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Dear Sir:-

By this mail I send you a copy of my magazine containing an article, "The Mission of Music," by Dr. Hanchet, who, among other things, says:

"We must rank music among the cheaper and less expensive products of mind. When we come to the other test of value, character-building, music can hardly be accorded a higher rank. The trouble with it is that it is aside from life. Its study begins, continues and ends in itself, and such mental relations as it has are all with the emotions. I have put its claims to the practical test and found it wanting. I went into the profession of music with the idea that it would give me a power over the minds of men. I never could discover any permanent advantage that I or others derived from it. It does not impart a scholarly grasp of kindred sciences, and give that command of mental methods which can be applied in any other field that comes from other intellectual pursuits. Nor does it tend to develop concentration of mind. On the contrary, it rather weakens control over the thoughts. Its study does not develop character and make men."

I should be pleased to have your opinion on the subject; and, for your convenience, I enclose a sheet with several questions.

Kindly favor with a reply, thus contributing to the study of the psychology of music.

Yours respectfully,

EDGAR S. WERNER.