

WE ARE THE MUSIC MAKERS

"We are the music makers
And we are the dreamers of dreams,"
--Arthur O'Shaughnessy

I. This afternoon we are dedicating
an organ

A. Balzac once wrote: "The organ is
in truth the grandest, the most daring
the most magnificent of all instru-
ments invented by human genius. It
is a whole orchestra in itself. It
can express anything in response to
a skilled touch."

B. As a matter of fact the range of
an organ is greater than that of
any other instrument--even greater
than that of the entire symphony
orchestra.

C. Heimsath writes; "For more than
a thousand years this incredible
musical instrument has been associated
with the worship of Western Christen-
dom."

D. There was a time, however, when
our fathers frowned on having such
a contraption in a church

II. There are four things which we
should keep in mind about an organ--
each of these things relates to the
fact that we do not have here just
wood and metal and (air) but a personal-
ity. *electric current*

A. A person or persons made this
instrument

1. Somebody built it
2. There was an "organ maker"
3. You did not just wave a wand
and watch the instrument
assemble itself.

B. There were and are persons who
created music to be played on this
instrument

1. We had, in my home, a little
gadget that hung on the back
porch - made of glass - when
the wind blew it tinkled!
2. When you hear this organ you
are not listening to a chance
tinkling - you are listening
to the soul of a person.

C. In the third place there is an
organist.

1. This instrument does not play
itself.
2. You may have the most wonderful
organ in the world and it will
be useless unless there is a
person around who can play it.
 - a. Who selects what to play
 - b. Who knows how to register it
 - c. Who has the technical skill
to execute it.

D. In the fourth place there is no sense in playing an organ unless somebody is listening.

1. If none of us could hear there would be no need for an organ
2. If none of us listens there is no need for an organ
3. This organ is here to do something to us.

III. What can it do?

A. Everytime it makes a sound it says: This is what happens when personality takes hold of matter

Instrument B. More than this - the mighty music which will roll forth from ~~these~~ *this* pipes will prepare your minds for worship.

C. This music will help you utter that which is inexpressible as you worship.

D. This music will stir you so that you will go forth from this sanctuary to build God's kingdom on earth.

1. O'Shaughnessy has expressed it in his poem - "We Are The Music Makers"

4. In this fear shaken world may the music of this organ recall you not only to the resources of the Christian gospel but also to the glorious adventure of following the Eternal Christ.

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