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Neglected composers

Sir, - I am a regular reader of the *Post* and was interested in W Onn's letter (November 20th) concerning Albert W Ketelbey, the Birmingham-born composer. I agree with his comment about the lack of recognition of this able and gifted local man, who gave us such a store of beautiful music.

As a composer, I rank him as one of the highest order. Having been an organist in the Midlands for more than 50 years until 1964, I often played his organ works.

There are others, too, who seem to have dropped out of public notice. I can recall J H Adams, whose songs and choral works used to delight crowds of people.

It is sad to think that so little of them is heard these days, but it would be a just tribute to their memory if some of their music was included in future programmes.

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