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ORGANS AND CHOIRS IN TORONTO, CANADA.

While spending the summer in Canada, we enjoyed several weeks stay in the beautiful city of Toronto, and took advantage of the opportunity to visit some of the large churches in that "church-going" town. Unfortunately it was just the season when most of the regular organists and prominent singers were taking their summer vacation, so that many of the choirs were not at their best. However, we found much to enjoy and admire and were impressed by the general interest manifested in church music, the full chorus choirs, the large and sweet-toned organs, and the prompt and hearty congregational singing. In the anthem selections used, we noticed a decided leaning towards the English school of writers. Dr. Stainer seeming to be the prime favorite. This preference for English anthems is what one might naturally expect to find in a land so closely connected with the mother country. And, for that matter, the loyal Canadians might "go farther and fare worse:" as the English anthem, no matter how dry and mechanical, is never undignified or secular in spirit. If it savors of the work shop, it is, at least, good honest work. and not bits of comic opera masquerading in churchly habiliments.

An evening service at the St. James Square Presbyterian Church proved most enjoyable. Dr. T. A. Davies, the organist and choir director, though quite a young man, is very progressive and up-to-date, both in his management of the organ and leadership of the choir. The organ is a powerful two manual instrument: (a third manual is soon to be added, and various mechanical improvements made in the action, etc.) The choir consists of a paid quartette and a well balanced chorus of twenty-five voices. The musical numbers given were judiciously selected and rendered with taste and feeling.

The organ prelude was a romance in D flat, by Love," set by Harry Rowe Shelly. Later came a baritone solo, Dudley Buck's "Fear not ye, O Israel."

with fine effect. At the conclusion of the service Dr. Davies kindly favored us with a charming impromptu recital, rendering the following numbers.

1.	Lied, Wolstenholme.
2.	Introduction, 3rd Act, "Lohengrin," Wagner.
3.	Fruehlingslied, Mendelssohn, Eddy.
4.	Sortie, Rink.
	Berceuse in D, Lemare
6.	"To the Evening Star," ("Tannhauser."
	"Pilgrim Chorus," (Wagner.
7.	Salute d' Amour, Elgar.
8.	Finale Lemmens.

In spite of many other duties, Dr. Davies manages to keep up his organ practice and do considerable recital work. His choir shows the results of careful training, and their singing of both anthems and hymns was noticeably good.

A visit to the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church afforded us the pleasure of listening to (and also examining) a most beautiful organ. At the close of the service Mr. Arthur Blakely, the organist, kindly played several concert numbers for us, pieces especially calculated to bring out the beautiful orchestral effects of this apparently perfect instrument. Among the selections were the "Lohengrin" Prelude, Cantiléne, by Maily, "March Cortége" from Gounod's "Queen of Sheba." Rossini's "Cujus Aniamm" from the "Stabat Mater," a "Bach" Fugue, and Von Weber's brilliant overture to "Euranthe".

The organ is, in many respects, so superior to the average instrument that we are moved to give a description of it, with a list of its numerous stops and couplers.

DESCRIPTION.

The Instrument was enlarged and rebuilt during last summer by the Karn Organ Co., by the addition of Echo and Solo organs, several pedal stops and a change of the action to the Karn-Warren electro-pneumatic system. The improvements were thought out conjointly by Mr. Arthur Blakely, the organist, and Mr. Charles S. Warren, both of whom feel very proud of their achievement.

The Organ has four manual keyboards ranging from CC to C in altissimo with sixty-one notes. The Solo organ having no separate keyboard, and being played with equal facility from any desired manual, may be considered as a "floating" organ, re-enforcing or being accompanied by combinations on any manual at will. The instrument is, therefore, practically a five manual organ.

A remarkable feature is the number of couplers. Lemare, this was followed by an anthem "The King of of which there are no less than twenty-seven. As these act upon another, like ordinary mechanical couplers, the combinations are apparently limitless. The stopheads

The closing anthem, "A Call to the Reapers," was given are arranged in a double row over the Echo manual. unison couplers above, "subs," "supers" and "octaves" grouped systematically below—a convenient and simple arrangement. All combination pistons show at the stop handles, and progress from left to right (soft to loud). Complex movements, liable to confuse the performer unacquainted with the instrument, have been studiously avoided. The key action is adjusted to four ounces pressure for each key and is invariable, no matter how many stops and couplers may be in use. The pedals are concave, with sharps (of ebony) slightly radiating.

> The unison may be detached from the pedals, and the upper notes in melodic passages for the feet brought into easy range by means of the octave coupler. A Sforzando Pedal produces the effect of two organs playing in dialogue.

> The Solo, Echo and Swell organs are "enclosed," and the swell pedals operating upon these departments,

may be used together or separately.

The electric batteries are arranged for convenient control by stop handles. All danger of sounding notes accidentally by moving at the keyboard when not actually playing is thus avoided. The combination pedals giving the various classes of organ tones, form another effective and very useful feature.

The detached console, key fittings, etc., are of polished cherry, matching the elaborately carved organ case, and present a neat and elegant appearance.

A perusal of the specifications will give an idea of the resources of this fine instrument. Of the stops, the Grosse Flute, an open double mouthed flute of a large scale and powerful tone; the Gamba, of strong pungent quality; the Gemshorn, with conical tubes; the echo Aeoline, which is scarcely audible; and the echo Flauto Amabile, of exquisite ethereal quality of tone-might be particularly mentioned. The Celeste, Quintadena. Fagotto, Vox Humana and other stops are all characteristic and beautifully voiced.

SPECIFICATIONS.

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ORGAN PRACTICE ON THE PIANO.

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The greatest problem in learning to play the organ is how to get enough of the right kind of practice. Except in rare cases, opportunities for work upon the king of instruments are limited. Church music committees are obdurate about granting even members of the congregation the privilege of using the organ; the church is often cold and the blower bugbear is ever

usually an unsatisfactory and always expensive method of "raising the wind." Most organists are, therefore, compelled to do a large proportion of practicing at home on the piano. Even in colleges, where an organ | and instruments, that a technic, both instrumental and is provided, practice is often costly, and each must wait his or her turn.

to a high degree, if properly managed. So far as the voice, though, of course the muscles must be trained manual work is concerned, it is really preferable to as well. This applies with equal force to the feet, and have preliminary practice on the piano, rather than to I know from experience, that the kind of practice go directly to the organ, because this method affords described is effective. opportunity for reading the composition without temptation to distract the attention by attempting registra- it is not musically satisfying, because of sustained notes tion effects. One knows at the outset that no characthat cannot be held down, and even more because in teristic organ effects can be produced, and the whole most organ compositions the pedal part is not dupliattention is concentrated on the notes, fingering, cated in the hands, and usually the effect upon the accent and phrasing. True, the touch employed upon listener is that of omission of the harmonic bass. the two instruments is not the same, but legato or There is a temptation to supply the missing bass by staccato playing in practice on the piano will insure playing the pedal part with the disengaged fingers of legato or staccato playing on the organ later, and the the left hand. In some passages, when the parts flow habit of thinking out how a passage should sound, smoothly within a certain compass, this can be done while playing at home in your parlor, will bear good and the notes on all the staves are sounded. The plan fruit when the church or music hall is reached The is musically satisfying, but is bad practice, for this most distinguished organ teacher in America once told reason: If the pedal part be played by the hand, there me that he would take no one as an organ pupil who is a tendency upon reaching the organ, to continue has not acquired sufficient piano technic to play the doing the same thing from force of habit, often with principal Cramer studies with reasonable facility. With the result of blurring, shirking of difficult jumps or him, the piano action must precede the trackers and valves. I quite agree with Mr. Wickham that the person who dedicates him or herself to the piano should keep off the organ bench, but surely it is no upon the piano an excellent plan is first of all, to, play disadvantage to the organist to reverse the order and play the piano. Once one has mastered organ technic, piano practice will never filch it from him and the sweeping away of mechanical and rythmical difficulties by using the keyboard of the stringed instrument manual part, reading the pedal at the same time, and before approaching the pipes, is a decided advantage. mentally toeing, heeling, crossing and skipping with When your really enthusiastic organist gets to the the feet. In other words, occupy the mind just as manuals he wants to hear the music, with all its coloring and expression, as quickly as possible; how great, then, the satisfaction if the obstacles of reading, accent as you play, even making feints to draw stops as needed. and fingering have been eliminated before going to Changes of tempo should be played and dynamic the bench

So much for the hands Now for the feet. Of course. a pedal piano, that is, a set of pedals with action affecting the keys is a great aid. It by no means replaces the pedal pipes, as there is no sustaining quality, and the touch is seldom like that of a real pedal keyboard. Still the keys may be located by this means, and the acquirement of the faculty of using hands and feet together much facilitated. But suppose one has no pedal piano, and that all the actual pedal with us Electric and water motors have not yet become practice has to be done on the organ. I say actual universal, even in city churches and halls, and many practice, because there is a kind that may be done

organists remain at the mercy of human motive power, | without pedals, viz., reading the pedal part along with the manual and thinking it as you go. The benefit from doing this is merely a striking exemplification of the theory advanced by many modern teachers of voice vocal, is largely a mental affair; that proper control of the fingers or vocal chords by the mind is the inmost Piano practice of organ music is useful and effective secret of agility and smoothness on the keyboard or

One trouble with organ practice on the piano is that runs by the feet and the omission of notes in the left hand's own legitimate work.

In practicing organ music with obligato pedal part over the manual parts until they are mastered, never looking at the pedal notes. Next carefully read over the pedal part, away from the keyboard, noting and marking an unusual use of the feet. Then play the though both manuals and pedals were actually playing.

Finally, study the registration and think it all out effects noted, though there is no special utility in attempting to produce these latter, the means employed for dynamic changes being so different on the two classes of instruments. But they should be mentally observed and will naturally be reproduced later.

Those who have never tried this method of practice will be surprised to find how much it does toward preparing the player for work at the organ keyboard.

ERNEST SHRIVER,

in the "Musician."

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PEACE.

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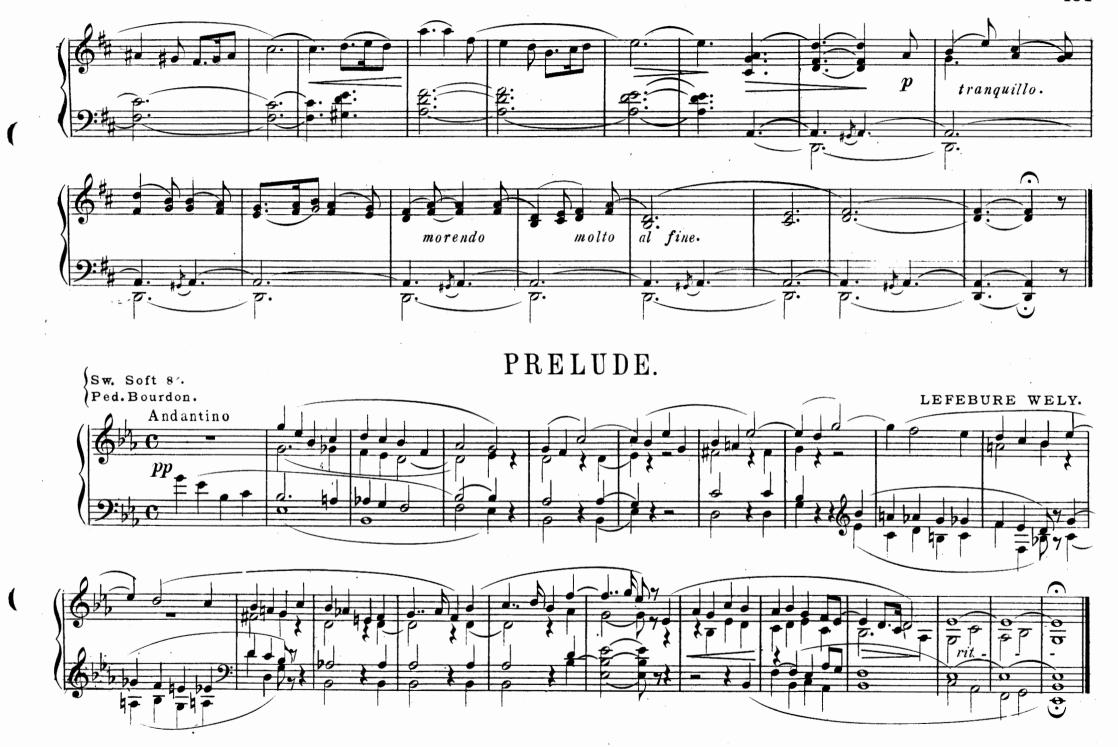
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Holy, Holy, Holy.
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I'm a Pilgrim.

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Lenox.
Lord, Dismiss Us.
My Faith Looks up to Thee.
Nearer, My God, to Thee.
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