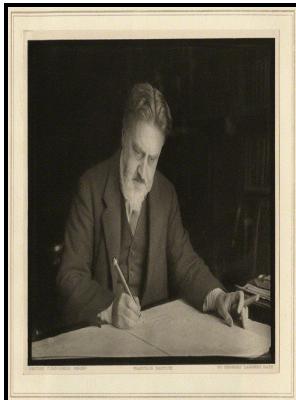


# Introduction to the Life and Work of Sir Granville Bantock

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## A Brief Introduction to the Life and Work of Sir Granville Bantock by Vincent Budd

GB's warming and attracting personality was obviously at its best, as he managed not only to get a lot of needed and unpaid help, especially whilst he was away touring, from friends and fellow students, such as H.

### Granville Bantock

For a time it looked as if, like his brothers, GB were now destined for a career in 'Light Music'. For all the accusations of the indiscriminate absorption of others' music and the obvious and inevitable derivative modalities of many of his early compositions, GB showed, without contradiction, an obvious individuality at least in his attitude.

### List of works by Granville Bantock

However, though it must have meant a great deal to him and his family and was an undoubted symbol of respect for all his musical endeavours, in part it can also be said to mark a personal cultural quietus and signal the end of his effective influence as a composer on the music of his nation. If the recent 50th anniversary of his death was met with only a minimal recognition in the hegemonic echelons of our musical polity, then the recent set of CD recordings, particularly on the Hyperion label, has once again laid before us the true musical stature of some of his greatest scores and will hopefully help to bring about a renewed interest in the composer.

### Granville Bantock (Composer, Arranger)

But, despite his personal flaws, such was his charmed and friendly character and his obvious and primary commitment to the good of music in general that he made few enemies in his life. Such is the charm and grandeur of GB's music - despite its superficial and encyclopaedic mythologising - that it can reinvigorate and sustain, for all the historical and geographical limitations which frame it, the passions of even the most wearied and satiated of open-hearted musical sensibilities. He became Chairman of the Board at the start of the war.

### About: Granville Bantock

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Her three sons inherited their artistic temperament from her.

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