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time. His favourite aria was from 'Martha,' and his favourite tenor Beniamino Gigli. The unknown tenor concluded the interview by singing a few bars of Schubert's 'Thine is My Heart,' which could scarcely be said to be a test of his virtuosity."

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A week or so later, the next copy of the *Listener In* reached us, and we looked it up to see how Mr. Schepsi had fared with his audience. This is what we found, under the heading "Instrumentalists Steal Schepsi's Thunder":

"Brilliant young 3XY pianist, Doug. Gamely, and internationally - known trumpeter John Robertson, stole the show from Joseph Schepsi, when Melbourne's 'unknown' tenor made his debut at the Melbourne Town Hall last week.

"There were few vacant seats in the Melbourne Town Hall for this highly unusual concert . . . and it says much for the good nature of the audience that Mr. Schepsi, whose confidence was in inverse ratio to his talents, was given a sympathetic reception.

"The tenor has a natural lyric voice of which, given sound training and production early, something might conceivably have been made. But Mr. Schepsi has elected to be judged on what he is, and not what he might have been, and the result, musically, was almost completely negligible, despite the gallant efforts of Kevin Bradley and the Modern Symphonic Orchestra to carry the singer on their shoulders. . . ." and so on.

Since then we have heard no more of Mr. Schepsi, and so far there is no indication that he will bring his expensive talents to New Zealand.

A BOYS' CHOIR from the Invercargill Borstal Institute was heard from the Studio of 4YZ on Monday, May 22. Its conductor and accompanist is Kennedy Black, whose photograph appears here.



The singing is entirely voluntary on the part of the boys, and was introduced by the Department of Justice as a cultural influence on their lives. The response has been remarkable, and the membership of the choir has never been less than 40. The voices are tested individually, and the boys wear special class dress for the lesson. They enter into the lessons whole-heartedly, and thoroughly enjoy the four-part singing.

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