SYMPHONY DOES WELL 3 Evanston Poets Given

Little Symphony Gives Best Program of Season and Shows Splendid Sureness Under Dasch Baton

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The concert given on Monday evening, January 10, at New Trier high school by George Dasch and his Little Symphony orchestra, was the best of this season's programs, so far. The orchestra is beginning to whip into the fine musicianly shape of last year's orchestra. Entrances were all that anyone would wish, last Monday evening, and the orchestra showed a splendid sureness in following Mr. Dasch's baton.

The first half of the program was especially well done. It began with the Overture from "Der Freischutz," by Carl Maria Von Weber, one of the finest masterpieces of its kind. The orchestra caught its background of simplicity, and interpreted beautifully the naive and hearty feeling of the old Teutonic huntsmen and villagers.

Rimsky-Korsakow's third movement, "The Young Prince and the Young Princess," of "Scheherazade," was delightfully smooth and lyrical. Gretry's Ballet Suite from "Cephale et Procris," was next played. The Tambourin movement was very gay, the Menuetta had a lovely richness, and the Gigue was lively. The tempo was irreproachable, and the ensemble perfect.

Howard Preston, bass-baritone of the Chicago Civic Opera company, sang the Massenet's aria, "Vision Fugitive" from "Herodiade," with all the fervor and despairing beauty the song requires. The orchestra gave him good support. Mr. Preston obliged the audience with an encore, "The Blind Plowman," by Clark.

The second half of the program was given over to three works by Richard Wagner, beginning with the Prelude to "Lohengrin." This and the following number, "Waldweben" from "Siegfried," were quite well done, but they did not show the finish of the preceding numbers. The orchestra seemed inclined at times to get a little heavy. Mr. Preston was again heard in the last number, "Wotan's Farewell" and "Magic Fire Scene" from "Die Walkure," which he sang with a dignity and richness of tone. He was upheld by a good though sometimes too loud orchestral accompaniment.

Miss Winnifred Mickey, a Wilmette pianist, appeared in the afternoon with the orchestra. She is to be congratulated upon her efficient rendering of Liszt's "Hungarian Fantasie." There was good ensemble between Miss Mickey and the orchestra.

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Three Evanston poets-Louise Ayres Garnett, Lew Sarett and Arthur H. Nethercot-have poems and their biographies in the recently-issued anthology of the best magazine poetry of the year 1926, edited by William Stanley Braithwaithe. The compiler is literary editor of the Boston Transcript. The poems selected from the local writers are Mrs. Garnett's "Ballad of the Door-Stone" which first appeared in the magazine Poetry and is included in her recently-published book of verse, "Eve Walks in Her Garden"; Mr. Sarrett's "Tamarack Blue," which appeared first in Poetry and was later included in "Slow Smoke," the poet's latest volume, and Prof. Nethercot's "Cosmography."

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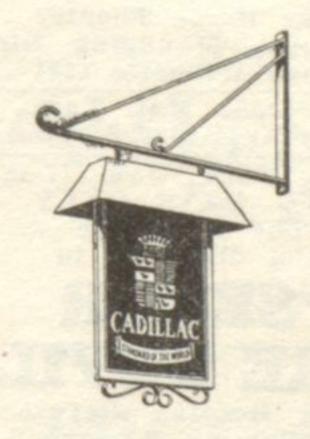
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