Return of Comet will be a most welcome sight

THE CONCLUDING Schubert sym-

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ate conductor of the Baltimore sym-phony Orchestra. Of the two programs presented, I at-tended the one on Sunday, which fea-tured a Ricercare from Bach's "Musi-cal Offering," trumpet concertl by Telemann and Haydn, and the Sympho-

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time. However, outlining at least two or three at a time isn't an unreasonable expectation. In this performance, most of the delicate counterpoint was lost, beyond a perfunctory stressing of the main event.

main event. The rest of the program, however, was on the positive side. Principal DSO trumpet, Ramon Parcells, was the so-loist in the trumpet concerti. The one by Telemann was written for the clarino, which was an old ver-sion of the trumpet, without the mod-orn values.

ern valves. Reportedly, such an original instru

phony provided the most substantial and challenging conducting role with the exception of the Bach fugue. Here, Comet proved to be at her best. The tempo was live, on the fast side even in the second, slow movement

the second, slow movement. But while the chosen tempo kept things moving, it was still within rea-sonable range and propriety. Comet el-icited a full, solid orchestral sound, without overlooking the finer shades of the winds, as exemplified in the openment could produce the higher-pitched tones more naturally than the modern instrument, which sounded somewhat forced in the upper range. But considering these limitations, Parceli produced clean, precise tones in this work of four short movements. The Haydie concerto, which is the best known piece for the trumpet, received an most-impressive, refined treatment. There was a soft, velvet touch to the tone quality that modified the harsh characteristics of the instru-ment.

The nature of the work makes : metronomic rhythm inevitable, but there were sufficient variations wherever applicable to sustain the suspense

ever appirease to such the superior and interest. While the comets in the beavens tend to come and go, one hopes that Cathe-rine Comet will stay on our podiums longer. It may be premature to judge the full impact of ther ability, but so far it seems that there is a good potential.

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