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SCHOOL MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

One of the best Community "Get-Together" schemes of which we know has been worked out at Elmhurst, L. I., in connection with the Newtown High School, New York City.

Some years ago this high school began arousing interest in advanced musical instruction by organizing classes in such musical studies as Dictation and Melody Writing, History of Music, Advanced Harmony and Counterpoint, and Musical Form and Analysis, and it was one of the first high schools in New York state to have its pupils take the state examinations in these subjects. In this way the interest of the pupils was aroused in these subjects without any artificial stimulus. Later as a result of the enthusiasm thus aroused among the students a school orchestra was developed until this school has one of the best known high school orchestras in the city. This past year the musical management of Wanamaker's and Lord and Taylor's invited the Newtown High School Orchestra to give a concert in their auditoriums, the only city high school thus honored. As the building that houses the Newtown High School is an old-time elementary building without any of the accommodations in space and equipment that the more modern city high school buildings have, this work of building up a musical interest in the pupils and making the school a local musical centre has been all the more noteworthy.

This year the music department inaugurated a new departure and worked out a very successful Music Memory Contest, the first of its kind ever given by a New York City High School.