

THE ORGAN REOPENING AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—The organ at St. Augustine's Church, which has lately been remodelled and rebuilt, was formally reopened, last evening, in the presence of a large and apparently appreciative audience. A concert of organ and sacred music was given on the occasion, the organ soloists in it being Mr. Henry G. Thunder and an uncommonly promising pupil of his, but 14 years of age-Master Robert Winterbottom. Mr. Thunder's eminence and ability as an organist are universally conceded, and his performances in this instance were of such a character as to even add than otherwise to his high reputation. His organ prelude and fugue in B minor from Bach, with which the concert opened, and Mendelssohn's "Sonata" in F, were splendid specimens of smooth and finished organ playing, and must have delighted those present who could appreciate the perfection which characterized them.

Master Winterbottom surprised and astonished the audience by his performance of Rinck's grand organ Concerto, in two movements. For so young a performer it was truly a wonderful effort, and reflected the highest credit on him and his able preceptor. We question if the difficult piece could have been more satisfactorily given by older and professional hands, and we look upon it as an achievement in organ playing of the very highest character.

The vocal selections that were given, were all done in admirable style, and the entertainment altogether was one of the best affairs of the kind ever given in Philadelphia.

## Organ Dedication Recital St. Augustine 1869

Performance by Henry Gordon Thunder, Sr. and Others

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