## IN RELATED KEYS <br> Hargegt Bates

At the Universalist church Sunday mony, is lost sight of, and to make it afternoon the audience was the larg- worse, doubled thirds, consecutive ocest yet, filling both galleries and every accessible corner. There were two solos, one by Mr. Charles Hagenow, the Andante from De Beriot's vilin concerto, the other a vocal solo by Mr. Kettering. "From the Depths," by Campana. Mr. Charles Hagenow's solo two weeks ago showed fine tone and expression but called for a little command of rapldity and technique. DeBeriot's concerto made more demand and Mr. Hagenow gave an increased impression of technical skill and artistic control. The tone seemed a little thin, lacking in richness: it had, however, great sweetness and fine singing qualtechnique was very brilliant.

Mr. Kettering's voice is the voice of a singer. It has faults, among which is the exasperatingly persistent tremolo of most Lincoln singers. But it does sing. It gides; it does not like too many voices we hear walk, and walk apparently over rough ground. It delivers not separate notes, but a sustained and unifled song. It is one of the most lyric male volces in the city, a voice that can rouse, a voice that one can look forward to hearing.

Another soloist, not on the program, should be named. That is Miss Hagenow. Her piano playing in the Mozart quartet, while, of course, lacking the power that will come only of maturer strength, showed sympathetic musical insight anll be envied by some of the uick-fingered virtuosos who robust quick-fingered virtuosos who robustas unintelligible to them as to their open-mouthed audience. Understanding is the important thing. Miss Hage now has it.

The Rubinstein Molto Lento, "The Music of the Spheres," was delicately dreamy, particularly in contrast to the stormy allegro, with its peculiarly rest less theme. The Schubert Ave Maria oo, was peaceful, full of the mood that, whether worship, or love of nature, or quiet love for man, we recognize as spiritual rest. The Beethoven Minuetwith its suggestion, to the irreverent, of the "Buy a Broom Waltz," was archy amusing, and Haydn's "Hey-day, Hey-day," ended the program excellently.

It is a pity that congregations canno sing hymns with some life, some force. t is not that some do not sing. The rouble is that those who do sing seem to have the wrong idea of the task that is set before them. Hymns are not bad music, unless they are really badly written psalm-tunes, or Gospel Hymns. Most of our graver church hymns are excellent music. Many have melody, but their chief strength does not lie in melody. It lies in the deep chords, in their rich, rolling strength, their slow procession through simple, but massive, cadences. They are chorales, and one who has ever heard a chorale well sung by a great chorus knows what force it may have. But how are hey sung in most of our churches? In the first place, the time drags. It is meant to be slow, but it is also meant to be steady, not to go slower at each step. Then, to make it worse, every one sings the whole melody, after the sim ple fashion of a negro prayer meeting. So the chief merit of the hymn, its har
aves, all the bugbears of the mu sician, abound everywhere Let sopra nos, contraltos, tenors and baritones, each keep to their own part of the score. Then the music will have the weight, the mass that it needs. At present w ing our chorales as a child would strum hem, playing the air and the accompaniment in octaves. It is time for our ontraltos, tenors and baritones to learn a itttle independence, and a little about harmony.

Mr. Martinus Sieveking played in Boston last Saturday at the concert of the Boston Symphony orchestra. He played the Saint Saen plano-forte concerto No. in G minor, As the Boston Symphony ecognizes only the greatest of artists, $t$ is evident that Mr. Sleveking is thought a little more of in Boston than in Lincoln. The trouble, while he was with us, was that our people decided that, since he was with us he couldn' be so very great, and they stuck to this ill he went. It is the old story of the man who offered the dollar for fifty ents and found no purchaser.

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