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Certain modern music strives to eliminate from its existence both the harmonic and the rhythmic bases with which we are familiar. Hindemith, by removing only one, and that one not entirely, leaves the floundering listener with at least one lifeline. And in the end he always finds his way to a common chord, which is consoling.

The brief, brilliant little scherzo which is the middle movement of this sonata gives Senor Sanroma occasion to feel, in more than one place, that he is playing Gershwin again. Just a few bars from the end of it he might be excused from thinking he is back in the opening bars of the *Rhapsody in Blue*.

The upper register of the piano used in the recording has an extraordinary quality of tone, or else Sanroma has had a set of detachable tack-hammers made to fit his fingers. It is a most unpleasant, stinging sound that he makes.

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TALKING of Divertimenti, there are 22 such works by Mozart, and 13 others going by the name either of serenade or cassation; and Haydn wrote about 70 divertimenti, serenades, cassations and nocturnes. Four or five from each would be a mere drop out of the



bucket, and they would greatly enrich the repertoire of our various broadcasting orchestras. Works for strings and two horns especially would be a happy means of broadening the scope of the programmes.

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Two weeks ago in writing of a concert relayed from 3YA I referred vaguely to "The Southland Boys", imagining that I had already designated them properly as "The Southland Boys' High School Choir". This latter is the actual name of the choir, and is the one I should have used.

★ "WELL MADE, NEW ZEALAND!" This was the prizewinning slogan in the competition recently organised by the Commercial stations. The judges had a hard time of it, as more than 40,000 entries were sent in. A special committee (seen above) was appointed by the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation and these men worked hard to sort out the winning entries.

The winner was E. J. Skelton, of 96 Lorne Street, Auckland, and the second prize went to Hugh England, of Clifton Hill, Sumner. The competition was organised by the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation in order to encourage an interest in New Zealand-made goods. The large number of entries was a proof of the power of radio and of radio journalism, since the competition was advertised only over the air from the Commercial stations and in "The Listener".

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