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2. CANTILENE FROM 3rd SYMPHONY......Louis Vierne

This is the second movement from the Third Symphony of the great organist and composer, who died suddenly on June 2nd in the midst of a recital he was giving at Notre-Dame in Paris. This Symphony, which is dedicated to Marcel Duppre, was composed by its author during the months of August and September, 1911, while he was a guest at Marcel Dupre's summer country home at Saint-Velery-en Caux in Normandy. The delicate and doleful melody which runs through this Cantilene is exquisitely developed.

(In Memoriam: Charles Marie Widor died on March 12, 1937, the very day of Guilmant's birth centenary.)

This movement belongs to the most popular of Widor's Symphonies for organ. The Toccata, which is widely-known, is a brilliant series of scale figurations based upon a theme of majestic simplicity and employing the entire tonal resources of the organ.

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The originality of these Variations lies in the fact that they are built upon two themes instead of one, as the case generally is. Also, instead of being heard in the same key, each variation is introduced in a new key through some modulation, in accordance with its character. The two themes present a strong contrast: the former, sombre and melancholic, is first played on the piano, and the latter, tender and dreamy, on the organ, but both themes are heard subsequently on either instrument in various striking combinations. These Variations are dedicated to the Memory of the great Russian Composer, Alexandre Glazounow, who spent the last years of his life in Paris. A great admirer of Marcel Dupre, he used to come up to the organ loft at St. Sulpice and sit by him on the organ bench almost every Sunday.

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  solitude of forest-covered mountains. Along the upper reaches, the river rolls past two
  vast Capes—Eternity and Trinity—which rise like twin Gibraltars on guard. High against
  the gaunt rocks of Trinity stands a statue of the Virgin, erected by grateful mariners.
  Beyond are wide waters, sweeping fields reaching to a distant horizon. (Saguenay River,
  Canada, 1916.)
- 9. THE BEE (Transcription by Marcel Dupre) Franz Schubert
  This piece was written by Schubert for the violin but sounds most charmingly on the
  organ. It is a most suggestive piece of imitative music, graceful and picturesque.
- 10. INTERMEZZO FROM 1st SYMPHONY IN E MAJOR.......Joseph Gilles

  The author is the young talented organist of Saint-Pierre de Chaillot in Paris, a pupil
  of Marcel Dupre's. This Intermezzo belongs to his First Symphony, which is a recent
  composition. Genuine inspiration breaches through the work. Light fancy characterizes
  this movement, which is graceful, delicate and lively.

This is a recent composition which is being performed for the first time on this concert tour. The Prelude is wrapped in an atmosphere of airy lightness and leads to an exuberant and high-spirited fugue built on a buoyant theme which is developed with great imaginative power. A sustained crescendo reaches a climax of dazzling brilliancy.

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