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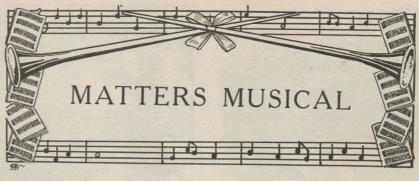
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WE appreciate very much the many kind things that were said in comment on our December

comment on our December "Matters Musical," and the only other reward that we ask is that our sub-scribers will make still more use of this department, both in enquiries and with suggestions. We find from the many letters re-

ceived that a large number of our subscribers are interested in church music, and nothing would please us more than to be able to use our influence towards raising to a higher standard the musical part of our church services.

WOLF-FERRARI'S "La Vita Nouva," which is to be sung by the Mendelssohn Choir next February, has made a triumphant im-pression in Germany, Holland, England and America, and has been acclaimed by the aritics as a new word in musical the critics as a new word in musical composition. Extraordinary demands are made upon the abilities of the chor-isters performing it, high C's and pro-longed passages difficult of execution abounding in the first tenor and first soprano parts. The orchestration, too, is unusual in parts, and in addition to is unusual in parts, and in unds, seven the regular orchestra demands, seven kettledrums, organ, big drum, tandam, two bells and a pianoforte. This last two bells and a pianoforte. This last instrument is employed as a solo instru-ment, as an accompaniment, and also as an integral part of the orchestra. Once it is introduced with two harps, the string band and all the seven kettle-drums in a movement entitled "The Angel's Dream," the effect produced being most remarkably beautiful. Throughout the entire composition the treatment of Dante's text is one that could only emanate from a master mind. The story of the poet's love for Bea-trice, its influence, and its fruit, belongs to literary history and psychology. In his own words, "At that moment (the his own words, "At that moment (the first meeting) I say most truly that the spirit of life which hath its dwelling in the secret chamber of the heart began to tremble so violently that the least pulses of my body shook therewith, and in trembling it said these words, 'Be-hold a God, stronger than I, who, com-ing, shall rule me.'" Thenceforth a reverant and workling in the forth reverent and worshipping love for the marvellous maiden "more fit to be an angel than a girl" filled the soul of Dante. It was the beginning of a life," the first fruits of which were his

M ANY of our subscribers will doubtless be interested in a short description of an old-time concert given in Toronto recently, by the choir



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The main features of the evening were the old time costumes, and the quaint songs and choruses, which in every case portrayed life as it was at the beginning of the Nineteenth Cen-The gowns featured by the ladies tury. revealed the old-time hoops, basques, and such other fashions as grandmother might describe in telling some old tale. The men were also costumed in that period, wearing velvet suits, in knickers and long stockings, lace collars, and white wigs.

The music was characterized by the old-time jerk and emphasis, and the humor was increased by one or two fin-ger accompaniments. Several members of the choir assisted in old-time recita-tions, color and quarteristics. It may tions, solos and quartettes. It may easily be guessed that the amount of It may work necessary to produce this was in-deed many times heavier than that needed for a modern concert. It certainly reflects great credit on the leader and the members of his choir.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Question-(Organist's letter)-F. K. R.-Please name some good organ preludes and postludes.

Answer—Owing to the limited space at our disposal we must give a rather at our disposal we must give a rather brief answer to the above query, but the following might be considered an at-tractive list: "Communion," Saint Saens; "Peace, Perfect Peace," Willem Coe-nen; "Melody," J. A. West; "Cradle Song," F. Sohr; "Largo," Handel; "Hosanna," Paul Wachs; "Duke Street," George Whiting; "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," George Whiting; "March Militaire," F. Archer; "Pleyel's Hymn," U. C. Burnap. You might find Shelley's book (Gems for the Organs) very useful, and also many composivery useful, and also many compositions by Henry Smart, Edwin Lemare, and H. A. Wheeldon.

and H. A. Wheeldon. CHOIRMASTER, R. W. B.—You will possibly find among the following some useful hints for your anthem work: "Dear Retuge of My Weary Soul," Baumann. This anthem is introduced by a very pleasing baritone solo, fol-lowed by a pianissimo chorus, working up to a very fine climax. "Hark! Hark! My Soul," Shelley, consisting of two contralto solos and a very attractive chorus, with a soprano

very attractive chorus, with a soprano obligato. "Great and Marvellous," Turner. An

exceptionally heavy composition, suit-able for anniversary or thanksgiving services. "Christian the Morn," Shelley. With

soprano and contralto duet, also duet for male voices. "Seek Ye the Lord," Dr. J. Roberts. Opened by a tenor solo, followed by a

tenor obligato, with a soft accompani-ment by the choir. "Still, Still with Thee," Speaks. This is an anthem of much sweetness and pathos, with solos for contralto, bari-tora and correspondent tone and soprano.

For a change, we give some sugges-tions for quartette work. One of the "Vesper Hymn," Lonnie Rees; also, "Come Unto Me," E. R. Bowles; and, "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace," E. R. Bowles.

G. E. H.-I have heard that the study of the violin interferes with of a good pianist. Is this so?

There are two reasons why no one can play piano and violin equally well. The violinist strives to harden his finger tips in order to make his tone definite, while the soul of a sensitive and refined piano touch lies in the softness factor in the matter, for the acoustic pictures peculiar to the two instruments are so thoroughly different from each other that the ear must get accustomed to the tone quality of the piano to produce the best results by exploring its possibilities. The technic, literature and tone quality of the two instruments are too different to admit of a mastery of both.

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