

musical institutions and advertise more widely. The advertisements should feature (1) Courses offered; (2) Scholarships; and other awards; (3) local examinations in music.

The present excellent scheme of scholarships should be extended. Too, they should not be confined to students of the Conservatorium only, which has been done for a year or two past. They should -- to use a sporting phrase -- be open to all comers.

There should be instituted a larger scheme of medals and other awards. At the present time there is a real need for such encouragement, especially in the lower grades. These could be quite inexpensive; in all probability donors could easily be found.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of the local examinations in music held yearly by McGill throughout the Dominion - from Halifax to Vancouver. Fourteen years' close association with this scheme as instructor and examiner, and a first-hand knowledge of conditions in every centre, East and West, (I have now visited every centre at least twice) have convinced me that many changes are due. There is much dissatisfaction felt by the local teachers with regard to two features:

- (a) Certain examination requirements, long since obsolete elsewhere,
- (b) The lack of contact between the Conservatorium and the local centre.

Certain influential local secretaries have made it clear to me that they are expecting drastic changes to be made.

I feel strongly that these examinations have great possibilities for good. They will regulate music instruction in large cities and small villages alike, they will introduce music instruction in districts far remote from the usual musical influences, they will be the means of raising the level of musical taste and performance throughout the Dominion, and last, but far from least, they are to be regarded as a potential feeding-ground for the Conservatorium, second only to Montreal itself.

The present system has many excellent points, but a too cautious policy, and an irritatingly unsympathetic attitude in the past have had the effect of cramping its usefulness. Scholarships and other awards should be offered in connection with these local examinations. This has been done with every other considerable scheme of this sort with which I am familiar.