesque, Madrigal and "Naiades," Vierne; Bird Etude, Henselt-Schreiner; "Panis Angelicus," from "Messe Solennelle." Franck-Schreiner; Toccata in C, Sowerby; Allegro in G minor, from Sixth Symphony, Widor. Two members of the chapter played at the spring concert of the Musicians' Club. held at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, April 23. Donald Mac-Donald played: Prelude, Fugue and Cha-conne in C, Buxtchude; Three Chorale Preludes, Bach; Bourree in D, Sabin. Miss Joza Lou Bullington played: "Toc-cata Basse" (for pedal alone), Bedell: "Impressions Gothiques," Edmundson. ELIZABETH WRIGHT, Dean. Auburn Chapter Dinner and Address.

"Impressions Gothiques," Edmundson. ELIZABETH WRIGHT, Dean. Auburn Chapter Dinner and Address. The Auburn, N. Y., Chapter held a din-ner meeting April 22 at the Women's Union. The program for the evening was led by Sub-dean Harry S. Mason, who spoke on "The Place of Music in the Worship Program." He began with the definition "worship is an effort to render to the consciousness the presence of God." A former professor at Auburn Theologi-cal Seminary, Mr. Mason is well equipped to discuss the subject. He mentioned music as the last, but not the least, of the six factors found in practically all church services. Other members joined in a discussion as to the function of the prelude and whether or not it should be considered part of the service proper. The offertory also came up for consider-ation. Six guests, organists in neighbor-ing communities, were present and the chapter added three new members at this meeting. Louise C. Titcomb, Dean. meeting.

LOUISE C. TITCOMB, Dean. Akin Plays in San Diego.

Mrs. Akin Plays in San Diego. Nita Akin was presented in a recital by the San Diego Chapter in the First Presbyterian Church April 26. This was Mrs. Akin's second appearance in San Diego. She gave a program full of variety. yet worthy of the great instru-ment. Technical difficulties are mastered by this artist, as was shown especially in her playing of the Sowerby "Pageant." A reception was held for Mrs Akin and

A reception was held for Mrs. Akin and the Guild members after the recital. EDITH GOTTFRID, Dean.

EDITH GOTTFRID, Dean. EDITH GOTTFRID, Dean. Akron Chapter Notes. The Akron Chapter gave a public re-cital at the First Congregational Church Sunday afternoon. April 30, presenting the following program: "Entree," Dubois; "Fountain Reverie," Fletcher, and "Hymn of Glory," Yon (Mrs. Edward N. Davis) : "A Little Tune," Felton; "A Tune for Flutes." Stanley; Courant and Minuet, Battishill; Cantabile and Chorale, Jongen (Harold Tower); "Sunset and Evening Bells," Federlein: "Romance sans Pa-roles," Bonnet. and Chorale in A minor, Franck (Miss Louise Inskeep). The chapter welcomed the appearance of Mr. Tower, the new organist and choir-master of the Church of Our Saviour.

News of the American Guild of Organists-Continued

Wilson New Louisville Dean. The Louisville Chapter held its final meeting of the season May 1 at the Arts Club. At the business meeting the result of the election of officers was announced as follows: Farris A. Wilson, dean; Dr. C. L. Seubold, sub-dean; Mrs. Alfred A. Higgins, corresponding secretary; Miss Marie Louise Marcuccilli, registrar; Miss Charlotte Watson, treasurer. Mem-bers elected to the executive board are: Miss Charlotte Watson, treasurer. Mem-bers elected to the executive board are: Mrs. Selma B. Hamlet, Mrs. Emma Cooke Davis, W. Lawrence Cook and Maurice Davis. The chapter is planning two recitals for next year, bringing to Louisville Alexander Schreiner Nov. 23 and Claire Coci March 15. Miss Helen McBride gave an interest-ing talk on the Interlochen music camp and showed a colored film of the activi-ties and life at the camp. The Shawnee Girls' High School glee club, under the

ties and life at the camp. The Shawnee Girls' High School glee club, under the direction of Mrs. Selma B. Hamlet, sang two groups of songs. CATHARINE S. HIGGINS, Secretary.

CATHARINE S. HIGGINS, Secretary, State Convention in Florida. The state convention of the Florida Chapter was held May 8 at Daytona Beach with W. Clifford Fraine as host. Proceedings began with a luncheon at the Seville Hotel. This was followed by the business session, one important fea-ture of which was the election of officers. A recital was given by Louise Cauthen ture of which was the election of officers. A recital was given by Louisa Cauthen Entenza of Jacksonville, organist, as-sisted by Lucille Tolson Moore of Day-tona Beach, soprano, at St. Mary's Epis-copal Church. Dr. Christopher Honaas of Rollins College then conducted a choral forum in the guild hall of the church, one of the highlights of the con-vention HELEN McCLELLAN, Secretary

HELEN MCCLELLAN, Secretary. Mayer Is Central Ohio Dean. The Central Ohio Chapter met May 15 at the Columbus Y.W.C.A. for the an-nual meeting and election of officers. After dinner Dean Bailey presided at a short business meeting at which reports were heard and the following officers elected: Dean, Frederick C. Mayer; sub-dean, Miss Byrdie Lindsey; secretary, Miss Esther Jamison; treasurer, Mrs. Walter B. Reeves; registrar, Miss Mary Stonebrook; librarian, Miss Mildred Evans; auditors, Charles Everly and Patrick J. Rilev; executive committee, Mrs. Allen McManigal, William S. Bailey and the Rev. Harry G. Ford. At the conclusion of the business meet-ing our members enjoyed a program of

At the conclusion of the business meet-ing our members enjoyed a program of Czecho-Slovakian songs by Miss Mary Vukovich in Czech costume, with Alvin Heinlein, another of our members, as her accompanist. Mr. Mayer, our newly-elected dean, was the speaker of the evening, choosing as his subject "Wagner and the Music Drama." MRS. ALLEN MCMANIGAL, Secretary. Wastern Michigan Floring

Western Michigan Election.

rr estern Michigan Election. The annual election of officers of the Western Michigan Chapter took place at the meeting May 1. The following were elected: Dean, Stanley Baughman; sub-dean, Robert Sheets; registrar, Sylvia TenBroek; corresponding secretary, Mrs.

sub-dean, Robert Sheets ; registrar, Sylvia TenBroek : corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thomas Muller : treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Smith : council member, Gerard Boer ; chaplain, the Rev. Ralph White. On May 20 we had our organist-clergy luncheon at the Y.W.C.A. in Grand Rapids. Our speakers were the Rev. Edward Nelson and Donald Arm-strong, minister and choirmaster of the Fountain Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Rapids.

SYLVIA TENBROEK, Secretary

Racine Chapter Holds Meeting. Racine Chapter Holds Meeting. The Racine Chapter Holds Meeting on the afternoon of April 23. A program of sacred music was rendered in St. Ed-ward's Church by the St. Edward senior and boy choirs, under the direction of Sister Mary Luke. Barbara Buckley, Lois Jensen and Dorothy Olsen each con-tributed an ocran calculation to the amount tributed an organ selection to the enjoy-

tributed an organ selection to the enjoy-able program. After the program a business meeting was held in the music studio. Two letters were read—one from Warden S. Lewis Elmer and one from Walter Flandorf, announcing the A.G.O. convention to be held in Chicago June 19 and 20. An article from THE DIAPASON was read concerning the organization of the La Crosse Chapter and the account of the first two meetings. Sister Marian announced that all ar-rangements had been made for the high

mass April 28 at St. Catherine's at which more than 800 children from the Racine parochial schools and the Convent Schola Choir were to participate. The celebrant was the Rev. Edward J. Goebel, Ph.D., superintendent of schools. Sister Marian proposed the organiza-tion of a class for the Racine lay organ.

tion of a class for the Racine lay organ-ists, that they may have the opportunity to receive instruction in liturgical music for use at high mass—especially the propers of the mass. SISTER M. MARIAN, O.P., Dean.

Indiana Chapter.

Indiana Chapter. The April meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held April 25 at the English Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, In-dianapolis, Harold P. Holtz organist and choirmaster. Dinner was served in the parish hall and was followed by a busi-ness meeting presided over by the dean, Cheston L. Heath. At 8:15 a service recital was given by Mr. Holtz and the senior choir of the church, assisted by Mary Catharine Stair, harpist, and Mrs. F. E. Dunmeyer, 'cellist. Organ, choral and ensemble numbers all were well re-ceived and the chapter as a whole mar-veled at the excellent singing of the con-gragation in this beautiful church. ELSIE MACGREGOR, Secretary. Waterloo Chapter.

gregation in this beautiful church. ELSTE MACGREGOR, Secretary. Waterloo Chapter. The Waterloo Chapter held its month-ly meeting April 25 at Christ Episcopal Church, Waterloo, Iowa, where Dean Ellen Law Parrott is organist and choir director. The Rev. C. J. Gunnell, rector of the church, delivered the address of welcome. Professor G. W. Samson of Iowa State Teachers' College led the discussion on "Franck, Widor, Mendels-sohn." The "Piece Heroique" by Franck was played by Marion Egan Smith, Son-ata No. 2. Mendelssohn, by Homer As-quith, Widor's Sixth Symphony by Ellen Law Parrott and Mendelssohn's First Sonata by Professor Samson. The program was enjoyed by a large audience. A short business meeting was held after the recital, when a slate of officers for next year was presented. *Min Young Organists' Contest.* The following have been announced as winners of the 1944 contest for young organists sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter: Winner, student-organist class: Donald Program and the state of Irvington, N. J.

Pfost, 15-year-old organist of Irvington, N. J. Winner, young artist class: Harry Thurber, Hillside, N. J., organist and director at the Franklin Memorial Meth-odist Church, Hillside. Mr. Thurber was winner in the student-organist class in the 1941 contest. Both are students of Walter N. Hewitt, A.A.G.O. (Chm.).

(Chm.). Both winners were presented

both winners were presented to the chapter at its annual meeting in the First Methodist Church, Orange. N. J., May 22 and received the prizes—an inscribed volume of the Bach chorale preludes and a year's membership in the chapter.

Events in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Tallahassee, Fla.. Chapter pre-sented its spring recital Sunday, April 23, on the small Skinner organ in the tower organ studio at the State College for Women. After the recital guests and students were invited to see the tower

students were invited to see the tower organ chamber. On April 19 Margaret Whitney Dow, F.A.G.O., regent of the Tallahassee Chap-ter, gave a recital in the F.S.C.W. College Auditorium. Her program included: "Grand Jeu." Du Mage: Third Concerto for organ. violin. violoncello soloists, strings and two oboes. Handel; Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C major, Bach: Chorale in A minor. Franck: "Easter Morning on Mount Rubidoux." Gaul: An-dante and Finale from First Symphony, Vierne. Vierne.

Vierne. Sunday, May 7, the Tallahassee organ-ists made a tour of all the organs in Tal-lahassee, with a demonstration of each one by an A.G.O. member. After this tour the colleagues had a picnic supper at the home of Miss Dow.

at the home of Miss Dow. Schreiner Plays in Seattle. Alexander Schreiner's recital before an enthusiastic audience of more than 1,000 who packed the new McKinley Audito-rium on the Seattle Pacific College campus May 16 was a further artistic achievement for the organist of the Salt Lake City Tabernacle. The recital was under the auspices of the college and the Western Washington Chapter. Organ programs have been many in Seattle lately. May 7 Miss Eileen Clarke, pupil of Walter A. Eichinger, gave her senior recital at the University Temple. May 25 Warren D. Allen. professor of organ at Stanford University, gave a

recital at the University Christian Church under the sponsorship of Joseph H. Greener, A.A.G.O. Sunday afternoon, May 28, the dean of the chapter presented Miss Ruth Batchelder in a student recital at the University Congregational Church, and June 2 he will present Miss Una Jean Naslund in her senior recital at Seattle Pacific College. TALMAGE F. ELWELL, Dean.

TALMAGE F. ELWELL, Dean. Rocky Mountain Chapter. All organists in Denver were invited to a dinner and meeting April 17 at the Y.W.C.A. Florence Lamont Hinman, di-rector of the Lamont School of the Uni-versity of Denver, was the guest speaker. Her subject was "No Compromise—A Spring Tonic." April 23 we presented William F. Spalding in a recital at St. John's Cathe-dral. Mr. Spalding is a member of our chapter. He studied in Paris with Dupré and has done much concert playing. MYRTLE FREELAND. Central Tennessee Chapter.

MYRTLE FREELAND. Central Tennessee Chapter. The Central Tennessee Chapter met for the last time this season May 9 at the Centennial Club, Nashville, for a dinner. Before being seated all held two gleam-ing continuous ornamental tapes and sang together "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," which was emblematical of the close bonds of friendship which should bind all true organists. Reports of officers and committees were

bind all true organists. Reports of officers and committees were received. The nominating committee rec-ommended that the following be elected as officers for the coming year: Dean, James G. Rimmer; sub-dean, Arthur Croley; secretary, Mrs. Pollard Parsons; treasurer, Miss Rose Ferrell; registrar, Miss Anna Green. These were unanimous-ly elected.

The dean closed the meeting by stating The dean closed the meeting by stating that almost all the objectives announced at our first meeting of 1948 had been reached. He said also that we should endeavor to have at least one outstanding organist give a recital during the year, and that we ought to hear more of the Guild members in recital. In addition to this we should promote junior choir ac-tivities and endeavor to hold a junior choir festival in the spring, and a good get-together dinner with the ministers. The dean expressed our deen apprecia-

The dean expressed our deep apprecia-tion for the excellent work done by the program committee, under the leadership of Lawrence H. Riggs, in providing smoothly-working meetings during the past year. Smoothy-working past year. JAMES G. RIMMER, Secretary

JAMES G. RIMMER, Secretary. Recalls Great Uncle, Arthur Foote. A dozen members and friends of the Central California Chapter gathered at the home of the dean, Miss Frances Hogan, in Stockton on the evening of May 16. After a short business meeting, at which the present officers—Frances Hogan, dean: Mrs. Emma Diehm Pratt. sub-dean, and George Brandon, secretary-treasurer—were re-elected, Miss Ardene Phifer introduced the speaker of the eve-ning—the Rev. Arthur Foote, pastor of the Unitarian Church, of which Miss Phifer is organist. Mr. Foote spoke in-formally about the life and works of his great-uncle—the eminent American comgreat-uncle-the eminent American com-poser Arthur Foote. The speaker played two recordings of works by the elder Arthur Foote and the recently released

recording of the Suite in E major for strings George Brandon, Secretary-Treasurer.

GEORGE BRANDON, Secretary-Treasurer. Console Meeting in St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg, Fla., Branch held its final console meeting of the season Sunday afternoon, May 14, at the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Harriet Ridley, head of the music department of St. Petersburg Junior College, arranged the program. Two of the graduating students presented their own compositions—the soprano solo "The Lord Is My Shepherd." by Alice Phillips, being sung by her, while a Melody, by Elizabeth Wall, was played by Miss Wall. A business meeting combining business and pleasure was held May 20 at Pass-a-grille, with a swim in the Gulf of Mexico and a covered-dish supper. This took place at the home of Mrs. Hiram Farrand. MARGUERITE S. SALTSMAN, Secretary. Kathryn Knapp Pasadena Dean.

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Kathryn Knapp Pasadena Dean. The Pasadena and Valley Districts Chapter met at the Pasadena, Cal., Pres-byterian Church for dinner and elected Kathryn Knapp, B.M., as dean for the coming year. The meeting was held May 16. The recital was by Kathryn Knapp, organist, and the Kirk Choir of the Pasa-dena Presbyterian Church, directed by Howard Swan. Miss Knapp played: Fan-tasie and Fugue in G minor, Bach; "Invocation," Karg-Elert; "Resurgam," Grace; "Au Soir de l'Ascension," Benoit; Communion, Purvis; "Dripping Spring," Clokey; Finale from Seventh Symphony, Widor. Widor

ETHEL WOOLLEY, Librarian.

Meeting Held in Denton, Tex. Meeting Held in Denton, Tex. The Denton, Tex., Chapter held its reg-ular meeting May 15 with dinner in the cafeteria at the Texas State College for Women. After dinner Dr. Carl Wiese-mann gave an informal talk and program of Bach chorale preludes. MARTHA JANE PAUL, Secretary-Treasurer.

Texarkana, Tex., Chapter.

Texarkana, Tex., Chapter. A meeting of the Texarkana Chapter took place April 26 at the First Congre-gational Church, Texarkana, Tex. A concise talk on a very large subject, "Music in America," was delivered by Mrs. Tom Bain, organist of the First Methodist Church. Organ music included: Concert Overture, Rogers: Lullaby ("At the Cradle of Jesus"), Bingham, and War Rhapsody, Sinding-Dickinson. DAVID H. WITT.

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difference of opinion. Virgil Thomson's Pastorale on a Plainsong made use of a hymn beautiful by virtue of its sim-plicity. The second item was by Roger Sessions, who called it a "Chorale." Sessions, who called it a "Chorale." Walter Piston's "Chromatic Study on the Name of Bach" had points of inter-est. For a postlude Mr. Weinrich played a Fugue in E by Hubert Lamb.

Gathering at the Guild office Tuesday morning, a large group was con-ducted by G. Darlington Richards to the New York Public Library, where a fas-cinating hour was spent inspecting rare manuscripts and books in the music divi-sion of this great institution. Curt Sachs, John Tasker Howard and Gladys Chamberlain conducted the organists and plained such items as an original letter by Beethoven and copies of his manu-scripts, a missal published in 1494 and many manuscripts preserved in the American section-a large room such as prob-ably no other American library can claim

Tribute to Bach in Afternoon

Dr. T. Edgar Shields, A.A.G.O., who or a number of years has been the orfor ganist of the famous Bach festival at ganist of the famous Bach festival at Bethlehem, Pa., from which post he re-tired this year, delivered a lecture in the afternoon in the parish-house of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. His subject was "The Man Bach," and his paper was biographical, affording a num-ber of interesting dimenses of events in ber of interesting glimpses of events in

ber of interesting glimpses of events in Bach's career from his birth and the beginning of his organ playing as a boy. E. Power Biggs followed Mr. Shields, giving a recital of works of Bach and Handel on the large four-manual Aeo-lian-Skinner organ in St. Mary's. This instrument is one of the outstanding organs of classic design built by G. Dan organs of classic design built by G. Don-ald Harrison. As is always the case with Mr. Biggs, he played with consum-mate skill and with that clarity which has been noted by the thousands who hear him over the air from the Germanic Museum in Cambridge, Mass, and those who • have attended his recitals from coast to coast. coast to coast. After two chorale pre-ludes—"All Glory Be to God on High" and "A Mighty Fortress"—there was a fine performance of the Prelude and

Fugue in G major. Handel's "Fireworks Music Suite" in-terspersed the Bach numbers and this very seldom heard work was a fitting interlude. There are five movements, and the third—"The Peace"—offered a beautiful contrast with the heavy numbers that predominated and gave an oppor-tunity to reveal the soft work on this organ. Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" was another item on the more subdued It was followed by a stunning per-ance of "Ach, wie fluechtig." The side formance of program closed with a performance of the Bach Toccata in F that made the rafters of old St. Mary's ring and af-forded a glorious display of the tonal resources of the instrument.

Service at Cathedral of St. John

A festival service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in the evening was one of those events which are bound to hold a permanent place in the memory of all who attend them. Here in this great hold fane, not yet completed, four fine choirs of men and boys united their forces. Those taking part were Norman Coke-Ieph-cott's cathedral choir. T. Frederick Cand-lyn's forces from St. Thomas' Church, Ralph A. Harris' men and boys from St. Paul's Church in Flatbush, Brooklyn, Paul's Church in Flatbush, Brooklyn, and the group under the direction of Anne Versteeg McKittrick from Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights. This array voices was led through the service sic and anthems with authority by Coke-Jephcott. Harold Heeremans. of of voices was led through the service music and anthems with authority by Dr. Coke-Jephcott. Harold Heeremans, F.A.G.O., was the highly competent aid at the Ernest M. Skinner organ. He played as the prelude Mr. Coke-Jeph-cott's new "Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Beethoven." The Magnificat He on a The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were by Gibbons. The Te Deum was by Holst.

The four anthems offered a variety of styles—but all of them are practical church service music. Bairstow's setting of "The King of Love" worked up to a great climax in the last verse. There was a highly artistic rendition of Ark-hangelsky's "Upon the Day of Judgment" and a magnificent dramatic effect in Ire-

land's "Greater Love." Channing Le-febvre's anthem which won the H. W. Gray prize last year—"Hymn to the Godhead"—showed all the virility that distinguished its first presentation when it was sung at the Guild festival last year in St. Bartholomew's Church. As the offertory Dr. Candlyn played bis own Passcardia in C sharp minor

As the offertory Dr. Candlyn played his own Passacaglia in C sharp minor and as the postlude Mr. Heeremans his Prelude and Fugue in D minor. Thus his and there were heard compositions for the organ of real interest to the fellow organist of the American composers who took part in this service.

Dr. Noble on Organ Playing A suggestive and practical paper that would be most valuable to young organ-ists and laid new emphasis on cardinal principles for those who are older in the profession was presented by Dr. T. Ter-tius Noble, eminent organist and teacher, before a large audience in the commu-nity-house of St. Bartholomew's Church Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Noble ex-pressed his views on many topics that come up in the life of the organist, quot-ing from his teacher, the late Sir Walter Parratt, and from his own experiences of a lifetime, including the thirty years he was at St. Thomas' Church in New York. Touch, accent, phrasing, the over-use of 16-ft. stops, the tremolo and the humana all were matters that he vox brought up. Then he dealt with program making and among other things asserted that the all-Bach program was "too tough for the average audience to digest." tough for the average audience to digest." Dr. Noble also gave some hints as to the Dr. Noble also gave some hints as to the performance of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in B minor, the chorale preludes and the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and made some pertinent remarks about good and bad improvising. Walter Baker, organist of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, who is rapidly adding to his fame and who has

rapidly adding to his fame and who has made an assured place for himself among the younger recitalists, gave a program on the great organ in St. Bartholomew's Church after Dr. Noble's paper. This instrument, by means of which the man at the console can fill the nave, the west end and the central dome with sound from the organs over which Dr. David from the organs over which Dr. David McK. Williams presides, lent itself to Mr. Baker's art in a varied list of offer-ings. After a fine performance of the Bach "Fugue a la Gigue" came Handel's Fifth Concerto, in which there was especially lovely registration on the Lar-ghetto. The Reger Introduction, Passa-caglia and Fugue is a large work in which the full glory of the organ was put to use, with a brilliant interpretation of the Passaceirs for the transfer of the the which the full glory of the organ was put to use, with a brilliant interpretation of the Passacaglia. Karg-Elert's "Hvmn to the Stars" and the Scherzo from Vierne's Second Symphony were fol-lowed by a stirring rendition of Duruflé's Toccata, from his Suite for Organ, which made the recital end in a grand climax.

Navy Men Sing at Riverside Church

Recognition of the musical talent in the armed forces and a demonstration of what our navy men contribute to choral music marked the vesper service held Wednesday evening at the great River-side Church overlooking the Hudson River near Grant's tomb. The service River near Grant's tomb. The service must have been an eye-opener to all who must have been an eye-opener to all who have taken note only of the fighting talent of the navy. Grover J. Oberle. Sp. (W)1c, U.S.N.R., but in time of peace one of America's highly capable voung organists, led his choir of about 150 voices through a beautiful service in which their tone and the perfection of their work reflected great credit on the conductor. This seemed the more remark-able when it was realized that his choir, able when it was realized that his choir, consisting of men in the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, were members of the eighteenth class. which reported for duty March 6 and will be graduated June 29, and the ninewith be graduated june 25, and the inte-teenth class, which reported for duty April 17. Every six weeks a new group of 3.000 young men is enrolled in the school, and from this shifting material Mr. Oberle has formed his group of singers.

singers. Nine anthems were sung, beginning with Tallis' "If Ye Love Me' and Lotti's "Crucifixus." after which there was a proup of three Russian numbers and two American spirituals. The Russian num-bers were Bortniansky's "Lo, a Voice." Stravinsky's "Holy Lord God of Heaven" and Gretchaninoff's "Cherubic Hymn." The spirituals offered a fine con-trast, being Dett's very popular "Listen to the Lambs," which was sung faster than it is usually heard, without benefit

to its effect, and the highly contrasting "Soon I'll Be Done with the Troubles of the World," a rollicking camp meet-ing song by William L. Dawson. The chaplain of the school, Lieutenant Commander-C. Leslie Glenn, in time of parce Mr. Observer at 54. John's

peace Mr. Oberle's rector at St. John's Church, Washington, made some very sensible comments on church music and the relationship of clergyman and organ-ist. Chaplain Glenn said that the difficulties that arise in many churches are due to the fact that some ministers are not musical and some church musicians are not religious, and he recommended as a possible solution that organists be-'amateur theologians.

come "amateur theologians." After the address came Holst's "A Dirge for Two Veterans." This is a very dramatic setting of Walt Whit-man's poem and is most suitable for war memorial services. Another fine memorial number was "Let Down the Bars," by Samuel Barbar a wours compared where number was "Let Down the Bars," by Samuel Barber, a young composer whose date of birth is given as 1910. As the closing number the choir sang Dr. Noble's virile setting of "Rise Up, O Men of God." God.

od. Mr. Oberle played two numbers from ournemire's "L'Orgue Mystique" for Tournemire's "Poeme Heroique" as the postlude, the last supplemented with trumpets, trombones and drum.

o Ascension Day Services

Ascension Day was observed on Thurs-day with zeal and enthusiasm by the visiting organists in two world-famous churches. At 11 o'clock the Guild mem-Trinity Church bers joined the people of in a celebration of more than two hours as they observed the ninety-eighth anniversary of the consecration of the his-toric edifice at the head of Wall Street, while in the evening they attended even-song at St. Bartholomew's, where again every seat was taken to hear another supremely impressive service of music.

Mead, organist and choirmaster George of Trinity Church, conducted his choir and an orchestra of fifty pieces in the festival service, while Andrew Tietjen presided at the organ. The richness of this observance made its length seem in no way excessive. Organ and orchestra joined in the Prelude to "Gloria Domini" by T. Tertius Noble and for the proces-sion the anthem "The Crusaders," a work a work sion the anthem "The Crusaders," a work of distinctly festal character, by Henry Hiles, was used. Two great compositions —Beethoven's Mass in C and Franck's "Psalm 150"—were the principal musical offerings. Among all the features that stood out may be mentioned especially the inspiring performance of the Franck composition the "Agnus Dei" and the the inspiring performance of the Franck composition, the "Agnus Dei" and the thrilling "Gloria" of the mass and the thrilling "Gloria" of the mass and the way in which the great congregation and way in which the great congregation and the instruments united without restraint in the last verse of Sir George Elvev's setting of the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Father Frederic S. Fleming, rector of Trinity, preached a sermon the subject of which was "Idealism and Idolatry." The instrumental received and Idolatry."

The instrumental recessional was Grieg's Triumphal March from "Sigurd Jorsalfar.

The afternoon was devoted to a lecture and a recital at St. Thomas' Church. Dr. Curt Sachs, authority on ancient musical instruments, was the speaker, his topic being "Changing Ideals of Tone Color." He traced the history of the organ and its development from the early day in which no registrational changes and color were possible, through the period of the invention of the swell-box and to present, when electric actions make high degree of expressiveness the order of the day. The speaker held that all this had been a development mechanically, but not spiritually. He deprecated as a "pernicious doctrine" the practice of a "pernicious doctrine" the practice of playing all the notes of a work of Bach just as he had written it "but for the just as he had written it "but for the rest making use of all the marvels of electric organs." There was much that would be provocative of debate in Dr. Sachs' argument.

T. Frederick H. Candlyn, long known as one of America's foremost composers of church music, upon whom recently has fallen the mantle of T. Tertius Noble at St. Thomas', gave the recital of the afternoon, presenting a program of an appealing character which began with appealing character began Concerto in D minor by John Stanley of the eighteenth century and ended with the fine Finale from Edward Shippen Barnes' Second Symphony. The Tuba Tune of Norman Cocker and a very pleasing Aria by John Bull led up to two of Mr. Candlyn's own compositions—a

majestic Passacaglia that is a work in large form and a Prelude on a Gregorian Tone. Bairstow's Scherzo in A flat was Tone delightfully melodic piece of lighter character.

Service at St. Bartholomew's Church

Once a year the American Guild of Organists has the honor of a service arranged for it on Ascension Day in the beautiful Byzantine edifice of St. Bar-tholomew's Church, where church music long has been cultivated in its highest forms under the direction of Dr. David McK. Williams. And those who attend this service always are moved to the use of superlatives. The immense congregaof superlatives. The immense congrega-tion, the great organ, speaking from every part of the church, the singing of the united choirs-all combine to create worship in a sublime form. With the choir of St. Bartholomew's were merged the musical forces of the Church of the Ascension, where Vernon de Tar is organist and choirmaster; Calvary Church, where Harold W. Friedell is in charge, and the Collegiate Reformed Church of St. Nicholas, of which Hugh Porter is organist and director. Dr. Williams con-ducted the chorus and Mr. de Tar was at the organ for all of the choral numchoral num-ile Dr. Wilbers except the cantata, while Dr. bers except the cantata, while Dr. Wil-liams played the processional and the postlude. A setting of the 142d Psalm by Julius Chajes, the first anthem, is a work to attract attention, partly by virtue of its effective solos. Dr. Chajes is a war refugee now living in New York. Charles Steggall's "Cantate Domino" is a spirited work with a joyful lilt very Charles Steggall's "Cantate Domino" is a spirited work with a joyful lilt very fitting to the words of the Psalm. Then came Dr. Williams' anthem, "Grace Be to You," a composition of sheer beauty which works up to a colossal climax in the closing "Alleluia." Mrs. H. H. A. Beach's cantata "The Canticle of the Sun," to words by St. Francis of Assisi, was interpreted in a manner that came very close to perfection, if it did not actually achieve it. actually achieve it.

The thrill received from hearing the singing of the hymns, led by the full organ and orchestral instruments, is diffi-

cult to describe adequately. After the recessional the congregation listened until the last note of the postlude —the Widor Toccata—played by Dr. Williams. The arrangement in which Williams. organ is supplemented by trumpets, abones and drums gives this war trombones horse a glory which does not ordinarily mark its performance.

Annual Meeting and Dinner Upward of 200 Guild members came out for the annual meeting and dinner, held at Schrafft's on Fifth Avenue Frievening. It was the occasion dav only for becoming acquainted, but for the visitors to gain an intimate knowledge of what the Guild is doing and the pro-gress made in the last year. Warden Elmer and the various officers and committee chairmen made informative re-ports. The election resulted in the selection of the slate of officers listed in the May issue of THE DIAPASON, headed by Warden Elmcr, and the choice of the following for membership in the council: Clarence Dickinson, T. Tertius Noble, Charles M. Courboin, Lilian Carpenter, T. Frederick H. Candlyn, Harold V. Milligan, George W. Volkel and Ernest White ion of the slate of officers listed in the White.

The warden's annual report gave a esume of the work of the year. He reresume of the work of the year. He re-ported progress in developing the Guild nationally, as shown by the election of 593 colleagues in the last twelve months solution of the last twelve months and the organization of five new chapters and one branch, with the formation of several additional chapters in prospect. The committee on the purchase of an

The committee on the purchase ambulance reported the expenditure of nearly \$1,700 for this vehicle from con-tributions by the chapters. Samuel A. Baldwin, chairman of the committee which is preparing a history of the A.G.O., told of the progress already which made.

Greetings were brought by a number visitors, Dorothy B. AtLee speaking for the visiting deans and regents. Harry T. Burleigh, whose fiftieth anniversary as a soloist at St. George's Church was celebrated recently, was introduced by celebrated recently, was introduced by the warden and gave a number of rem-iniscences of his remarkable career. He is now 77 years old. Karl Krueger, di-rector of the Detroit Symphony Orches-tra and formerly a New York organist, delivered an address filled with sugges-tive points and recalled events in the history of American music.

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Recital Story Contains a Lesson

The story of an organ recital is nothing new in the office of THE DIAPASON. Every day we receive programs and reports of how the audiences have reacted to performances and we pass on most of this information to our readers. But among the many returns that were received late in April one that seemed to make more than the ordinary impression told of a recital in a small city of New York State—of how people were induced to attend it, of how each number was received and of the general results. The thoughts it provoked made the account very interesting. We are indebted for it to Philip F. Smith, one of our faithful readers in Salamanca, N. Y.

Salamanca is a town of less than 10,000 population. The recitalist was Alexander Schreiner, who recently completed a very successful transcontinental tour to the Atlantic coast, the South and Canada. Our news columns have told of the reception accorded the Salt Lake City man in some of the large centers by our organ-ists. Our Salamanca correspondent has given us a picture of how smaller places can be made to appreciate organ music. And he summarizes his report in the statement that "Alexander Schreiner's Salamanca recital was a triumph for music appreciation."

Of course there are many other or-ganists who can do and have done just what Mr. Schreiner evidently did in Salamanca, but we direct attention to this recent instance because so many, many people adhere to the theory that there is no field for organ recitals.

"Some people were just a little skeptical about this first undertaking, but were completely won over as the publicity continued to be placed in our papers," writes our correspondent. That was a good start, as evidenced by the fact that 'on the evening of the recital nearly 400 people jammed the First Congregational Church auditorium." Here we have an initial suggestion of value.

"The inter-Now to the performance. thow to the performance. The inter-est in his entire Bach group was some-thing of a revelation," especially, Mr. Smith reports, to the young people. One young woman said after the recitalist had left Salamanca: "We girls were glad to go from boogy-woogy to Bach, and we think we should have more Bach and less boogy-woogy." No, Mr. Schreiner did not descend to

anything cheap to make a hit with his audience. He is not one of those who will do this. Besides Bach there was Vierne, Schumann and then some American compositions. And note, please, that he did not have at his disposal a great organ, with its multiplicity of resources.

His recital was given on a two-manual, whose limited facilities, we are told, were used to full advantage. The last number, the Finale from Vierne's First Sym phony, evoked "waves of applause," and four encores were required to round out the evening. And then the proof of the pudding is put in these few words: "He came; we heard; he conquered, for we want him back next year."

From all of this we draw a lesson: An eminent recitalist need not be afraid to please his audience, nor does he need to sacrifice his ideals to do so. Our growing generation can be attracted to organ recitals, but we must do something besides strike a fairly good proportion of the right notes. We must bear in mind what other vocal and instrumental artists do not overlook-that music was not made for the mortification of the flesh, but to be enjoyed, and that it can be made enjoyable to young and old, the erudite and those of uneducated tastes alike. .

Pet Peeves Worth Noting

In a manner that is both instructive and entertaining, one of our ablest American organists lists in this issue some of his "pet peeves." We can assure all who read his plaint that he is in no sense a peevish individual; but it seems that he had to get a few things out of his system and he uses THE DIAPASON as the vehicle for so doing. In the process he makes some telling points.

One of them is about marched processionals, with which another prominent organist, Rupert Sircom, dealt a few months ago in an article which has elicited much comment that proves he is strongly supported in his argument. Our anonymous contributor, who really should have no fear of making his name known, also dwells on the excessive speed of some church organists when they play hymns. Instead of interpreting every hymn according to its words and music, these automatons get the chore over with as fast as possible-or so it sounds. Likewise the speed fiends who consider that all difficult organ music was written the purpose of enabling them to for display their technique receive a deserved dig from Mr. Anonymous. All of this is good reading and should be taken to heart.

We have a few peeves of our own from time to time, but shall save our readers the boresome task of listening to them. Yet on second thought there may be no harm in listing just three, since they are in a field altogether apart from that in which our contributor finds things that grate on him. For example, by what method of translation can "Komm", süsser Tod" be turned into "Come, Sweetest Death"? *Süsser* is not the superlative form of the adjective. "Come, *Gentle* Death," used by many, while not perhaps literal, really comes nearer being a proper translation. After all no one, not even Bach, thought of death as actually "sweet," and certainly not as "sweetest."

Now for peeve No. 2: Why do people of education use "contact" as a transi-tive verb? It isn't a verb according to any dictionary, except as slang. And its meaning is by no means explicit, for to "contact" a man might mean anything from making a light touch to knocking him down. We can find many words to take its place which will express the fact that we wish to communicate with a person-or to maul him.

No. 3 among the peeves is the fact that many—so many—organists today don't know how to spell Lynnwood Farnam's name. Not only does it keep editors' blue pencils busy, but for fear they might some time miss one of these "bulls" in a program we have an alert linotype operator with an eagle eye who is death to every "Lynwood Farnum"

that shows up in copy. O well, these peeves are relatively unimportant when one has to think of the war, income taxes, a possible fourth term. etc.

Anonymous Thoughts

BY AN ORGANIST

Who originated the idea of marching and keeping step in singing processional hymns? It is most unchurchly, for the church is no place for a goose-step. And, anyway, processional hymns should be allowed to include all rhythms and tempos: three-four or six-eight time show anyway, processional hymns should be allowed to include all rhythms and tempos: three-four or six-eight time, slow or fast, stately chorale or plainsong. I guess I wasn't brought up properly, for the large choirs in the magnificent churches I attended as a youth "proc-scad" with great dignifier updiving clowly "proc

churches I attended as a youth "proc-essed" with great dignity, walking slowly and never in step. I liked it. And speaking of hymns: Many small-town Episcopal churches have the habit of taking their hymns at a breath-taking tempo. In attending many services in big and little churches I find the most in-spiring hymn singing is where the hymns are sung the slowest and the organ is played the loudest. Why do so many organs have the sub-

Why do so many organs have the sub-octave couplers on the sforzando pedal? Most good organists discontinued the practice many years ago. A curious observation: So many con-

cert organists with great skill, knowledge and fame are such dull service players. Conversely: Our best and most interest-ing service players can rarely be trusted

ing service players can rarely be trusted to play a red-hot organ recital. I am awfully tired of the classic organ. Its ensemble continued, loud or soft, through a recital becomes irritating. I like reeds and mixtures, and use them generously both in church services and recitals, but not to the exclusion of solid 8-ft. diapason tone.

8-ft. diapason tone. And I still believe in the enclosed great. Do organists who play without using ex-pression shoes realize how tiresome the dead level of tone is to the listeners? The organ seems to be the only medium of music production in which nuances and musical sensitiveness are considered in-

musical sensitiveness are considered in-appropriate. Symphony orchestras, solo singers, choirs, pianists may adorn their performances with beautiful nuances, but not you, Mr. Organist! A good 32-ft. bourdon or diapason is so inspiring in a liturgical service, yet some would omit this important stop. I would sacrifice chimes, harp and several fancy stops in favor of a solid wood 32. Chewing gum is no sin, but somehow the nicest people don't seem to indulge much in it. At least an organist and singers could keep the lips closed, if chew they must. they must.

Equal temperament is, of course, im-portant. Without it we could not have the Bach "St. Matthew Passion" or the Brahms "Requiem." Yet equal temperament, in my opinion, is the greatest con-tributing factor to faulty pitch in choir singing. If all singers and directors would study the violin they would learn much of value in how to compromise with equal temperament and yet have the choir circ heavily in turn.

with equal temperament and yet have the choir sing beautifully in tune. According to literary custom in the Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal church traditions the term "Easter Day" (not "Sunday") is correct. Easter Day always falls on a Sunday. Compare the terms "Thanksgiving Day" (always on a Thurs-day) or "Labor Day" (always on a Monday) day) or Monday).

Monday). All organs should have not less than three manuals, no matter how small. I would rather have a small three-manual than a large two-manual, for it has so much greater flexibility. If I had a residence organ of only two stops (a flute and a genshorn), it would have to be a three manual. Also two swell-boxes be a three-manual. Also, two swell-boxes should be on all organs. I would rather sacrifice pipes and gain flexibility. If churches will not permit their organs to be used for teaching and limited prac-

tice by students, they are not doing their duty in the mission field. Part of the missionary work of the church is to pre-pare men and women to carry on the musical ministry of the future church. Fortunately I find a growing tendency, especially in the larger city churches, to he increasingly magnanimous in this respect

I wish our great concert artists of the organ would be content with slower tempos. High speed on the organ ob-To accomplish what Paderewski, Rach-maninoff or Horowitz have done in piano playing, our organists will have to de-velop far more creative imagination and learn the art of producing the illusion of speed through nicely timed note values. Of course this is only a small part of the whole story.

Looking Back into the Past

Twenty-five years ago the following news was recorded in the issue of June 1, 1919-

Will C. Macfarlane resigned as mu-nicipal organist of Portland, Me., effec-tive Oct. 1.

tive Oct. 1. The specification of the large four-manual organ the Austin Company was building for Pueblo, Colo,, was published. Pietro A. Yon married Miss Francesca Adele Passagno in St. Francis Xavier's Church, New York City, May 21. John W. Norton became dean of the Illinois Chapter, A.G.O., at a dinner in Chicago May 12, succeeding Dr. J. Lewis Browne. A rising vote of thanks was Browne. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Miss Florence Hodge, who retired from the post of secretary after having served five years.

Ten years ago the following news was recorded in the issue of June 1, 1934-

The large four-manual Aeolian-Skinner organ in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, was opened May 20 with J. Sidney Lewis, organist of the cathedral, at the console. was opened May 20 with J. Studiey Lewis, organist of the cathedral, at the console. Warren D. Allen gave an inaugural re-cital June 3. The W. W. Kimball Company com-

The W. W. Kimball Company com-pleted a large four-manual organ for the Town Hall, Pretoria, South Africa, and the specification was presented. John C. Deagan, founder and head of J. C. Deagan, Inc., makers of organ per-cussions, died April 28 in California at the age of 80 years. Mr. Deagan was an international authority on pitch. He had been a clarinet player in prominent or-chestras and conducted bands at various times. times.

times. Harvey B. Gaul's fellow musicians paid tribute to him May 4 at a "Harvey Gaul music festival" in Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh. Clement R. Gale, organist, composer and teacher, and one of the founders of the A.G.O., died May 10 in New York. He was born in London and was 74 years and old.

old. It was announced that as a result of a vote of the chapters of the A.G.O. and the membership of the N.A.O. through-out the country THE DIAPASON had been selected by a large majority to become the official organ of the American Guild of Organists when the union of the two organizations was to become effective Jan. 1, 1935. In an extended review Dr. Harold W.

In an extended review Dr. Harold W. Thompson discussed a number of state-ments made in Dr. Archibald T. Davi-son's book "Protestant Church Music in America," which had recently been published.

The Marble Collegiate Church in New York City observed the fortieth anniver-sary of Richard T. Percy as its organist May 6.

CESAR FRANCK PROGRAM IS

CHICAGO WOMEN'S OFFERING

The Chicago Club of Women Organ-ists presented a program consisting en-tirely of compositions by Cesar Franck at the First Methodist Church of Oak Park May 8. Grace Symons opened the program with a clear and interesting reading of the Prelude, Fugue and Vari-ation. The Chorale in B minor was omitted because of the illness of Adrienne Moran, but the "Piece Heroique," which she was also to have played, was pre-sented by Mary Gwin. Mrs. Gwin also gave a brilliant performance of the Chorale in A minor. Gladys Harless, possessed of a rich contralto voice with a well-controlled, smooth legato and clean enunciation, sang three of the most The Chicago Club of Women Organa well-controlled, smooth legato and clean enunciation, sang three of the most popular Franck songs—"Panis Angel-icus," "The Marriage of Roses" and "La Procession." Her accompaniments were played by Dr. Francis S. Moore, organ-ist of the First Methodist Church. The program was concluded with the Finale in B flat, played in a spirited manner by a guest organist. Allen W. Bogen, who is the husband of one of the members.

DR. PALMER CHRISTIAN, organist of the University of Michigan and emi-nent recitalist, who gave a recital at Davidson College in North Carolina April Davidson College in North Carolina April 12, conducted a master class for organists and organ students April 13 at Davidson. Several colleges of North and South Caro-lina were represented, among them Coker College, Winthrop College, Converse Col-lege and the University of North Caro-lina. Arrangements for the class were made by Kenneth R. Osborne, assistant director of music and teacher of organ at Davidson. Davidson.

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

If concert-goers are divided into three If concert-goers are divided into three classes, as is proposed in the Free Lance column in the May DIAPASON (that is, culture chasers 30 per cent, story makers 40 per cent and genuine lovers of music 30 per cent), it will be interesting to consider what the culture chasers get out of their listening to a first-rate perform-ance of a good piece of music. They go to concerts not because they have pleas-ure in music *per se*, but because the art to concerts not because they have pleas-ure in music *per se*, but because the art is highly regarded by their friends. (I am well aware that "culture chaser" is an odious expression, but it describes the class with considerable accuracy.) The c. c. hears the music as a "stream of con-sciousness," with its ups and downs of loudness; the speed may appear as slow, getting faster or getting slower: there loudness; the speed may appear as slow, getting faster or getting slower; there may be an exhilaration from a presto, but on the whole he hears no sounds linked together in sequence (melody), or in combination (harmony). Therefore the sounds are not music, because they are not organized. They spring from musical inclination and are invented, not com-posed posed.

A striking example of the man who invented but did not compose is Joachim Raff (1822-1882), who wrote over 230 works, including eleven symphonies, four suites, nine overtures, piano, violin and violoncello concertos and innumerable conge piano pieces and much chamber songs, piano pieces, and much chamber music. So far as I know very little of this imposing array is performed now. Raff had immense invention, but lacked the gift of composition. We are obliged the gift of composition. We are obliged to admit that much of the music we hear today is merely invented but not com-posed; there is a gift for invention just as there is a gift to write music with lasting power. We may go even farther and assert that our great masters had their moments when they merely in-vented.

How fast ought one to direct a per-formance of our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"? I have care-fully counted Koussevitzky, who takes it at 80 to a beat, slowing down consider-ably on the last phrase. Rodzinsky begins at a brisk nonchalant 100 to a beat, but slows down as he gets toward the end. Both conductors put a deal of "expres-sion" into the last phrases. This is espe-cially noticeable in the Koussevitzky ver-sion; I must say, although I know that a super-dignified performance is "indi-cated" (to use a medical expression) I find the Boston version just about right.

No one by this time will be surprised at the nonchalance shown by William Churchill Hammond in writing in the title of the recital given in his own church, the Second Congregational, Hol-yoke, Mass., "fifty-ninth season, recital 855." And this recital for one parish only! Oh, these smart old fellers!

Edward Bailey Birge, well known to a wide circle of friends through his work in and writings about public school music, has been organist and choir di-rector at Trinity Episcopal Church,

Bloomington, Ind., for seventeen years. He had the honor of a celebration on April 30 by the rector, wardens and vestry of Trinity Church, the bishop of the diocese also being present; afterward the diocese also being present; afterward there was a complimentary dinner at the Country Club in Bloomington. It is pleasant to see that Mrs. Birge was also included in the felicities of the occasion. Professor (Emeritus) Birge is one of the most cultured musicians in the Guild; his interests are wide and he combines an interest love for chamber music (string an intense love for chamber music (string quartet) with his church work. May he have many years to come—years of work and friendly appreciation.

BOOKS AND ART CROWD ORGAN FOR JOHN RUSSELL MASON

John Russell Mason, librarian and re-cently appointed curator of art at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., is retiring as organist of the Cen-tral Presbyterian Church, President Wilson's church, after seventeen and one-half years in that post and more than a quarter of a century as organist in churches of Washington. He will continue to play the organ at George Washington University convocations and commencements, as has been his custom since 1930. been

convocations and commencements, as has been his custom since 1930. Still in his early 40s, Mr. Mason feels that he must have more time to devote to students using the university library. He also is eager to explore the opportunities offered by his new position as curator of art. Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Mason holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from George Washington University, is a graduate of the school of library service at Columbia University and has attended sessions of the British Library Association in Bir-mingham, England, where he became closely associated with Dr. Arundell Esdaille, then secretary of the British Museum and now president of the British Library Association. Mr. Mason has a national reputation in Library Association. Mr. Mason has a national reputation in

the field of library science. In prepara-tion for the present G.W.U. library buildling, and the future development of the library, he visited libraries in most of the states of this country and many libraries abroad.

INSTITUTE OF POLYPHONY IN NEW LONDON, CONN., AUG. 7-18

An Institute of Sixteenth Century Polyphony is to be held at Connecticut College, New London, Conn., Aug. 7 to 18 and is expected to attract many or-ganists. The purpose is to afford singers and choral directors the opportunity to spend two weeks in the intensive cultiva-tion of sixteenth century a cabella music tion of sixteenth century *a cappella* music under expert direction. Registration is limited to fifty. The director is R. Mills Silby, Mus.D., organist of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York City, and St. Ignatius Loyola, New York City, and former associate organist and director of Westminster Cathedral, London; in-structor in Gregorian chant and poly-phony at the Berkshire Music Center and instructor and lecturer at the Catholic University of America, Princeton Uni-versity, etc. The headquarters of the institute is beautiful Harkness Chapel, on the col-lege campus, which overlooks Long Island Sound and the Thames River and is adjacent to the college outdoor theater and acres of woodland.



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Palmer Christian, Ann Arbor, Mich.— The department of music of Davidson College presented Mr. Christian, organist of the University of Michigan, in a recital at the college in Davidson, N. C., April 12. The program was as follows: Concerto in B flat major, No. 2, Handel: Largo from "Concerto Grosso" No. 12. Handel: Gavotte and Variations, Stanley; "Sheep May Safely Graze," Bach; Frantasie in A major, Franck: Prelude on a Gregorian Theme, Purvis; Andante Cantabile, James; "Pensee d'Automne" and Toccata, Jongen. Jongen.

Jongen. In a recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Concord, N. C., April 11 Mr. Christian played these compositions: "Psalm XIX," Marcello; "Air Tendre," Lully; Trio in F, Krebs; Adagio in A minor, Bach; Fantasie and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "A Gothic Prelude," De-Lamarter; Andante Espressivo, Sonata for Organ, Elgar; Symphony No. 6 (last three movements), Widor.

Richard Keys Biggs, Los Angeles, Cal. Richard Keys Biggs, Los Angeles, Cal. —Mr. Biggs gave a program of organ music at a vesper service in the First Congregational Church April 2, playing: "Psalm 18." Marcello; Arioso, Bach; "Victory Song" (Air for Tuba), Biggs; Toccata ("Deo Gratias"), Biggs; Varia-tions on the continuo of the first part of the cantata "Weinen, klagen" and of the "Crucifixus" from the Mass in B minor, both by Bach, Liszt; "Poeme," Boell-mann; Lento, William Blanchard; Pre-lude on the theme "B-A-C-H," Biggs. Powell Weaver, Kansas City, Mo.—Mr.

lude on the theme "B-A-C-H," Biggs. Powell Weaver, Kanass City, Mo.-Mr. Weaver gave a recital at the First Bap-tist Church Sunday evening, April 23, and played these numbers: Concerto, "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale," Han-del; Passacaglia in D minor, Gardner Read; Short Prelude and Fugue, Krebs; Fugue in D major, Reger; Introduction and Allegro Vivace, Pagella; Prelude and Fugue on "B-A-C-H," Liszt; "Piece He-roique," Franck; "Echo," Yon; American Indian Fantasie, Skilton. William Lester, Chicago-Dr. Lester

William Lester, Chicago—Dr. Lester presented the following program in a recital Sunday afternoon, April 23, at the First Congregational Church, commem-First Congregational Church, commem-orating the seventeenth anniversary of the large four-manual Kimball organ: Concerto for Organ, Torelli-Walther; Chorale Preludes, "Erbarm' Dich mein," and "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier," Bach; Fantasia in C, Claussmann; "Moun-tain Sketches," Clokey; Pavane, Ravel; Prelude in E, Schreiber; "Ave Maris Stella of the Nova Scotia Fishing Fleet," Gaul; "Dance of the Princesses" ("Firebird"), Stravinsky; "The Ebon Lute," Lester; "Pro Patria" (Rhapsody on Patriotic Themes), Lester. Homer Whitford, Waverly, Mass.-Mr. (Rhapsody on Patriotic Themes), Lester. Homer Whitford, Waverly, Mass.--Mr. Whitford, director of music at McLean Hospital, played the following numbers in a recital at the Samuel Eliot Memor-ial Chapel May 9: Overture to a Can-tata, Bach: Aria, Handel; Minuet, Ram-eau; Allegro from Concerto, Dupuis; "At the Cradle," Bingham; French Rondo, Boellmann; "Alpine Song" and "March of the Kings," Candlyn; "In Hadrian Square," Whitford; Gigue, Lang; Sketch in D flat, Schumann; Finale from Second in D flat, Schumann; Finale from Second Symphony, Widor.

Frieda Op't Holt Vogan. Frieda Op't Holt Vogan, Ann Arbor, Mich.—In a faculty recital at Hill Audi-torium, University of Michigan, April 23 Mrs. Vogan presented the following pro-gram: Chaconne in G minor, Couperin; Chorale Preludes, "Christ Lay in Bonds of Death" and "In Thee Is Gladness," Bach; Fantasie and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Symphony in G major, Sowerby. Ann Arbor

Bach; Symphony in G major, Sowerby. Carl McKintey, Mus.D., A.A.G.O., Bos-ton, Mass.—The Massachusetts Chapter, A.G.O., presented Dr. McKinley at the Old South Church April 26 in a recital at which he played: Prelude and Fugue in C major, Bach; Five Chorale Preludes on the Melody "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," Hassler, Buxtehude, Bach, Reger and Brahms (2); First Sonata, Hindemith; Symphonic Chorale, "Jesu, geh' voran," Karg-Elert; Scherzetto, Vierne; Berceuse, Duprć; Allegro, Sixth geh' voran," Karg-Elert; Scherzetto, Vierne; Berceuse, Duprć; Allegro, Sixth Symphony, Widor.

Rafael Kammerer, New York-In a re-Rafael Kammerer, New York—In a re-cital Sunday afternoon, May 21, at St. Andrew's Church, Brooklyn, Mr. Kam-merer played a program which consisted of these numbers: "Diferencias Sobre el Canto del Caballero," de Cabezon: Cho-rale Prelude, "To God on High Alone Be Praise," Bach; Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C major, Buxtehude: "Caril-lon." Sowerby: Scherzetto in F sharp minor, Vierne: "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams; "Homage to César Franck"

(MSS.), Edna B. Griebel; "Piece He-roique," Franck; Psalm-tune Prelude, "St. Mary's," Charles Wood; "At Eve-ning," Buck; Finale, Second Symphony, roique," F "St. Mary' ning," Widor.

Widor. Ruth Barrett Arno, Boston, Mass.—The following compositions were played by Mrs. Arno at lectures and services at The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in the past month: Sonata No. 4, Guilmant; "Reveal Thyself to Me, O God," Bach; "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet; "Variations de Concert." Bonnet; "Belgian Mother's Song." Benoit-Courboin: Fantasie in G "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet; "Variations de Concert." Bonnet; "Belgian Mother's Song," Benoit-Courboin; Fantasie in G minor, Bach; "Watchman," Noble; First Symphony (Andante and Finale), Vierne; Prelude No. 1, Lewandowski; Chorale in E, Franck; Prelude and Fugue in C, Bach; Prelude in C, Ferrari; Toccata, R. K. Biggs; "On the Eve of the Ascen-sion," Benoit. Kenneth B. Osborne, Davidson, N. C.—

Kenneth R. Osborne, Davidson, N. C. Kenneth R. Osborne, Davidson, N. C.-Mr. Osborne, professor of organ at David-son College, was guest organist at the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, N. C., on the evening of May 7. His program was as follows: "Psalm XIX," Marcello; Chorales, "From God I Ne'er Will Turn" and "Let Us All Together Praise Our God," Buxtehude: Prelude, Corelli; Cho-rale Preludes, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Tomb," "I Cry to Thee" and "In Thee Is Gladness," Bach; Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "Aftonfrid" ("Evening Peace"), Higg; Impromptu and "Carillon de Westminster," Vierne. Parvin Titus, F. A. G. O., Cincinnati,

Cavening Feace), Hagg, Importance and "Carillon de Westminster," Vierne.
Parvin Titus, F. A. G. O., Cincinnati, Ohio-Mr. Titus will give the recital following evensong June 4 at the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C. His program will include: Chorale Prelude, "To Thee Alone, Lord, Jesus Christ," Pachelbel; Prelude and Fugue in A and Chorale Prelude, "We All Believe in One God." Bach; Chorale No. 1, in E, Franck; Meditation on "Picardy," Sowerby; Pastorale and "Chanson," from "Seven Sketches," Edward Shippen B ar n e s; "Carillon," Vierne.
June 5 Mr. Titus will give a recital for the Chesapeake Chapter, A.G.O., at St. Paul's Church, Baltimore. He played the Washington Cathedral' program by request on the new Aeolian-Skinner in the concert hall of the Clincinnati Conservatory of Music Saturday evening, May 27.
Rollo F. Maitland, Mus.D., F.A.G.O., Philadelphia Be, Dr. Weithend, Sciench, Sc

tory of Music Saturday evening, May 27. Rollo F. Maitland, Mus.D.. F.A.G.O., Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. Maitland gave his sixteenth annual Bach recital at the Church of the New Jerusalem May 23. playing: Prelude and Fugue in B minor: Chorale Preludes, "Before Thy Throne I Now Appear" and "In Thee Is Gladness"; Fantasie and Fugue in G minor; Prelude and Fugue in D minor; Adagio e Dolce, from Third Trio-Sonata: Chorale Pre-lude, "Sleepers, Wake"; Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor. from Third Trio-lude, "Sleepers, W Fugue in C minor.

Horace Douglas, Rome, N. Y.—In a re-cital May 15 at the First Methodist Church Mr. Douglas played: Toccata, Hesse; Andante from Second Sonata. Fink; Intermezzo, Dethier; "In the Church," Novak; Oriental Sketch No. 3, Bird; "The Lost Chord," Sullivar: "The Star" Pedarts: Introduction and Furgue Sketc.. Sullivan: "The and Fugue Bird; "The Lost Chord," Sullivan: "The Star," Roberts: Introduction and Fugue on the Chorale "Ad Nos, ad salutarem undam," Liszt.

undam," Liszt. Donald L. Coats, M.S.M., Los Angeles, Cal.—Mr. Coats gave the noon recital at the University of California in Los An-geles May 19, playing: Prelude in B minor, Bach; "Come, Saviour of the minor, Bach; Heathen," Bach; Preludio (Ninth Sonata Heathen," Bach; Preludio (Ninth Sonata for Violin). Corelli; Finale (Suite 2 for Organ), Barnes: "Elizabethan Idvll," Noble; "Melodrama," Guiraud-Kraft; "Marche Champetre." Boex: Intermezzo from Sixth Symphony. Widor; "Chant de May," Jongen; "Mist," Doty; Concert Variations, Bonnet.

Variations, Bonnet.
Frederick C. Mayer, West Point, N. Y. —Mr. Mayer, organist and choirmaster of the United States Military Academy Chapel, was assisted by the Euterpe Glee Club of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., directed by Elmer A. Tidmarsh, at his recital April 2. Mr. Mayer played: Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Bach; Communion in G major, Batiste; "Crucifixion," from Pas-sion Symphony, Dupré; "Good Friday Spell," from "Parsifal," Wagner; "Ride of the Valkyries," Wagner.

of the Valkyries," Wagner. Frederick Boothroyd, Mus.D., A.R.C.O., Colorado Springs, Colo.—Dr. Boothroyd played the following compositions at his recital in Shove Chapel at Colorado Col-lege April 18: Prelude on "O Filii et Filiae," Egerton; Prelude in C minor, Vaughan Williams: Dream Pantomime from "Haensel and Gretel," Humperdinck: "Scenes on the Wye," from Third Suite for Organ, F. H. Wood. Grace Halverson. A. A. G. O., Detroit.

Grace Halverson, A. A. G. O., Detroit, Mich.—Miss Halverson gave a recital at Sacred Heart Seminary April 11 for the Wayne University music students. The first part of the program was devoted to the forerunners of Bach and the second part to Bach. Miss Halverson played: Ricgrare Palestrina: "As Jesus Stood part to Bach. Ricerare, Pale beside the O Palestrina; "As Jes ne Cross," Scheidt; Jesus Stood dt; Toccata,

Frescobaldi: "O Sacred Head, Once Wounded," Kulnau; "From God I Ne'er Will Turn," Buxtehude: Prelude, Cleram-bault: works of Johann Sebastian Bach: Sonatina from "God's Time Is Best"; Sinfonia from "Walling, Crying, Sighing"; Prelude and Fugue in E minor (Cathe-dral); Adagio from Sonata 3, in D minor; Chorale Preludes, "J es us. Priceless Chorale Preludes, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," "In Thee Is Joy," "In Death's Dark Grasp the Saviour Lay," "Hark, a Voice Saith All Are Mortal" and "He Who Would Suffer God to Guide Him."

Would Suffer God to Guide Him." Henry Hallstrom, A.A.G.O., Lynchburg, Va.—At a musical service on the after-noon of March 19 at St. John's Episcopal Church Mr. Hallstrom played: "A Mighty Fortress," harmonized by Bach; Chorale Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress," Bach; "Come, Sweet Death," Bach; "Bible Poems" ("Abide with Me," "Hosanna" and "The Last Supper"), Weinberger; "Carillon de Chateau Thierry," Bingham; Berceuse from "L'Oiseau de Feu," Stra-vinsky; Antiphon, Finale on the Magni-ficat, Dupré; "The Swan," Saint-Saens; Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae," Farnam. Mildred Andrews, Norman, Okla.—Miss

Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae," Farnam. Mildred Andrews, Norman, Okla.—Miss Andrews, head of the organ department at the University of Oklahoma, has made her first Eastern recital tour and was heard in a number of cities, including a performance at Ann Arbor, Mich. April 5 she gave a dedicatory recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, N. Y., on a three-manual organ rebuilt by Austin Organs, Inc. Miss Andrews' program con-sisted of the following compositions: Pre-lude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Chorale Preludes, "A Rose Breaks into Bloom", and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," Brahms; "Come, Sweet Death," Bach: Theme and Variations, d'Aquin; "Tairest Lord Jesus" and Toccata, Edmundson; and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," Brahms; "Come, Sweet Death," Bach; Theme and Variations, d'Aquin; "Fairest Lord Jesus" and Toccata, Edmundson; Scherzetto, Vierne; Prelude to "The Blessed Damozel," Debussy-Christian; Toccata, Fifth Symphony, Widor; "Ave Maria" and "Saluto Angelico," Karg-Elert; "Seven Casual Brevities." Leach.

Carlyle Duncan, Brooklyn, N. Y.-Too mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Luth-eran Church of the Redeemer, Mr. Duncan, organist and choir director of the church. organist and choir director of the church, gave a recital Sunday evening. April 23. He had the assistance of Kathryn Platt Gunn, violinist: Donald E. Craig, bass, and the choir and young people's chorus of the church. Mr. Duncan played: Toc-cata and Fugue in D minor, Bach: Con-cert Rondo, Hollins: "Harmonies du Soir" and "Clair de Lune," Karg-Elert: "In Fairyland" (Suite for organ), Stoughton; Prelude to "Parsifal" and Prelude to Third Act of "Lohengrin," Wagner. Daniel R. Pinkham, Jr., Boston, Mass.

Daniel R. Pinkham, Jr., Boston, Mass. -Mr. Pinkham, organist and choirmaster the Central Congregational Church, All. I minian, organist and choir master, Jamaica Plain, will give a recital Sunday afternoon, June 4, at 4:30 at his church. His program will be made up as follows: Trio-Sonata No. 1, in E flat, Bach: Chorale Preludes on "We All Believe in One God" and "Rejoice Now, Beloved Christians," Bach: Cathedral Prelude and Fugue, Bach: Chromatic Study on the Name "B-A-C-H," Piston; "The Lonely Garden," W. L. Johnson; "Episode," Copland, and pieces by Quincy Porter. The choir will sing the cantata "Erhöre mich, O Herr," Schütz, and the motets "Venite Exultemus Domino." Couperin, and "Ave Verum Corpus," Fauré. of

and "Ave Verum Corpus," Fauré. Frederic T. Egener, Mus.D., London, Ont.—In a dedicatory recital May 16 on a two-manual Hillgreen-Lane organ re-built for St. James' Anglican Church in Ingersoll, Ont., Dr. Egener played: "Suite Gothique." Boelmann: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach: "The Bells of Aberdovey." Stewart: "Finlandia," Si-belius: "Drifting Boat and Evening Chimes," "Among the Pines" and "Cas-cade." Egener; Variations on "Pleyel's Hymn." Burnap: "A Rose Breaks into Bloom," Brahms; "Liebestraum." Liszt; Toccata, Widor. Dudley Warner Fitch, Des Moines, Iowa

Toccata, Widor. Dudley Warner Fitch, Des Moines, Iowa —The twilight hour of music at St. Paul's Church June 11 will be marked by the performance by Mr. Fitch of the follow-ing compositions: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Pastorale, Corelli-Ger-mani: Processional, Martin Shaw; Melody and "Pageant," Eugene Hill; Allegretto, Lucke: Music for the Twilight Hour (new), F. Rayner Brown; Londonderry Air, arranged by Orem; Intermezzo and Pastorale (Pastoral Sonata), Rhein-berger. berger

James G. Rimmer, Madison College, Tenn.—In a popular program at Helen Funk Auditorium March 12 Mr. Rimmer Funk Auditorium March 12 Mr. Rimmer included these compositions: Overture, "Light Cavalry," Suppe; "The Lost Chord," Sullivan; "Le Coucou." d'Aquin; "The Golden Wedding," Gabriel-Marie; Gavotte from Suite No. 3, in D major, Prelude and Fugue in D minor and Adagio, Bach; Andante from Overture in D, Haydn; "Marche aux Flambeaux," Clark; "Romance," Rubinstein; "The

Music-box." Heins: Minuet from String Quartet, Boccherini; Grand Chorus in D, Guilmant

The Madison Hymn, composed by Mr. Rimmer, had its first public presentation when sung by the Madison College choir, Karl P. McDonald conducting, Mrs. Eleanor Speaker at the piano, on this occasion.

occasion. James Taylor, Milton, Mass.—The fol-lowing organ numbers were played by Mr. Taylor in Holy Week: "Durch Adam's Fall ist ganz verderbt," "Herzlich thut mich verlangen," "O Mensch, bewein' Dein Sünde gross," "O Lord, Be Merciful to Us," "Dearest Jesu, We Are Here," "Come, Sweet Death" and "When Thou Art Near," Bach; "Lied," Vierne; "Caril-lon-Sortie, Mulet: "Sheep May Safely Graze," "Good Christians, Rejoice" and "In Thee Is Gladness," Bach; Theme and Variations, Widor. Merritt Johnson, Aberdeen, S. D.—In a

Merritt Johnson, Aberdeen, S. D. Merritt Johnson, Aberdeen, S. D.—In a Sunday evening musical program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church April 16 Mr. Johnson included: "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth," Bach-Whitford; Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Chorale Prelude on "Christus, Der uns selig macht," In-terlude and Theme and Variations, John-son; Arioso, Sowerby; "L'Organo Primi-tivo." Yon; "Belgian Mother's Song," Benoit-Courboin; Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae," Farnam. Filiae," Farnam.

Filiae," Farnam. Estelle Gray, Swissvale, Pa.—Miss Gray, organist of St. John's Lutheran Church, was presented in a recital Sunday eve-ning, April 30, at her church by the As-sociated Artists' Club of Swissvale. Her numbers were the following: "Alleluia," W. D. Armstrong: "Cristo Trionfante," Yon; Chorale Prelude, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Bach; "Resurrection Morn," Johnston: "Easter," Carl F. Mueller. John T. Erickson Mus D. AAGO.

ling; "Paean of Easter," Carl F. Mueller. John T. Erickson, Mus.D., A.A.G.O., New York City—In connection with the jubilee services April 23 and 30 in Trinity Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Erickson is organist, the following numbers have been rendered: Festal Offertorium, Fletch-er; "Narcissus," Ethelbert Nevin; "Lucis Creator Optime," Bedell: "L'Annoncia-tion," de Maleingreau; Trumpet Volun-tary. Purcell. tion," de M tary, Purcell.

W. James Marner, Boise, Idaho-Canon W. James Marner, Boise, Idaho-Canon Marner of St. Michael's Cathedral gave a recital at the cathedral Sunday evening. April 23, playing these selections: Con-cert Prelude, Kramer; Lyric Theme ("Symphonie Pathetique"), Tschaikow-sky: "A Fantasy of Moods," C. Edgar Ford: "Sketches of the City," Nevin: "Chant de May." Jongen; "Song of the Basket Weaver" (from "St. Lawrence Sketches"), Russell; Offertory based on "O Filii," Guilmant. Charlotte R. Bellows. Providence, R. L.

"O Filli," Guiman Charlotte R. Bellows, Providence, r. —Miss Bellows gave a recital at All Saints' Memorial Church Sunday evening, April 16, for the Rhode Island Chapter. A.G.O. Her offerings were: Fourth Con-certo in F major, Handel; Chorale Pre-lude, "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier." Bach: Fugue in C major, Buxtehude; Prelude (Fantasia) and Fugue in G minor, Bach: "Christe Redemptor," John Constian Matthews; Chorale Improvisa-Prelude (rantasia) and rugue in of minor, Bach: "Christe Redemptor," John Sebastian Matthews: Chorale Improvisa-tion, "By the Waters of Babylon," Karg-Elert; "Romance sans Paroles," Bonnet; Chorale in A minor, Franck.

the the Waters of Babylon," Karg-Eler; "Romance sans Paroles," Bonnet; Chorale in A minor, Franck.
1. Harold Einecke, Grand Rapids, Mich, Pr. Einecke, minister of music of the first ongregational Church, gave a rise of the present of the present of the present at 00 livet College, Olivet, Mich., May "His program included: Rigaudon (from "Joseph Seeger; Chorale Prelude, "O Got, Bach-Edmundson; Chorale Prelude, "O Got, Bach-Edmundson; Chorale Prelude, "O Got, Bach-Edmundson; Chorale Prelude, "Jone or to coata on Gregorian Theme "Kyrie Distribution of the present of the present "A minor, Bach; "Chant de May," Jone coata on Gregorian Theme "Kyrie Distribution," Purvie Maria, "Purvie," Charat de May," Jone coata on Gregorian Theme "Kyrie Distribution, "Purvie Distribution," Purvie Maria, "Purvie," Charat de May," Jone present of the played: A Suite of Pieces Maria, "Ke played: A Suite of Pieces Maria, "Ke Maria," Schubert; Tocatao Distribution, "Maria," Schubert; Tocatao Maria, "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Mist, Bach: "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Mist, Mister, "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Mist, Mister, "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Mist, Mister, "The Squirrel," Mister, A Marth-The Fishinger, organist and faculty mem for of the University of Washington the sport in a recital on the newly-remodel organ in the First Presbyterian Church of prof, Bach; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Adagletto, McKay; "The pinor, Bach; Ad

Programs of Organ Recitals

Mrs. Walter Spivey, Atlanta, Ga.—Pre-ceding the Holy Week services in the North Avenue Presbyterian Church Mrs. Spivey played the following organ numbers at daily noon recitals: "Deo Gratias," Biggs; "Sheep May Safely Graze," Bach; "On Wings of Song," Mendelssohn; "The Fountain." DeLamarter; "Mist," Gaul; "Marche Funebre et Chant Seraphique," Guilmant; "Thou Art the Rock," Mulet.

Guilmant; "Thou Art the Rock," Mulet. Warren F. Johnson, Washington, D. C. --Mr. Johnson has played the following in his short recitals before the evening service at the Church of the Pilgrims during the month of May: "Promenades en Provence" ("The Cloister of St. Tro-phime at Arles," "Multi-colored Sails in the Port of Toulon" and "The Bells of Notre Dame des Doms in Avignon"), Eu-gene Reuchsel; Triptych, "La Vie In-terieure." Daniel Lesur; Suite, "The Birth of Christ" ("The Word" and "God's Children"), Olivier Messiaen; "Suite Ne-groid." Horace Alden Miller. Ralph H. Brigham, Rockford, Ill.-Mr.

b) Children"), Olivier Messiaen; "Suite Negroid." Horace Alden Miller.
Ralph H. Brigham, Rockford, III.—Mr. Brigham, organist of the Second Congregational Church, gave a recital at Messiah Lutheran Church April 27. His program included: Theme with Variations, Faulkes: Oriental Sketch in C minor, Bird; Fantasia from Symphonic Suite "Scheherazade." Rimsky-Korsakoff; "Willo'-the-Wisp," Nevin; "Valse Triste," from "Kuolerna." Sibelius; "Serenade at Sunset." Meale: "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Marche Heroique." Dubois.
Edward Linzel, Jr., Princeton, N. J.— The organ department of Westminster Choir College presented Mr. Linzel in a recital at Westminster Chapel April 18. His program consisted of: "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ," "Hark, a Voice Saith All Are Mortal" and "Come, Sweet Death," Bach: "Divertissement." "Lied" and Scherzetto, Vierne: "Lord Jesus Walking on the Sea" and "The Marriage in Cana of Galllee," Weinberger.
Mabel Zehner, Mansfield, Ohio—Miss Zehner, A.G.O., on the evening of April 26. Her program consisted of the following compositions: Allegro from Sixth Symphon; Widor; Prelude on "Pange Lingua Gloriosa," Edmundson; "Come Sumption Chapter, "Edmundson; "Come Company Company Consisted of the following compositions: Allegro from Sixth Symphon; Widor; Prelude on "Pange Lingua Gloriosa," Edmundson;

following compositions: Allegro from Sixth Symphony, Widor; Prelude on "Pange Lingua Gloriosa," Edmundson; "Sheep May Safely Graze," Bach; Theme and Variations in A flat, Thiele; "Song of the Basket Weaver," Russell; Im-promptu, Vierne; "The Tumult in the Praetorium" (from Passion Symphony), de Maleingreau; Sarabande, A. B. Jen-nings; "The Squirrel," Weaver; "Sunshine Toccata," Swinnen.

nings: "The Squirrel," Weaver: "Sunshine Toccata," Swinnen.
Florence L. Stone, San Francisco, Cal.
—Mrs. Stone, assistant organist of St.
Luke's Church, gave the Sunday afternoon
recital at Grace Cathedral April 23. Her
program: "Grand Jeu," Du Mage; "Christ
Lay in the Bonds of Death," Bach; Chorale in A minor, Franck: Pastorale, Traditional-Clokey: "Chant de May." Jongen.
Bonnie Ruth Kent, Jacksonville, III.—
In a senior recital at MacMurray College
March 10 Miss Kent played: "Grand
Jeu," DuMage: Chorale Prelude, "From
God I Ne'er Will Turn Me." Buxtehude;
"Basse et Dessus de Trompette," Clerambault; Prelude and Fugue in G major,
Bach: Chorale Preludes, "Blessed Are
Ye, Faithful Souls," and "A Lovely Rose
Is Blooming," Brahms; Canon in B
minor, Schumann: Adagio in E major,
Bridge; "Piece Heroique," Franck: "Romance sans Paroles," Bonnet; "Skyland,"
Vardell: Scherzetto. Vierne; Pastorale
Phillips; Toccata, "O Filii et Filiae."
Elizabeth Hill, Elon College, N. C.—

Farnam. Elizabeth Hill, Elon College, N. C.— Miss Hill, a pupil of Irving D. Bartley, gave her senior recital in Whitley Audi-torium at Elon College April 13, present-ing this program: Toccata in F. Bach; Arioso. Bach-Barnes; Sonata in F minor, Mendelssohn: Cantabile, Franck; "Dawn" and "Night," Jenkins; "Jubilate Deo," Silver; "The Chapel of San Miguel," Seder: Canon. Bartley; "Introspection," Frederick S. Smith; "Piece Heroique," Franck. Franck

Franck. David R. Pew, Denver, Colo.—Mr. Pew played the following selections at the Sunday afternoon recital in St. John's Cathedral May 21, when a Mendelssohn program was presented with the assist-ance of a chorus of mixed voices: Sonata in F minor: Andante from Violin Con-certo; "On Wings of Song"; Two "Songs without Words" (Spring Song and "Con-solation"); Sonata in A major. Mary Upson Enholm, Denver, Colo.— Miss Enholm gave the Sunday after-noon recital at St. John's Cathedral May 7 and her program consisted of these

noon recital at St. John's Cathedral May 7 and her program consisted of these works: Fugue in G minor, Bach; Chor-ale in A minor, Franck; "Florentine Chimes," Bingham; "Chant de May," Jongen; "Clair de Lune," Debussy; Sixth Symphony, Adagio and Allegro, Widor. Everett Jay Hilty, Denver, Colo.—Mr. Hilty, who played the Sunday afternoon recital at St. John's Cathedral May 14,

made use of these compositions: Can-zona, Frescobaldi; "Sister Monica," Couperin; Chorale, "Salvation Now is Come," Kirnberger: Sketch in D flat and Sketch in C, and Evensong, Schu-mann; "Landscape in Mist," Karg-Elert; "Polonaise et Double," Bach; "Fin-landia," Sibelius.

landia," Sibelius.
W. Arnold Lynch, A.A.G.O., Topeka, Kan.—Mr. Lynch had the assistance of Allen Rogers. pianist, in a recital at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday after-noon. May 7. The program consisted of: Fugue in D. Mendelssohn; Intermezzo, Clokey: Scherzo in E, Gigout; Introduc-tion and Passacaglia in D minor, Reger; "Bells through the Trees," Edmundson: Concerto in G minor, Op. 22 (piano and organ), Saint-Saens.

organ), Saint-Saens. Evanthia Constantine, Pittsburgh, Pa. —In a graduation recital at the Pitts-burgh Musical Institute May 19 Miss Constantine, from William H. Oetting's class, played: Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, Bach: "Concerto Gregoriano," Yon (orchestral part played on piano by Mr. Oetting): "Up the Saguenay," Russell: "Pantomime." James: "Love Death," Wagner-Gibson: Finale, First Symphony, Vierne. John H. Summers, Houston Tex.—Mr.

Wagner-Gibson: Finale, First Symphony, Vierne.
John H. Summers, Houston, Tex.-Mr. Summers, minister of music of St. Paul's Methodist Church, gave a program at the church Sunday afternoon. April 30, and included the following compositions: Cathedral Prelude and Fugue and "Lord, for Thee My Spirit Longs." Bach: Andante, Stamitz; "Now Thank We All Our God." Karg-Elert: "Pastorale Ancienne" and "An Easter Spring Song," Edmundson; "Carillon," DeLamarter; Fourth Symphony, Widor.
Claude L. Murphree, F.A.G.O., Gainesville, Fla.-At his recital at the University of Florida Sunday afternoon, April 23, Mr. Murphree played: "Ode Heroique." Diggle: "Salve Regina," Bedell: "The Battle between David and Goliath" (Biblical Sonata), Kuhnau (arranged for organ by Willard Irving Nevins): "Sunrise." Kenneth Walton; Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Beethoven, CokeJephcott: Fountain Reverie, Fletcher; Four Contrapuntal Preludes on Sixteenth Century Tunes, Edmundson: Prelude on the Negro Spiritual "Deep River," Kemmer; "Hymn of Glory" (Patriotic Ode), yon.

mer; "Hymn of Glory" (Patriotic Ode), Yon. Norman Hennefield, New York City--Music of the old masters of composition for the church was played by Mr. Henne-field at his recitals in Lent at St. John's Church. April 5 he played: "My Heart Is Filled with Yearning" (two versions), Brahms; "O World, I Must Leave Thee." Brahms: "O Hear Us Poor Sinners," Kuhnau: "Lord Jesus Christ, Reveal Thy Face" (seven verses). Walther: "Alas, What Must I, a Poor Sinner, Do?" (cho-rale variations), Bach: Concerto on a Theme by Telemann, Walther. In a recital at St. John's Lutheran Church May 18 Mr. Hennefield presented the following program: Toccata, Swee-linck: "Today God's Only Son." Bach: "When Adam Fell." "My Heart Why Art Thou So Sorrowful" and "O Lord, with Sorrow Laden," Zachau: Toccata. Ahle: Prelude, Flor: "O Eternity, Thou Ter-rifying Word." "I Crv to Thee. Lord Jesus," and "From God Will Naught Di-vide Me," Krebs: Fantasia (Cornet Vol-untary), Gibbons: "Rejoice, Good Chris-tian Folk," J. C. Bach: Seventh Prelude and Fugue, Fischer.

and Fugue, Fischer. Mildred Evans, Columbus, Ohio—In a recital at the First United Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, April 30, Miss Evans, a pupil of Frederick C. Mayer at Capital University, played: "Now Thank We All Our God." Karg-Elert: Chorale Prelude, "Sleepers, Wake." and Prelude in D major, Bach: Prelude on an Ancient Chorale, "All Glory Be to God on High," Edmundson: Andante Cantabile. Fourth Symphony, Widor: Chorale in A minor, Franck: "Vision," Rheinberger: "Marche Nocturne," MacMaster: "Dreams," Mc-Amis; Grand Chorus in March Form, Guil-mant. mant.

mant. Betty Fravel, Columbus, Ohio – Miss Fravel, a pupil of Frederick C. Mayer at Capital University, gave a recital on the large Wicks organ in Mees Hall April 24, playing: Sonatina No. 2, in F minor, Rogers: Chorale and Prelude, "O Sacred Head Surrounded," Chorale Prelude, "In Thee Is Gladness." and Fugue in G minor, Bach: "Rustic Dance" (from Pastoral Suite), Demarest: "Dreams," McAmis: "The Fountain," Fletcher: "The Bélls of Averdovey," Stewart: "Marche Cham-petre", Boex; "Finlandia," Sibelius.

petre", Boex; "Finlandia," Sibelius. Elmer A. Tidmarsh, Schenectady, N. Y. —The following program was given by Dr. Tidmarsh, director of music, on the organ at the Union College Memorial Chapel May 14: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Finale from Trio-Sonata in E flat, Air for the G string and Sinfonia from Cantata "We Thank Thee, God," Bach; "May Night," Palmgren; "Chant

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Dupré. Mildred Mann Dupon, Grand Rapids, Mich.--Mrs. Dupon, organist of the Bur-ton Heights Christian Reformed Church, was presented by her church in a recital May 3, at which she played: Trumpet Tune and Air, Purcell; Chorale Prelude, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach; Prelude in G minor, Bach; Chorale Pre-lude, "Sheep May Safely Graze," Bach; Fantasia and Fugue, S. Archer Gibson: Intermezzo, Verrees: "Belgian Mother's Song." Courboin; "The Tragedy of a Tin Soldier." Nevin: "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet. Harriette Slack, Hammond. La.--Miss

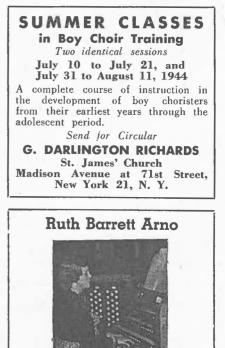
Soldier." Nevin: "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet. Harriette Slack, Hammond, La.-Miss Slack was heard in a recital at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. May 7. The following was her program: Toccata, Muffat: Chorale Preludes, "From Heaven Above," "I Call to Thee," "Rejoice, Chris-tians" and "Christ Lay in Bonds of Death," Bach: "O Sacred Head," Brahms: Sonata No. 6, Mendelssohn: "The Foun-tain," DeLamarter: "Skyland," Vardell; Passacaglia from Symphony in G, So-werby.

Alice R. Deal, Chicago-Miss Deal, or-ganist and director at Epworth Methodist Church, played the noonday organ medi-tations at the First Methodist Church (Chicago Temple) May 1 and 8, in the absence of Marie Briel. Her programs were as follows:

were as follows: May 1—Allegro Moderato and Adagio, First Sonata, Mendelssohn; Intermezzo, Rogers: Cathedral Preiude and Fugue, Bach: Pastorale and Finale, First Sonata, Guilmant. May S—Prelude in B minor, Bach; "An Autumn Sketch," Brewer: Spring Song, Mendelssohn; "A G ot hie Cathedral," Weaver; Evening Song, Bossi; Grand March from "Aida," Verdi. K. Mulder Schuil, New York City—Mr.

K. Mulder Schuil, New York City K. Mulder Schull, New York City-Mr. Schull gave a recital at the Central Meth-odist Church in Yonkers Sunday aftér-noon, May 21. and his program was made up as follows: Prelude and Fugue in E minor (Cathedral), Bach; "The Walk to Jerusalem," Bach; "Come, Sweet Death," Bach-Fox; "Sheep May Safely Graze," Bach-Biggs; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Air from Suite in D, Bach; "Piece Heroique," Franck: "Bird as Prophet." Schumann (arranged for organ by K. M. Schuil): "Mist." Doty; "The Chimes of St. Mark's (Venice)," Russolo; Toccata and Fugue in F minor, Noble.

Toccata and Fugue in F minor, Noble. Eileen Mae Clarke, Seattle, Wash,—The University of Washington School of Music presented Miss Clarke in a recital at the University Temple May 7, at which time she played: Adagietto, McKay; Chorale Prelude. "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," Bach; Fantasle and Fugue in G minor, Bach; Canzonetta, Carl Faige Wood; "Echo," Yon; "Twilight at Fiesole." Bing-ham; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Saluto Angelico," Karg-Elert: Canon in B minor, Schumann; "Dreams," McAmis; Finale from First Symphony, Vierne.



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Notice of 1944 Convention. The annual convention of the Canadian College of Organists will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 30 and 31, at St. Catharines, Ont. The program of events will be announced in the next issue of THE DIAPASON. Members of the American Guild of Organists are cordially invited to attend.

cordially invited to attend. *Toronto Center.* A unique meeting was held under the auspices of the Toronto Center April 17, when a recital of more recent organ and vocal compositions of Thomas J. Craw-ford was given in Timothy Eaton Me-morial Church. The organ numbers were played by members of the center and the vocal numbers were sung by the soloists of the Timothy Eaton Church. These compositions made a great impression on the large audience in attendance and many organists expressed the hope that they will be published in the near future. The "Holy Communion" set makes a special appeal. This will be found suit-able for service use. The Christmas numbers will also be sought out by or-ganists as a splendid addition to their libraries.

After the recital a social half-hour was

libraries. After the recital a social half-hour was spent in the church parlors and refresh-ments were served. D'Alton McLaugh-lin, vice-chairman of the center, compli-mented Mr. Crawford on the excellence of his compositions. Mr. Crawford ex-pressed his gratitude to the organists and singers who so ably performed his works. The following was the program : Hymn Prelude on "Ad Hyr Y Nos," "A Water Sprite" and "The Covenanters' March" (played by Mr. Crawford) ; "A Little Organ Book of Miniatures" (Hazel Brillinger) ; contralto solo, "He Is My Friend" (Eleanor Evans) ; Chorale Di-versions and Fugue (Eric Rollinson) ; duet, "When Christ Was Born of Mary Free" (Jeanne Pengelly and Eleanor Evans) ; Scherzo, "Mood Fancies," First Meditation ("At Twilight before a Stained-Glass Window") and Postlude on "Sine Nomine" (Charles Peaker) ; Two Carols, "Good Neighbors All" and "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (Jeanne Pengelly and Eleanor Evans) ; Prelude and Fugue on Christmas and Easter Hymns (Maitland Farmer) ; so-prano solo, "Sun of My Soul" (Jeanne Pengelly) ; Scherzo for the Flutes (re-vised edition), "Au Revoir" and "Dawn and Sunrise over Georgian Bay" (Quen-tin MacLean). T. M. SAGGANT, Secretary. tin MacLean). T. M. SAGGANT, Secretary.

T. M. SAGGANT, Secretary. London Center. A meeting of the London Center was held at the home of Charles E. Wheeler, F.C.C.O., April 6, with a good repre-sentation of members present. Mrs. Meda Gunn, the chairman, presided over the business meeting. By request the mem-bers gathered to hear original composi-tions by Mr. Wheeler. He is one of Canada's oldest active organists, who has always been held in high esteem by all who know him. He was appointed hon-orary president of the London Center this year. He has held the office of regis-trar with the Canadian College of Or-

ganists for many years and has been the

ganists for many years and has been the college president on several occasions. His reputation as a church organist and choirmaster has been enviable and he has a large following of friends who have been his choir members and pupils. At present he is organist and choirmaster at the Dundas Center United Church. He was at St. Andrew's United for forty-seven years before that. The request program of compositions by Mr. Wheeler included, three songs, sung by Mrs. Helen Orth; five sketches for violin and piano, by Mrs. Meda Gunn, with Mr. Wheeler at the piano; a sacred song, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," by Dr. F. T. Egener, and two 'cello solos by Rowland Pack. All the per-formers were members of the center. A social half-hour was held at the close of social half-hour was held at the close of

the program. SERGEANT A. E. HARRIS, Secretary.

Brantford Center. "The Development of Liturgical Music" "The Development of Liturgical Music" was the interesting topic of a well-pre-pared address by John Cozens, conductor of the Tallis Choir, Toronto, and di-rector of music of the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist, Brantford, at a meeting of the Brantford Chapter Sat-urday evening, May 6, in the parlor of the Park Baptist Church. Mr. Cozens possesses some fine records and a num-ber of these were heard in conjunction with the address.

ber of these were heard in conjunction with the address. George T. White, vice-chairman, pre-sided and conducted a short business session relative to the festival of music in Zion United Church May 29 and 30, the proceeds to be contributed to the Restoration of British Organs Fund.

ELEANOR L. MUIR, Secretary.

Restoration of British Organs Fund. ELEANOR L. MUIR, Secretary. St. Catharines Center. The monthly meeting of the St. Cath-arines Center was held April 24 at the St. Paul Street United Church, with Bernard Munn presiding. An interesting and informative address was delivered by George Veary, A.R.C.O., organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton. Mr. Veary based his remarks on "Music in Worship: The Report of the Archbishop's Committee of 1922." The speaker urged all to aim to raise the standard of church music, but cautioned them to move slow-ly and with sympathetic understanding. "Much of the music and many of the hymns used frequently in church services are weak and sentimental, giving a false impression, an actual misrepresentation of the Christian religion." he pointed out. Music suitable for weddings was a point which brought forth some discussion. Mr. Veary advised organists to work in co-operation with the clergy, to aim together to promote worthy music. ANNE W. KADWILL, Secretary. Hamilton Center.

ANNE W. KADWILL, Secretary. Hamilton Center. The Hamilton Center held its monthly meeting April 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Llew Lloyd. Paul Daniels gave a very enlightening and interesting demon-stration on Mr. Lloyd's Hammond organ, after which Miss Elsie Lloyd showed a travelogue of moving-pictures which were mostly in technicolor. The chairman. George Veary, conducted a short business meeting and thanked the committees in charge. He also extended the sincere ap-preciation of the center to Mr. and Mrs. Llew Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Coates for their splendid hospitality and assis-tance. tance.

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J. PAUL SOWADA DIES WHILE AT WORK IN VICTORY GARDEN

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With the object of doing something substantial for the men and women in the nation's armed services, the Van Dusen Organ Club arranged a recital by Edward Eigenschenk May 1. Through the efforts of its membership and the drawing power of one of Chicago's ablest recitalists, Kimball Hall was filled and, as is the rule with this club, the evening registered a highly successful event. Mr. Eigen-schenk was greeted by an audience that because of its enthusiasm was as inspir-ational as it was numerous.

because of its enthusiasm was as inspir-ational as it was numerous. Mr. Eigenschenk played the program published in the April issue of THE DIA-PASON, with slight alterations, changing some of the Vierne numbers and adding the Clock Movement Andante by Haydn to the first part of the program. There was variety and balance in his offerings and he proved what so many program to the first part of the program. Incre-was variety and balance in his offerings and he proved what so many program makers do not show—a broad taste and a flair for all types of the best organ compositions. He opened with a markedly clean performance of the Allegro from Handel's First Concerto. This and the Dupré Prelude and Fugue in G minor were probably played best of his larger numbers and the difficulties of the latter work yielded easily to his facile tech-nique. The only unfavorable comment a critic might make is that because of his technique Mr. Eigenschenk is led to take tempos that are too fast, as in Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," which lost its character as a chorale, and the great Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, which would have been much more im-pressive at the tempo obligatory to less which would have been much more im-pressive at the tempo obligatory to less brilliant players. But three of Harvey Grace's arrangements of Bach's com-positions were characterized by lovely registration and the rollicking Arne Gigue was a cheerful interlude between heavier numbers.

heavier numbers. It was refreshing to note the recitalist's recognition of the achievements of two living American woman composers for the organ. Between two Vierne numbers he inserted Lily Moline Hallam's "Sera-phic Chant," and its delicate interpreta-tion made a decided appeal, as did Margrethe Hokanson's lovely "Nordic Reverie," which came between Vierne

and Sowerby's "Carillon." The recital had a brilliant finish with the Widor Toccata and the applause which followed it made

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and the applause which followed it made evident the warm admiration of the audi-ence for Mr. Eigenschenk's work. To comply with the insistent demands of an audience that had not yet been satisfied, Mr. Eigenschenk played as en-core numbers Russell's "Song of the Basket Weaver" and the Vierne "Carillon de Westminster."

MISS EUGENIA NORRIS BRIDE OF MAJOR EDWARD W. FLINT

OF MAJOR EDWARD W. FLINT Miss Eugenia Norris, daughter of Ed-ward Norris and the late Mrs. Norris, was married May 13 at the home of her father on Hart's Hill, Whitesboro, N. Y., to Major Edward Whitney Flint, A.U.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Bemis Flint of Lincoln, Mass. Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers, minister of the Central Presbyterian Church in New York City, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Flint at-tended the Utica Country Day School, the Milton Academy Girls' School, Vas-sar College and the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston. Major Flint is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and of Harvard University. He is a member of the faculty and organist on leave from Brooks School, North Andover, and is at present an instructor in mathematics at the United States Military Academy, West Point. WALTER H. McDANNEL HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY AT CHURCH

ON ANNIVERSARY AT CHURCH

In recognition and appreciation of his fifteen years of service as director of the junior choir and as assistant organist of St. Peter's Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Walter H. McDannel was guest of honor Walter H. McDannel was guest of honor May 5 at a party and reception arranged by a committee representing the vestry and various societies of the church in the parish-house. As a token of the appreciation of the congregation and the vestry Mr. McDannel was presented with a wrist watch. The program consisted of musical num-bers and other entertainment features

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pany. Sergeant Johnson was assistant organ-ist at McCabe Methodist Church and treasurer of the Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists. He has given several recitals at the Waverly Place Methodist Church in Nashville.

BACH FESTIVAL IN ST. LOUIS; RECITAL BY EIGENSCHENK

The fourth annual Bach festival was held in St. Louis the first week of May and was one of the outstanding musical events of the season. The response by the public was a tribute both to the mas-ter himself and the originator of the fes-tival, William B. Heyne, director of the Bach Choir. Capacity audiences heard the three programs the three programs.

Bach Choir. Capacity audiences heard the three programs. The organ itself served as the prelude, for on the night of May 2 the Evangeli-cal Organists' Guild of St. Louis was fortunate in having Dr. Edward Eigen-schenk of Chicago as guest soloist. Mario Salvador originally was selected to take this program, but as he is in military service and was transferred from St. Louis to South Carolina, Mr. Eigen-schenk took his place. A crowded sanc-tuary was in readiness for Mr. Eigen-schenk, who gave a colorful and masterly Bach program which was one of the finest this writer has ever had the oppor-tunity to hear. The recital was given at Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church and consisted of the following : Concerto in C major ; Four Chorale Pre-ludes; Trio-Sonata No. 3; "Fugue a la Gigue" : Chorale Transcriptions, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Bist Du bei Mir"; Song-tune from the Peasant Cantata ; Fantasie and Fugue in G minor ; Prelude and Fugue in B minor ; Siciliano and Toccata and Fugue in D minor. minor.

minor. May 4 the St. Louis Institute of Music presented at the Sheldon Memorial Audi-torium Laurent Torno, flutist; Gottfried Galston, pianist; Jean Browning, con-tralto; Harold Haugh, tenor; Gean Greenwell, bass, and a Bach chorus under the direction of Mr. Heyne, which sang the Cantata No. 81, "Jesus Sleeps." This program was a notable event. The great Mass in B minor was the

program was a notable event. The great Mass in B minor was the concluding presentation and was sung May 6 at the Kiel Auditorium. Preced-ing this the brass choir from the Soldan High School, under the direction of Arnold Zopf, played Bach chorales from the auditorium foyer balcony. The solo-ists for this concert were Mary Marting, soprano; Jean Browning, contralto; Har-old Haugh, tenor, and Gean Greenwell, bass. The Festival Orchestra was under the direction of Max Steindel, with Dorothy Drink Smutz at the piano and Martin H. Stellhorn at the Orgatron. Again a large chorus was under the baton of Mr. Heyne. ARTHUR R. GERECKE.



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lished by Galaxy Music Corporation, New York City. The title of this excellent set of pieces aptly designates the style and type of music presented. The suite is dedicated to that master and authoritative per-former of the rococo masterpieces, E. Power Biggs. A combination of his play-ing and this interesting music should pro-vide unique pleasure. The suite includes five individual move-ments. The titles are Overture, "Rondo Ostinato," Sarabande, "Rhythmic Trum-rand direct, melodic in character, alive with rhythmic verve. It is music of slight or moderate difficulty, but of un-usually high quality. Despite its definite election to suggest antique modes and models, this is not wishy-washy, sterile imitation of past glories—it is beautifully written, eloquent, living creation; the intrinsic value of the music goes far beyond any limitations of time or type. There has been little organ music pub-lished of late years that could be classed above this suite for clarity of statement, competency of craftsmanship, musical beauty and technical mastery. It is ideal for concert or teaching purposes. for concert or teaching purposes.

Prelude on the Negro Spiritual "Deep River," by George Kemmer; published by G. Schirmer, Inc., New York City.

River," by George Kemmer; published by G. Schirmer, Inc., New York City. That great soul and gifted singer, a truly inspired minstrel of his race, Harry T. Burleigh, for over fifty years baritone soloist in St. George's Church, New York City, has been the inspiration for this splendid fantasia on a great old melody. Composer Burleigh's extensive work in the cultivation of that truly American treasure, the Negro spiritual, a labor of love that extends back to his student days with Dvorak in the mid-nineties, makes his colleague's choice of "Deep River" as the musical theme of this tribute particularly apt. The result of the stimulus is an ingratiating organ composition reaching a high level of eloquence and musical effect, but manag-ing to stay at quite a moderate degree of difficulty. The result is a piece of first-class music, worthy for its intrinsic values, and a charming tribute to one deserving of the gesture. "Prologue Elegiaque," by Roland Dig-ale: publiched by F. B. Marke Marke

deserving of the gesture. "Prologue Elegiaque." by Roland Dig-gle; published by E. B. Marks Music Corporation, New York City; "Elegiac Poem," by Roland Diggle; published by Sprague-Coleman, Inc., New York; "Ode Heroigue." by Roland Diggle; published by Axelrod Music Publica-tions, Providence, R. I. The prolific Dr. Diggle of Los An-geles is responsible for the three pieces listed and issued recently. They are rep-resentative of his deft skill in shaping his creative ideas into idiomatic, effective organ writing. We find evident his fluent

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melodic gift, and equally evident is his gift of rhythmic conception. The "Prologue" is the most ambitious project in the trio of publications. Flaunt-ing a virile theme and marked by lavish virtuoso effects, it is definitely concert music of excellent quality and certain audience appeal. Less distinctive are the other two pieces. The composer evidently has not aimed as high. The result is a more ordinary grade of writing. We are given practical utility music rather than idealistic creation. Which is not to say that the latter two titles are to be con-demned. They are simply unfortunate in being compared to a first-class work. "Retrospection" and "Dusk at Friendship

"Retrospection" and "Dusk at Friendship Lake," two pieces for organ by Helen Searles Westbrook; published by Neil A. Kjos Music Company, Chicago.

A. Kjos Music Company, Chicago. This is music of individuality, marked by melodic richness and lush harmony. The composer is evidently interested in the emotional urge of her creative gift, not so much its formal and formalistic side. This talent for musical expression has been, in the past, made evident in a list of finely conceived and polished com-positions, some of which have become well known and popular. These new pieces deserve to be placed at the head of the list of this composer's achieve-ments. Both pieces are lovely in content, alive with inspiration, set down by an organ player who shapes her musical conception so that in its completed form it "fits" the instrument. Unless I am mistaken these two pieces will promptly proceed to a desirable rating as novelties in general demand.

Works of Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, Volume No. 8 in "Masterpieces of Organ Music," edited by Norman Hennefield; published by the Liturgical Music Press, Inc., New York City. For the latest volume in this unique series of reprints the composer chosen for exploitation is Zachau, an immediate predecessor of J. S. Bach, a great musi-cian who had much to do with the basic training of Handel as well as many others of that period. Six pieces are in-cluded in this set—two Preludes and Fugues, both in G major, and four beau-tiful examples of this composer's fashion in chorale preludes. in chorale preludes.

Sarabande, by J. S. Bach, arranged for organ by Edmund Sereno Ender: "Sab-bath Mood." by Giuseppe Stabile; "Mountain Idyl," by Harold K. Marks; published by Theodore Presser Com-pany, Philadelphia.

The Bach piece presents us with one The Bach piece presents us with one of that great master's most entrancing melodies. Serving in the original as a slow movement (Sarabande) in the Sixth Sonata for Violoncello, the one in D major, it is here efficiently transcribed for organ. The arranger has not felt called on to distort or to overdecorate this beautiful work; the result is an organ piece of unusual values. The other two pieces are simple works of no great pretensions.

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under Wa-Li-Ro Lead The seventh annual boy choir festival of the Diocese of Ohio was held in Trin-ity Cathedral, Cleveland, May 14, under the auspices of Camp Wa-Li-Ro, the diocesan choir school. The congregation was made up of many people from points outside Cleveland and from such distant places as Toledo, Pittsburgh and Grand Rapids. Harold Tower and Paul Allen Beymer directed the choirs, while Walter Blodgett, Stephen E. Cool and Jacques Remsberg presided at the organ. Healey Willan's Magnificat No. 4. with faux-bourdons, and his Nunc Dimittis weres ung after the lessons. The anthems were "Thy Kingdom Come," Gardner Evans, and "The King's Highway," David McK. Williams. Donald Lende-rink, soprano boy trained by Harold Tower, came from Grand Rapids to sing Bach's "My Heart Ever Faithful." Walter Blodgett played a Franck chorale and Jacques Remsberg played as the postlude Rogers' "Carillon," from his First Sonatina. Choristers came from Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, Willoughby, Hudson, Gates Mills and Painesville. Tamp Wa-Li-Ro, located in the Lake Frie islands at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, will be open as usual this summer for boy and men choristers, their families and friends. It will be the eleventh season of the choir school and camp. The choirmaster conference, for both men and women, will be held from July 10 to 14, with a faculty headed by Dr. T. Tertius Noble, Bishop Beverley Tucker, the Rev. Freed-eric B. Atkinson and Walter Blodgett. Moring and evening sessions will be conducted with afternoons free for rec-reation. The special choir of about twenty boys from affiliated choirs will be used for demonstrations and will sing the services. Paul Allen Beymer is the director and the Rev. Dayton B. Wright. Bused for demonstrations and will sing the chaplain. *CRGAN AND PLANO RECITAL BY*

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ORGAN AND PIANO RECITAL BY MR. AND MRS. BOYER IN TEXAS

MR. AND MRS. BOYER IN TEXAS A. Blanchard Boyer and Mrs. Lois Pinson Boyer presented a program of organ and piano music at East Texas Teachers' College, Commerce, Tex., May 16. Mr. Boyer, instructor of organ, is a graduate of Baylor University and a member of the Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Mrs. Boyer, formerly of Forney, is a graduate of Texas State College for Women. Both musicians have done graduate work at the University of Texas. The program was as follows: Chorale Prelude, "Sleep-ers, Wake," and Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach (Mr. Boyer); Sonata, Op. 53, "Waldstein," Beethoven (Mrs. Boyer): Chorales, "A Beauteous Rose Hath Blossomed" and "My Heart Cries Out in Anguish." Brahms (Mr. Boyer); Capriccio, Op. 76, No. 1, and Capriccio, Op. 76, No. 8, Brahms (Mrs. Boyer); "Piece Heroique," Franck (Mr. Boyer).

UNDER ARTHUR A. GRIEBLING'S direction the choirs of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis.. gave a vesper service on the evening of April 30. Among the choral numbers were a vesper service on the evening of April 30. Among the choral numbers were Bortniansky's "Shepherd of Israel," "Bow Down Thine Ear," Fatyeff, arranged by Tkach; "Come, Sweet Evening Guest," the last-named sung by the combined choirs: "O Lord Most Holy," sung by the girls' choir, and "Day Is Dying in the West." the closing number, sung by the combined choirs. Mr. Griebling played: "Laus Deo," from "Messe de Mariage," Dubois; "To an American Soldier," Thompson, and "Oay Is Ist." Mueller.

MISS LOUISE C. TITCOMB, minister of music of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, N. Y., conducted a sacred con-cert in her church Sunday afternoon, May 5. The feature of the program was the singing of Faure's "Requiem." The choir was assisted by George A. Johnston, bari-tone; Harold Henderson, violin, and Bert B. Tidd trumpet. tone; Harold Her R. Tidd, trumpet.

HOWARD KELSEY

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Howard Kelsey, who as announced in the March issue of THE DIAPASON, was to leave the First Congregational Church of St. Louis to go to the Second Baptist, was guest of honor at a farewell in connection with the April meeting of the Missouri Chapter, A.G.O., and 150 members of the church joined the organ-ists in recognizing the service Mr. Kel-sey has rendered the First Congregational parish. After dinner the Rev. Frederick William Hyslop, the pastor, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey a large crystal bowl and a pair of crystal candelabra, gifts of the church. Clarence Barksdale, on behalf of the music committee, intro-duced Mr. Kelsey's successor, James W. Evans, to the Guild and the church. Mr. Evans is professor of organ at Shurtleff College, Alton, III., and, like Mr. Kelsey, is a graduate of the Union Theological seminary School of Sacred Music and was an organ student of Clarence Dick-inson.

ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVICE—his forty-second—as organist of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J., has been begun by Dr. Thomas Wilson. Undaunted by the fact that all of his musical library and many pieces of organ music written especially for him were destroyed in the church fire Feb. 29, Dr. Wilson continues to arrange programs for the weekly services now held in the Masonic Temple. Dr. Wilson served for thirty-eight years as supervisor of music in the Elizabeth public schools, from which position he retired in 1942.

MRS. FRIEDA OP'T HOLT VOGAN is relinquishing the position of organist and choirmaster at Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., June 1 to take a similar position at the First Presbyterian Church, a lovely edifice built about ten years ago, which has a fine three-manual Möller organ. This is the church where E. W. Doty played before going to the Univer-sity of Texas.

THE WOMAN ORGANISTS' CLUB of Detroit met May 23 at St. Matthias' Church for its monthly dinner and recital. After dinner in the parish-house the members and friends went into the church to hear a program of organ music by Margaret E. McMillan and Grace Halver-son, songs by Alfred LeBlanc, tenor, and organ and piano duets by Mrs. Edwin F. Sherrill and Lou Lillian Piper. Mrs. Piper was hostess for the evening.

MISS GRACE LEEDS DARNELL, the New York organist and junior choir au-thority, has been engaged to give a junior choir course at the Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, and also will teach organ there. Her work will con-tinue through the summer session, from June 12 to July 21.

REDLANDS ORGAN STUDENTS GIVE TWO BACH PROGRAMS

GIVE TWO BACH PROGRAMS GIVE TWO BACH PROGRAMS Members of Leslie P. Spelman's organ class at the University of Redlands in California played the entire liturgical year by Bach in two programs Sunday afternoon, May 21, and Tuesday evening, May 23. Mildred Kammeyer spoke on "The Place of the Chorale Prelude in the Church Service" and Inez Miniely on "The Form of the Chorale Prelude." The entire class has been studying these cho-rales throughout the year. The following students took part: Inez Miniely, Ann Sweet, Lorraine Teasdale, Mildred Kam-meyer, Mary Jane McConnel, Susan Hil-bers, Charles Jester, Rollin Cochrane, Don Shanks, Marjorie Hughes and Clara Jean Lolmangh. Saturday afternoon, May 13, the fol-lowing compositions were played as a part of the spring festival on an all-American program: "Carillon," Sowerby (Susan Hilbers): "L'Organo Primitivo," Yon (Mildred Kammeyer): "Dreams." McAmis (Mary Jane McConnel); Toc-cata, Farnam (Inez Miniely): "Carillon," DeLamarter (Margaret Shugart): Pre-lude, DeLamarter (Marjorie Hughes). May 16 Mary Jane McConnel, a senior in science, gave an organ program.

in science, gave an organ program. DR. ROLLO F. MAITLAND and his daughter, Miss S. Marguerite Maitland. gave the following program in Calvary Presbyterian Church. Riverton, N. J., May S: Organ, "Marche aux Flambeaux," Guilmant: Cantilene, Matthews, and Al-legro Vivace from First Symphony. Vierge (Dr. Maitland): soprano solos. "My Heart Ever Faithful." Bach: "With Ver-dure Clad," Haydn. and Gloria, R. F. Maitland (Miss Maitland): Evensong, Martin: "Spinning Song," Mendelssohn, and Concert Rondo, Hollins (Dr. Mait-land): piano. "The Cuckoo," d'Aquin; Barcarolle, Chopin, and "Toccata Effever-scenti," S. M. Maitland (Miss Maitland) piano and organ. Festival Piece. original-ly composed jointly by Miss Maitland and Dr. Maitland for the dedication of the organ with two consoles in Convention Hall, Philadelphia.

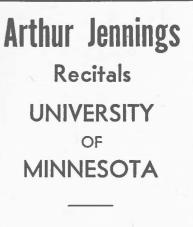
D. STERLING WHEELWRIGHT, act-ing organist and director of the Stanford University choir, conducted massed high school choirs numbering 400 voices when the East Bay A Cappella Choir Festival was held May 17 at the Oakland Munici-pal Auditorium. Dr. Wheelwright also addressed the Northern California Chap-ter, American Guild of Organists, at its annual meeting May 23 in San Francisco. His subject was "How Church Music May Keep Pace with Public Education in * a Democracy."

THE CONGREGATION and choir of the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago will hold a musical service in memory of Caroline Marshall on the church's ninety-seventh anniversary Sunday, June 25. at 7:45 o'clock. Miss Marshall was organist at the Third Church for over thirty years. A set of organ chimes is to be installed as a memorial to her, the funds coming from her friends and members of the church. church

I. H. BARTHOLOMEW, organist and director at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Bethlehem, Pa., has entered upon his forty-second year as organist in this church. The choir and members of the congregation tendered him a testimonial dinner May 12. A program of group singing. vocal and instrumental music had been arranged. Mr. Bartholomew since his retirement from the public school directorship has been affiliated with the Bethlehem Steel Company.

with the Bethlehem Steel Company. HARRY F. FUSSNER, for twenty-five years organist of the Evangelical Church of the Redeemer, Cleveland, will be acting organist and choirmaster of the Church of the Covenant until a permanent organ-ist is installed. Mr. Fussner studied organ, harmony. composition and theory with Dr. Albert Riemenschneider for five years at Baldwin-Wallace College. He is a member of the American Guild of Or-ganists and the Singers' Club. HAROLD E. KUHN has been ap-pointed organist and choir director at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Newark, N. J. Previous to going to St. Barnabas' be was organist and director at Epiphany Episcopal Church, New York. a position he held for seven years. Mr. Kuhn is also director of music in the schools of Caldwell, N. J.





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koo in Spring," Delius. THE PHILADELPHIA Chapter of the National Association for American Com-posers and Conductors is ready to receive manuscripts and published compositions for next season's concerts. These are limited for the duration to pieces for piano, piano and violin or 'cello, or violin, 'cello and piano trios. solos with piano, 'instrumental or vocal, vocal duos, trios or quartets. Manuscripts may be sent to N. Lindsay Norden, chairman, at 7211 Emlen Street, Philadelphia 19.

FROM THE TOWN of Coal Valley, Ill., comes word in an Associated Press dis-patch that Trinity Lutheran Church has raised sufficient money to purchase an organ, but has invested the entire amount in war bonds until after the war. The organ has been ordered, the cost to be \$2,000.

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Hymn That Makes History

Hymn That Makes History One hymn is making history so fast just now that we are likely to have some confusion about it. Even before Pearl Harbor the words "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" had begun to acquire new stanzas. Some account of this hymn may therefore be of more than passing interest. The original hymn, written by William Whiting in 1860, is found in three versions, the first of which begins with the line "O Thou Who bidd'st the ocean deep," giving the words "Eternal Father, strong to save" in the fourth line. The version appearing in "Hymns Ancient and Modern" (1861) is in the form familiar to us, using the past tense in the line "Whose arm hath bound the restless wave." (Some modern books use the present tense, "doth bind.") The "Handbook to the Presbyterian Hymnal of 1933" states that the hymn is a trans-lation from a Latin hymn, but Julian says that Whiting made a Latin version of his own text, which was printed in 1867 in "Annotated Hymns Ancient and Modern." It is interesting to note that a translation of the English text was made by missionaries in 1867 into the Mota language, as used on Norfolk Island in the Solomons! So much for the origin of the hymn itself. It was mated immediately by

Island in the Solomons I So much for the origin of the hymn itself. It was mated immediately by Dykes to the tune "Melita," and no other setting has found its way into the well-kown books. "Melita" of course was the name of the island on which St. Paul was shipwrecked. Several new versions of the hymn have become popular recently in order to

Paul was shipwrecked. Several new versions of the hymn have become popular recently, in order to include land and air travel in the se-quence, as well as the perils of war. Among those receiving wide recognition are the two following: The first is the version found in the Episcopal Hymnal of 1940, No. 513, in which stanzas 2 and 3 are taken from "A Missionary Service Book," dated 1937. They preserve the Trinitarian pattern, being addressed to Christ and the Holy Spirit. They do not mention the dangers of those who fight. The last line of the hymn is altered to read "Glad praise from air and land and sea." [A sensitive ear might prefer "from land and air and sea," especially as that is the order of mention in the new stanzas.] The other was written by Rob-ort D. Workman, head of the Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department. The first lines of stanzas 2 and 3 are as follows: "Creator! Who dost from above"—praying for those who fight on land—and "Almighty! Who canst from on high"—referring to the air pilots. The fourth stanza reads thus: O Trinity of love and power, Our forces shield in danger's hour. O Trinity of love and power, Our forces shield in danger's hour. From peril, onslaught, fire and foe Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus ever may there rise to Thee Glad hymns from air and land and sea.

Other adaptations of Whiting's great Other adaptations of Whiting's great lyric are likely to appear. May we sug-gest that when any of them are printed on service calendars the facts as to their authorship should be added? We would be glad to act as a clearing-house of in-formation if those who actually produce or use publicly such variant texts will send them to the secretary. One further word about the tune. "Melita" has been "borrowed" for a few other hymns, among which are "God of Our Fathers, Known of Old," by Kip-

other hymns, among which are "God of Our Fathers, Known of Old," by Kip-ling; "O Thou within Whose Sure Con-trol," by Kathryn Munro; "O Master of the Waking World," by Frank Mason

MISS RUTH MELVILLE.

MISS RUTH MELVILLE, organist and teacher of organ at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill., gave her annual recital at the Church of Our Saviour Sunday evening, April 23, and played several great works in organ literature before an appreciative audience. The program was as follows: Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "Come, Sweet Death," Bach; Allegro from "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale" Concerto, Handel; Cho-rale in A minor, Franck; "Carillon," Sowerby; Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Dupré; "Pange Lingua Gloriosa," Ed-mundson; Toccata, "Tu es Petra," Mulet. Miss Melville also played a Lenten vesper program at Trinity Church in Jacksonville Sunday afternoon, March 26.

RUTH MELVILLE

26. Miss Melville studied with Marcel Dupré at Fontainebleau, France, receiv-ing diplomas in organ performance, peda-gogy and solfeggio. Previous to this for-eign study she was graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a bachelor of music degree, having studied under Harold Gleason. Later she took her mas-ter of music in musicology. She has studied also with Joseph Bonnet. Miss Melville is organist and choir di-rector at Trinity Episcopal Church aside from her regular duties at MacMurray College.

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North, and "Ye Fair Green Hills of Galilee," by Eustace R. Conder. But it may be hoped that this vigorous tune, so completely associated with "Eternal Father," will not be drawn upon for other hymn texts.

The Church of the Covenant in New York is now surrounded by the Tudor City colony of apartments, in which large numbers of naval service men live. Each Sunday we amplify the hymns to be used later in the morning service on the chimes, always ending with "Melita," and its use is really appreciated. REGINALD L. MCALL.

FESTIVAL SERVICE IN ALBANY

ENDS DIOCESAN CONVENTION

ENDS DIOCESAN CONVENTION The annual clerical convention of the Diocese of Albany, N. Y., was brought to a close May 2 with a festival service arranged by the Albany Diocesan Choir-masters' Association. Over 200 choristers from the churches of the district took part. The service was preceded by a recital by Duncan Trotter Gillespie, or-ganist of St. George's Church, Schenec-tady, and president of the association. Mr. Gillespie's numbers were: Prelude and Fugue in E (Cathedral), Bach; Air and Variations (Suite for Organ), So-werby; Chorale in A, Franck. Conductors for the service were Clarence Hollister of St. Peter's, Albany, and Mr. Gillespie. The service was played by Robert W. Morse, organist of the Albany Cathedral. The closing voluntary was played by Raymond Halse of St. Paul's, Albany. The master of ceremonies was Charles Collier of Christ Church, Coxsackie.



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THOMAS E. YERGER, COLLEGE ORGANIST, DIES IN EASTON, PA.

Thomas E. Yerger, professor of music at Lafayette College and college organist, died May 12 after a heart attack. He was 55 years old. Mr. Yerger was born in Reading, Pa., and went to Easton as a boy. He formed his connection with Lafayette College in 1920 as an assistant in the foundry in the mechanical engiin the foundry in the mechanical engi-neering department. Meanwhile he served as organist and choir director in local churches, soon being made college organ-ist and director of the glee club. Later he was designated as professor of music. Professor Yerger studied privately in Germany and Paris. He was not married.

HAROLD L. TURNER has resigned as HAROLD L. TURNER has resigned as minister of music of the First Methodist Church of Anderson, Ind., effective after Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday evening Mr. Turner directed his chapel and youth choirs, nearly 100 voices, and an orchestra of thirty pieces in the second annual pres-entation of Dubois' "The Seven Last Words."



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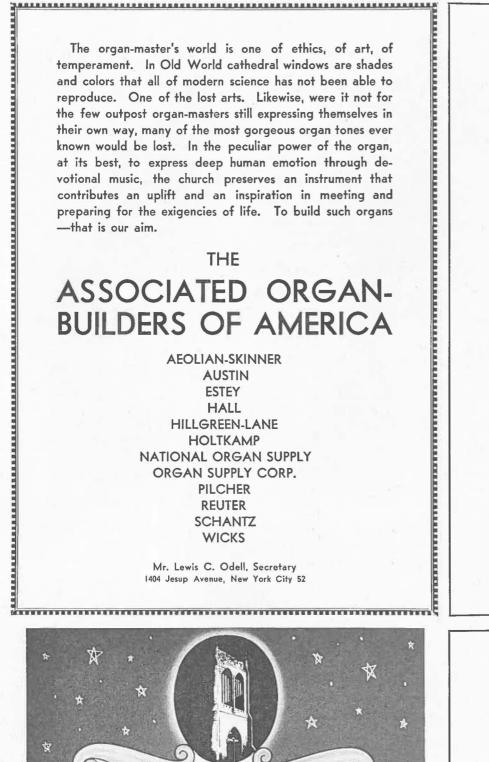
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