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ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 67TH CONVENTION

SINCE 2017, we have been planning for another great Baltimore OHS convention, thirty years since the previous gathering. Baltimore was a 19th century hub of American organbuilding with Roosevelt, Stein, Erben, Pomplitz workshops here and one of perhaps the least known American organbuilders, Henry Niemann. Of these builders, Roosevelt, Stein and Niemann organs still exist and are on the program. Sadly, we mourn the loss of Pomplitz, Erben, Johnson and Niemann organs. Yet, we will rejoice in the restoration of a Niemann and Johnson organ, both truly delightful instruments.

A special prelude event includes a trip to the B&O Train Museum in Baltimore city. Not far from the spacious hotel in the Inner Harbor, the museum features displays and rolling stock from America's first railroad, originating right here in Baltimore. Also close by are the Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium. Both are worth the time to visit and enjoy.

Baltimore is the economic center of Maryland. The convention hotel (Royal Sonesta) is centrally located downtown,

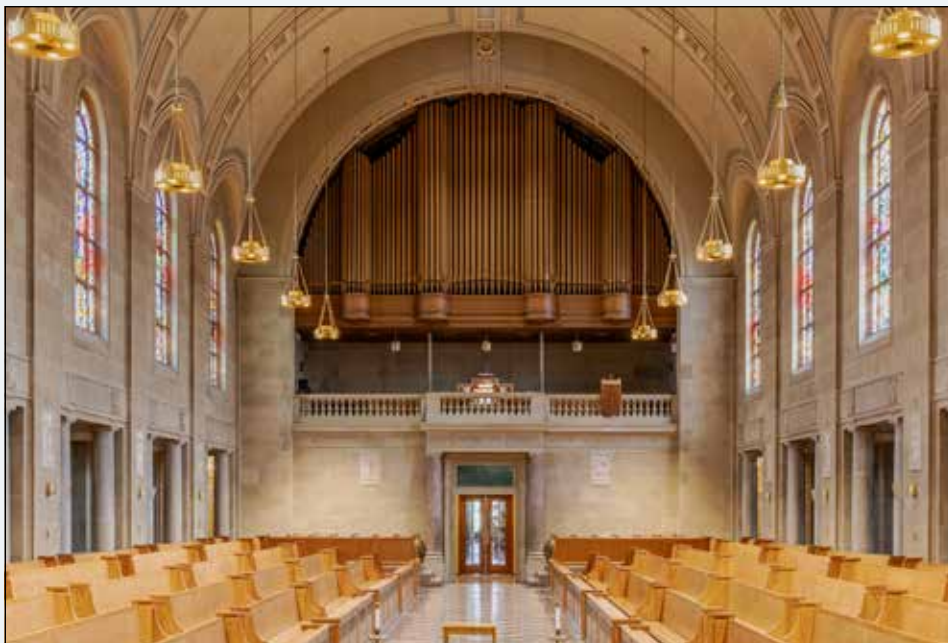


directly across Light Street from the famous Inner Harbor with its tall ships and other historic nautical contraptions. A long wide promenade around the harbor provides stunning views of the water and downtown Baltimore. One can see how the city has grown from a seaside shipping port to an economic powerhouse over more than two centuries.

Baltimore was the center for Roman Catholicism, American Methodism, and America church architecture. Lectures about Baltimore's place in American history from the rockets' red glare at Fort McHenry to the present, the Roosevelt Organ Company, and another about American Methodism are included in the program. An evening recital takes place at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, a modernist style structure from the 1950's seating more than two thousand people. Here you find a 130 rank Moller/Schantz organ.

A number of the instruments demonstrated on the Baltimore itinerary have not been heard for decades and have been brought back to life expressly for our gathering. On the first full day we hear a Wilson Reiley organ, (Washington, D.C. builder) then on to a Jardine organ, and a colorful Casavant organ originally dedicated by Pietro Yon. Later in the day we visit a very French Casavant organ from Victoriaville, Quebec, designed by Raymond Daveluy and Gilles Fortin, rebuilt, and expanded by David Storey and installed in St. Bartholomew's Church. The former St. Peter's Episcopal Church, now Bethel AME Church is the home of a three manual, thirty-five stop, forty rank, 1893, J.H. & C.S. Odell tracker organ.

Tuesday's recital venues are all within walking distance. (Bus transfers available for those who need it). We begin at the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church. Founded in 1771, it is the oldest continually used church building in Baltimore. Henry Niemann's last organ, from 1897, is installed here more than one hundred years after the church was built. The organ has been restored post 1991. Organs on the South Baltimore walkabout then include instruments by Roosevelt, Ganter & Schumacher, a 1925 Casavant in a former Pomplitz case and reverberant room and a trusty Adam Stein organ. The day ends with a concert in the



St. Mary's Seminary & University | Casavant Frères, Opus 2226 (1954)



Mount Calvary Church
Andover-Flentrop, Opus 35 (1961)

sanctuary of Christ Lutheran Church on a sumptuous three manual, seventy-nine rank, 2007, Andover organ.

Wednesday takes us north of downtown visiting another Henry Niemann organ, and a Felgemaker organ resurrected from the dust. We gather for lunch at the world famous Maryland Institute College of Art and then are transported to another time and place in Corpus Christi Catholic Parish to hear the magnificent, unchanged, 1889 J.H. & C.S. Odell organ. A mere two blocks away is Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church where Virgil Fox completed a rework of *Come, Sweet Death* on the 1931 Skinner organ. Every stop remains intact here! Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church has the country's largest collection of Tiffany glass windows. The schedule for this concert is set to allow for the best sunlight to illuminate the windows perfectly creating a wonderful sensory overload. The organ at St. Mary's Seminary is a Casavant organ

built from Archer Gibson's Aeolian house organ. It is a stunning sound in a cavernous room.

Charles Fisk's organ at the now Catholic Mt. Calvary Church remains intact. It was built in 1961 under the Andover-Flentrop name and represents one of the very first organs built in this country to espouse the tenets of the organ reform movement. Beautiful voicing and speech make it a joy to hear. Close by at Westminster Hall are the 1882 Johnson and Son organ and the tomb of Edgar Allen Poe. Andover Organ Co. restored the Johnson organ in 1991. Across the city is Little Italy where we find a stunning Henry Niemann organ at St. Leo the Great Church. An attached console, made from the former Fourteen Holy Martyrs Niemann organ, enables proper playing of this colorful instrument. At First Unitarian Church, home to two significant Niemann organs, the largest and the smallest. For a change of pace, the Wurlitzer organ



First Unitarian Church
Henry Niemann (1880)



St. Bartholomew's Church
Casavant Frères, Opus 2267 (1955)
David M. Storey (2007)

at Engineer's Club provides happy hour refreshment prior to the evening recital. The Basilica of the Assumption, America's first Catholic Cathedral, is the seat of the first Bishop of Baltimore, whose territory included all 13 states. Originally housing a Thomas Hall instrument, the largest organ in the country at the time it was built, the organ was replaced with an 1884 Roosevelt behind the original and expanded case work. Most recently, the Schantz Organ Company installed all new windchests and mechanics keeping all the original Roosevelt pipework. The handsome organ speaks into this large domed room, a design of Benjamin Henry Latrobe.

Baltimore is *the* place to be in July of 2024. The variety of historic instruments is astounding creating a sound palette sure to please even the most discerning appetite. And the food—well, you just have to be here to experience it for yourself.

We cannot wait to welcome you!

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Christ Lutheran Church ~ Baltimore
Andover Organ Company Opus 114 (2007)

December 2023

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January 2024

February 2024

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	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
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Basilica of the Assumption ~ Baltimore
Thomas Hall (1819) ~ Hilborne L. Roosevelt Opus 143 (1884)
Schantz Organ Co. Opus 1933 (1989)

January 2024						
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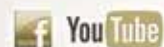
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11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
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Mount de Sales Academy ~ Catonsville
George Jardine & Son (1884)

February 2024

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March 2024

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St. Patrick's Day						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					Good Friday	
Easter						



Opus 77

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Saints Philip and James Catholic Church ~ Baltimore

Casavant Frères Opus 1595 (1938), Opus 1595-R (2003)

March 2024

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April 2024

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	1 Easter Monday April Fool's Day	2  Distinguished Service Award Nominations Due	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Passover Begins Earth Day	23	24	25	26 	27
28	29	30 Passover Ends				



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Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church ~ Baltimore
Ganter and Schumacher (1886)

April 2024

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12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	





Corpus Christi Catholic Parish ~ Baltimore
J.H. & C.S. Odell Opus 277 (1889)



May 2024

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St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church ~ Baltimore
Henry Niemann (1881)

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July 2024

August 2024

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28 Parents' Day	29	30	31			



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Westminster Hall and Burying Ground ~ Baltimore
Johnson & Son Opus 577 (1882)
Andover Organ Co. Opus R-259 (1991)

July 2024

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August 2024

September 2024

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Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church ~ Baltimore

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Opus 839 (1931)

August 2024

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September 2024

October 2024

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 Application period opens for The James M. Weaver Prize	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 National Grandparents Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
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29	30	Celebrated organist Virgil Fox served as Brown Memorial's organist from 1935–1946 while also leading the organ department at the Peabody Conservatory. On this organ he worked out his famous arrangement of Bach's "Come, Sweet Death." He later premiered the piece on the John Wanamaker organ for the 1939 Philadelphia AGO National Convention. Fox left Brown to become organist at New York City's famed The Riverside Church.				



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Hilborne L. Roosevelt No. 329 (1886)

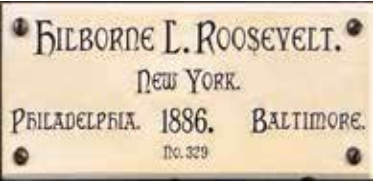
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October 2024

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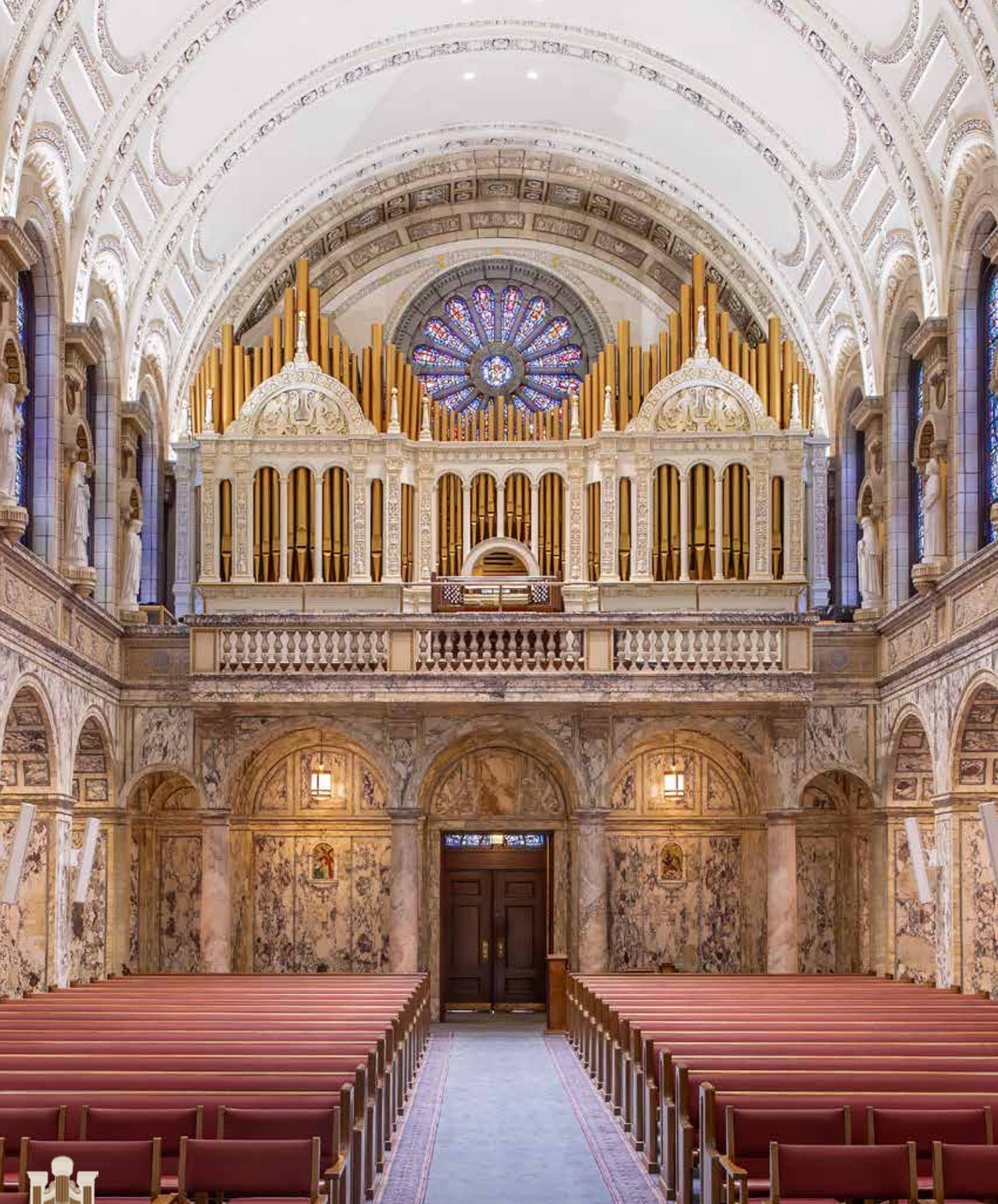
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Casavant Frères No 808 (1919, 1996)

October 2024



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November 2024

December 2024

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10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
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First Unitarian Church ~ Baltimore
Henry Niemann (1893)

November 2024

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December 2024

January 2025

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1 Advent Begins	2  Application period closes for The James M. Weaver Prize	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
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22	23	24 Advent Ends	25 Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



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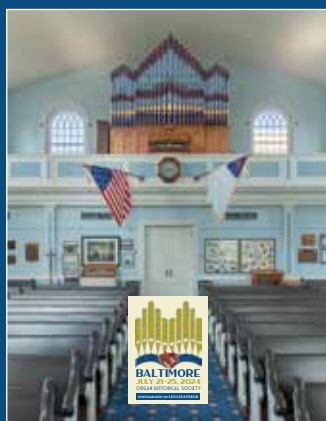
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Henry Neimann (1897)
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