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PREFACE.

It is a common saying that no one ever reads a preface. It seems as if those who use a work as a text book for teaching, ought to be willing to read enough to find out how its author designed it should be used, and so the request is respectfully made that teachers will read page 5 and page 69, and that leaders will read page 97, and the pages from page 357 to the end of the book.

NAME.

"Allegany" is the name of a river and of a range of mountains, both of which commence near where this book is published. It is also the name of the county in which the Institution is located, which publishes the work. In the state of Pennsylvania, they sometimes spell the word "Alleghany," and sometimes "Allegheny." In the state of New York, they always spell it "Allegany."

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AND CONDUCTING, DISCIPLINING, AND DEVELOPING

CHOIRS, CHORUS ASSOCIATIONS, AND ADVANCED CLASSES.

Nearly forty years ago a country clergyman in Massachusetts, came across | a German work called "Kubler's 'Anleitung,' to the study of music." He ments of which cost nearly half a million, all of which was given to it by its translated it, but not being able to find a music publisher who thought it worth founder, Matthew Vassar. On the occasion of a public visit by the founder, publishing, he finally gave it to a noted singing book editor of that day, who put his own name on it as author instead of Kubler's, and published it with all the devices to make it sell, which successful publishers so well know how to use. It "took." So great was the enthusiasm with which it was received, that Musical Conventions numbering a thousand members assembled to learn how to teach it. For several years it only appeared in the church music books of which the reputed author was the editor, but a guarrel between him and one in the secret, having revealed the fact that it was a literal copy of a foreign work, and consequently not protected by the copy right law, it was seized with avidity by nearly all other American singing book editors, and without essential alteration, it has formed the singing school method of nearly every church music book published in America ever since.

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A coal mine was once discovered in Massachusetts. Before forming a company to work it, a committee of experts was appointed to examine and report on its value. They reported that it looked like coal, felt like coal, smelt like coal, tasted like coal, and was like coal in every particular except one, and that was that it would not burn. A committee of impartial experts would be compelled to make a similar statement about this "Kubler's Anleitung Method," and report, that it reads well, contains many learned phrases, promises much, and resembles a good method for teaching in every particular except one, and that is, that it never can teach any one how to sing correctly.

On the Hudson River there is a college for ladies, the buildings and equipthe students erected a rustic arch with the inscription "si monumentum quaeris conspicere." (If you seek his monument, look around.) If any one wishes to know the value of the method under consideration, "conspicere," look around. Consider the music in the churches of the United States! Visit the choir meetings, the singing schools, the musical associations ! Count the towns and villages where musical interest has been so dormant that they have had no singing schools or associations for years ! Then meditate on the fact that this is the result of the universal use of this system for a quarter of a century.

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There is no evidence that Kubler meant his system for a singing school method. He nowhere tells the singers how to sing, but all his instructions relate to understanding the notes. It seems almost incredible that he should have done this, had he designed this system to teach singing. What would be thought of a method for the Violin, which should explain the notes, but give no direction how to bow or finger, leaving the learners to guess at it? Kubler explains numerous philosophical relations of musical tones and subjects which are as much out of place in a method for teaching beginners to sing, as the deferential calculus would be in a method for teaching beginners to "cipher." "Anleitung" is a German word which means "leading into." It would probably be translated "introduction." On the assumption that Kubler designed his work as a study to "lead into," or serve as an "introduction" to the study

country is just what might be expected from such a system.

American history of church music contains numerous amusing anecdotes of the way our forefathers received each innovation in church music,-staid deacons preferring to forego worship to visiting a sanctuary contaminated by the presence of a Base Viol,-whole families ostentatiously marching out of church at the first tone of a violin,—&c., &c. When the promulgators of the system under consideration found that it was producing nothing but wretched choirs and miserable singing in every part of the country, instead of ackowledging that they were mistaken in the efficiency which they claimed for it. they announced the astounding doctrine that it is wrong to have good singing in church(!!!) and by skilful manipulation of the religious press, they have actually succeeded in making a considerable portion of the religious public believe it. Doubtless the next generation will be as much amused at the simplicity which can imbibe such a belief, as we have been at the quaint notions of the generation which has preceded us. Who can doubt that there is a necessity for another and better system? New systems of grammar, arithmetic, &c. are constantly making their appearance, and common school teachers never hesitate to drop an old system and adopt a better one, whenever they find one. Why should singing school teachers ? Who can find a common school teacher who feels obliged to teach as they did thirty years ago? Why should singing school teachers?

The method in this book is earnestly commended to teachers, as a method ing, than those contained in this book.

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of musical theory, everything in it becomes plain, but on the supposition that in which all the defects in the old system are avoided. The instructions which he intended it to teach singing, the absence of all explanations how to sing, commence on page 5, impart all of the knowledge of notes which have any and the presence of numerous philosophical problems which no singing class thing to do with singing, and wholly omits all those philosophical problems can by any possibility comprehend, is marvellous. Nevertheless, it has been that so wearied the brains of a whole generation, which have nothing whatthe standard method for teaching singing schools in all parts of the United ever to do with the art of singing, and which can never be comprehended by States, for the last thirty years, and the condition of singing in all parts of the any human being who has not learned Thorough Base and Harmony. The instructions which commence on page 357 explain everything which a company of singers must do in order to produce good singing, a matter about which the old system did not vouchsafe one single word.

> Finally, many singing teachers aver, that they cannot see the use of many of the things which they try to teach under the old system, but they do not dare to omit them, without being able to give authorised authority for the omission. It would puzzle a wise man to explain what constitutes authorized authority in such matters in America. The oldest music teachers now on the stage, in their palmiest days did not have the ability or knowledge in music which numbers of fifteen year old children of the present day possess, so their authority cannot be quoted as of any value. The authority of common sense is the best standard. In order, however, to give such teachers a crumb of comfort, in case they shall pluck up courage to use this system in their schools, the author takes the liberty to remark that in 1844, having just returned from a course of study under one who was considered the best teacher of theory in Europe, he published a work on Thorough Base, of which more copies have been sold, than of all other works on musical theory put together. This may be considered as an expression of opinion on the part of the American musical public, that the author understands musical theory, and he hereby gives such teachers the benefit of his positive assertion, that no other principles of musical theory or philosophy have anything whatever to do with the art of sing-

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Like all authors of new methods, the author claims that this, do not belong to the art of reading music, are omitted, and no method is greatly superior to any other method, for teaching the reference is made to them." notes, which has yet been published.

He bases his claim upon these facts; viz.

(1.) "The first chapter in this method is so plain and simple that in a class of beginners, the dullest intellect can clearly and easily comprehend it."

(2.) "Every other chapter is so small an advance upon the chapter which precedes it, that learners can comprehend it as easily as they comprehended the first chapter, after they have learned the chapters which go before it."

It is claimed that other methods fail in some of these particulars, and that, therefore, this is a superior method for teaching singing schools.

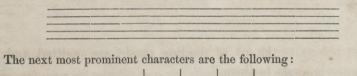
This method is so arranged that each chapter contains only one subject. It is arranged in this manner, because in short courses of instruction there is not time to teach all of the subjects, and the teachers can thus omit any chapters he pleases.

It is not necessary that the chapters should be taught in the order in which they are placed. Other orders will do as well. If the teacher wishes to introduce the subject of beating time, or any other subject, before or after the place in which it is introduced (3.) "Every subject which belongs to the art of reading mu- in the series of chapters, he has only to change their order, and sic, is explained in this series of chapters, and all subjects which it will not interfere with the proper study of the method.

CHAPTER I.

The most prominent printed character used in music, is a group of five lines. It is called THE STAFF. The lowest of the five lines is called the *First Line*. The next one above it is called the *Second Line*. The middle line is called the *Third Line*. The next line above it is called the *Fourth Line*. The highest line is called the *Fifth Line*.

THE STAFF.



They are called Notes.

To aid the eye in keeping the place, the staff is always divided into small portions, by lines drawn perpendicularly across the five lines. The perpendicular lines are called BARS. The portions between the bars are called MEASURES.

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EXERCISE.—Let the class speak, all together, in clear and distinct tones of voice, keeping exact time with each other, and tell which lines the following notes are on.

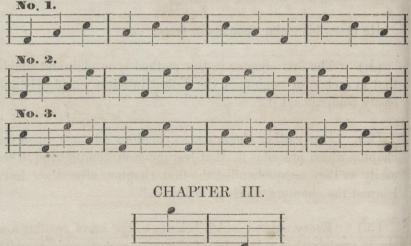




CHAPTER II.

Notes are often printed between the lines. When a note is printed between the first and second lines, it is said to be on the *First Space*. When a note is printed between the second and third lines, it is said to be on the *Second Space*. When a note is printed between the third and fourth lines, it is said to be on the *Third Space*. When a note is printed between the fourth and fifth lines, it is said to be on the *Fourth Space*.

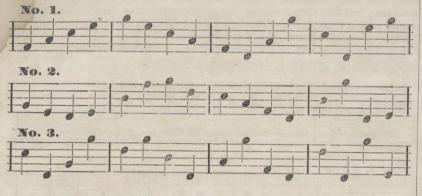
EXERCISE.-Let the class tell which spaces the following notes are on.



The notes in the above example are not on the staff at all, but the note in the first measure is above the staff, and the note in the second measure is

below the staff. The note in the first measure is said to be on the SPACE ABOVE, (i. e., on the space above the staff.) The note in the second measure is said to be on the SPACE BELOW, (i. e., on the space below the staff.)

EXERCISE.-Let the class tell which lines and spaces the following notes are on.



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CHAPTER IV.

When more than five lines are required, short lines are added to the lines of the staff. If the short line is above the staff, it is called the ADDED LINE ABOVE. If the short line is below the staff, it is called the ADDED LINE BELOW.

Lines and spaces are called DEGREES. The expression, "tell the degrees on which the following notes are printed," means the same as the expression, "tell the lines and spaces on which the following notes are printed."

EXERCISE.-Let the class tell which degrees the following notes are on.





CHAPTER V.

Tunes are formed by placing musical tones at different distances from each other. Eight musical tones placed next to each other, embrace all the different distances at which it is possible to place musical tones. It follows, therefore, that whoever becomes so familiar with these eight tones, that he can sing them in any order in which they can be placed, can sing the musical tones which form any tune, no matter in what order such tones succeed each other, and it must be the aim of every one who wishes to excel in the art of reading music, to become thus familiar with these eight tones.

The fact that eight musical tones included every possible distance at which musical tones can be placed from each other, was first discovered in Italy, several centuries ago. When eight musical tones placed next to each other, are sung consecutively, it feels a little as if the tones were moving up or down the throat, so the first discoverers called them a "Ladder," (as if the tones moved up and down the throat on a ladder,) and this series of eight tones has been called "the Ladder," ever since. The Italian word for ladder is "Scale." Those who first wrote English music books, used the Italian word for ladder instead of the English, so this series of eight tones has always been called the SCALE in music books printed in the English language.

The Tones of the Scale are named ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT. As these are inconvenient words to sing with, it has long been customary in this country to sing them with the Italian syllables, Do, RE, MI, FA, SOL, LA, SI, DO. These Italian syllables are pronounced *Doe*, *Ray, Mer., Fah, Sole, Lah, See, Doe*. When one practices singing always using the same syllable in singing the same tone, after a while the tone becomes so associated with the syllable, that whenever the singer uses the right syllable he will be certain to sing the right tone. The method for learning to read music most in vogue in this country, requires learners to practice, using the Italian syllables, until the tones of the scale become so perfectly associated with the syllable, that if they apply the right syllable, they will be sure to produce the right tone.

While studying the Art of Reading Music, therefore, every exercise and tune which is required to be practiced, must be practiced with these Italian syllables. The theory is, that after singing a tune with the syllables until its tones become fixed in the mind, it can then be readily sung with the words. The tunes which are required to be practiced, which have words set to them, must be first practiced with syllables before the words are applied. In fact, in many of them it is not important that the words should be applied at all.

The Tones of the Scale can only be learned by imitating those who know how to sing them.

EXERCISE.—Let the class practice the scale, ascending and descending, until they can sing the tones readily, when the tones are placed in consecutive order.

CHAPTER VI.

A note on the Added Line Below means that ONE must be sung. A note on the Space Below means that Two must be sung. A note on the First Line means that THREE must be sung. A note on the First Space means that FOUR must be sung. A note on the Second Line means that FIVE must be sung. A note on the Second Space means that SIX must be sung. A note on the Third Line means that SEVEN must be sung. A note on the Third Space means that EIGHT must be sung.

EXERCISE. — Let each member of the class learn the above by heart. After they have done so, let them answer such questions as, "What does a note on the second line mean?" "What does a note on the third space mean?" and so on, until it is certain they will remember what notes on the above named lines and spaces mean.

CHAPTER VII.

In this book, the direction to READ THE NOTES of an exercise or tune, means that the class shall speak, all together, in a clear, definite, and distinct tone of voice, and tell which line or space each note of the tune or exercise is on, and what it means. "Read the notes," does not mean that the class shall sing, but that they shall use the speaking voice, as they would if they should read a book aloud. The best expressions would be for them to say, "Added Line Below means that I must sing ONE," "Space Below means that I must sing Two," and so on,—but any expression which will denote what each note in the exercise or tune means, will answer.

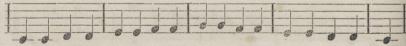
EXERCISE.—Let the class read the notes of the following exercises.



CHAPTER VIII.

EXERCISE.—Let the class read the notes, and then sing the following exercises, making each tone exactly of the same length.





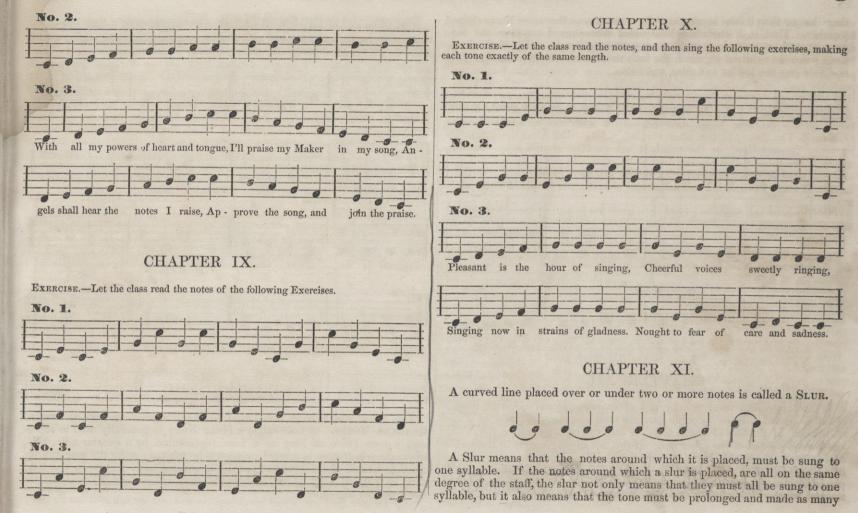
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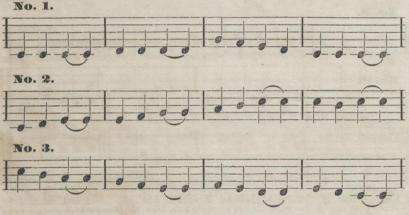
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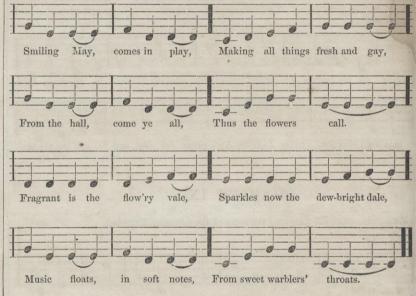
times longer than a tone represented by one note, as there are notes slurred together. That is, if there are two notes this slurred together, the tone must be made twice as long as a tone represented by one note; if there are three notes thus slurred together, the tone must be made three times as long as a tone represented by one note, and so on. EXERCISE. — Let the class sing the following tune, carefully making those tones which are represented by two notes slurred together, twice as long as a tone represented by one note; and carefully making those tones which are represented by four notes slurred together, four times as long as a tone represented by one note.

EXERCISE.—Let the class sing the following exercises, carefully making the tones which are represented by two notes slurred together, twice as long as the tones which are represented by one note.



CHAPTER XII.

A thick bar like those at the end of each line in the following tune, is called a DOUBLE BAR. Double bars are used to denote the end of a line of words. If the line of words ends at the end of a measure, the double bar is used insuead of the other bar. If the line of words ends in the middle of a measure, the double bar is placed in the middle of the measure. Double bars are designed to aid the eye in keeping the place, and are frequently placed in other places where they will guide the eye, besides the ends of the lines of words. Two double bars denote the end of the tune.



CHAPTER XIII.

The notes which have been used in the foregoing lessons, are called QUARTER NOTES. A note called a HALF NOTE is generally used to represent a tone twice as long as a tone represented by a quarter note. So, wherever a half note is printed, care must be taken to make the tone exactly twice as long as a tone represented by a quarter note. That is, the tone must be made as long as the tones which are represented by two quarter notes slurred together.

A note called a WHOLE NOTE is usually used, to represent a tone four times as long as a tone represented by a quarter note So, wherever a whole note is printed, care must be taken to make the tone exactly four times as long as a tone represented by a quarter note. That is, the tone must be made as long as the tones which are represented by four quarter notes slurred together.

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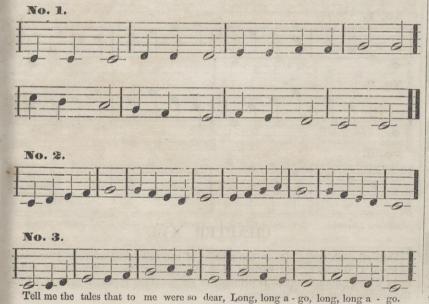
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EXERCISE.—Let the class sing the following exercises, carefully making the tones which are represented by half notes, exactly twice as long as the tones which are represented by quarter notes; and carefully making the tones which are represented by whole notes, exactly four times as long as the tones which are represented by quarter notes.





"D. C.," is an abbreviation for the Italian sentence, "DA CAPO," which means that the singers must begin the tune again, and end at the word "FINE."

EXERCISE.-Let the class sing the following tune, and observe the Da Capo.



After the class have learned this chapter, they will be qualified to sing tunes by note. It has been the usual custom to have the tunes which are adapted for practice in the various stages of progress, printed in consecutive order. The circumstances of different classes are so different, that it is believed that it will be more convenient to have these tunes scattered through the book, so that the teacher can select those which are adapted to the wants of the particular class he is teaching, and omit those which are not, rather than to have them printed consecutively, where a teacher is almost compelled to use them in consecutive order, whether they are adapted to the circumstances of his class or not. In this book, therefore, a copious selection of tunes are printed, adapted to each stage of the progress of a singing class; but, instead of being placed together, as is usual in books like this, they are scattered miscellaneously through the book. A full list of them is printed on page 60, from which the teacher can select those which are best adopted to the practice of the particular class which he is teaching.

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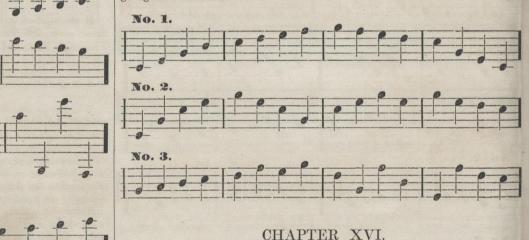
When there is only one added line, it is called, simply, the added line (below or above;) but when there is more than one, they are numbered, as for example, first added line, second added line, third added line, &c., (below or above.) The space between the first and second added lines, is called the first added space (below or above.) The space between the second and third added lines, is called the second added space (below or above,) &c.

EXERCISE.-Let the class tell which lines and spaces the following notes are on.

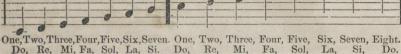
The scale can be repeated, as illustrated in the above example. It is then called the LOWER SCALE, and the UPPER SCALE. The tones of the upper scale have the same names and are sung with the same syllables, as the tones of the lower scale. To avoid the necessity of saying one of the upper scale, two of the upper scale, &c., singers frequently call the tones of the upper scale, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen. These are called their FICTITIOUS NAMES, for their REAL NAMES are, one of the upper scale, two of the upper scale, three of the upper scale, &c. In the above example, the Fictitious names of the tones of the upper scale, are printed in figures, while their Real names are printed in words. It makes no practical difference, whether the real or the ficticious names are used.

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EXERCISE. — Let the class read the notes of each of the following exercises twice, the first time giving the Fictitious names to the tones of the upper scale, and the second time, giving their real names.



Dots on each space, (as in the middle of the following exercise,) are said to form a REPEAT, and denote that the passage must be repeated, either from where another repeat is printed, or (if no other repeat is printed,) from the commencement of the piece.



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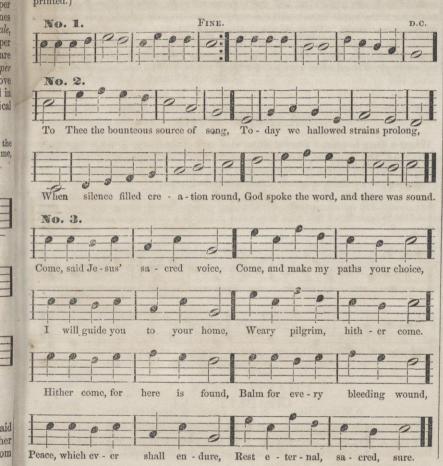
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EXERCISE. — Let the class first read the notes, and then sing the following tunes. (Perhaps it may be better to sing them in a lower key than that in which they are printed.)



CHAPTER XVII.

It is necessary to learn to read the notes in seven different ways. In the foregoing lessons, the class have been learning to read them in one way. They must learn to read them in six other ways. In many books, learning these different ways is called, learning the Transposition of the Scale. In this book it is called, learning the SEVEN DIFFERENT WAYS of Reading the Notes.

In the First Way, the Added Line Below means that ONE must be sung. In the Second Way, the Space Below means that ONE must be sung. In the Third Way, the First Line means that ONE must be sung. In the Fourth Way, the First Space means that ONE must be sung. In the Fifth Way, the Second Line means that ONE must be sung. In the Sixth Way, the Second Space means that ONE must be sung. In the Seventh Way, the Third Line means that ONE must be sung.

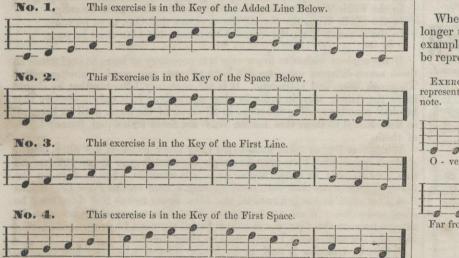
If the student wishes to know why it is necessary to learn to read music in these seven different ways, he will have to study two musical studies, called Thorough Base, and Harmony. It is not necessary, however, that he should know the reason why, in order to sing correctly. It is only necessary that he shall practice reading the notes in all seven of the ways, until he becomes so accustomed to them that he can read the notes with equal fluency in all of them.

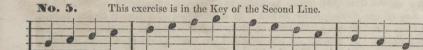
Whichever line or space means that ONE must be sung, the next degree above it means that Two must be sung; the next degree above that means that THREE must be sung; and so on. For example, when a note on the *Space Below* means that ONE must be sung, a note on the *First Line* means that Two must be sung, a note on the *First Space* means that three must be sung, and so on. When a note on the *First Line* means that ONE must be sung, a note on the *First Space* means that Two must be sung, a note on the *Second Line* means that THREE must be sung, and so on.

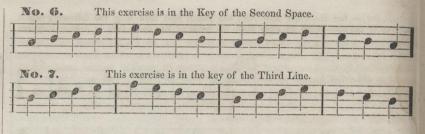
A tune or exercise is said to be in the KEY of whichever line or space means that ONE must be sung. For example, if a note on the Added Line Below means that ONE must be sung, the tune or exercise is said to be in the Key of the Added Line Below. If a note on the Space Below means that ONE must be sung, the tune or exercise is said to be in the Key of the Space Below. If a note on the First Line means that ONE must be sung, the tune or exercise is said to be in the Key of the First Line. And so on.

The expression, that a tune or exercise is "in the key of a certain line or space," means, that in that tune or exercise, a note on that line or space means that ONE must be sung. A request to "find the key," of a tune or exercise, is a request to ascertain which line or space means that ONE must be sung. A note on the line or space which means that ONE must be sung, is sometimes called "the key note."

EXERCISE. — Let the class read the notes of the following exercises. That is, in No. 1, let them say, "Added Line Below means that I must sing ONE, Space Below means that I must sing Two," &c. In No. 2., let them say, "Space Below means that I must sing ONE, First Line means that I must sing TWO, First Space means that I must sing THREE, &c. In No. 3., let them say "First Line means that I must sing ONE, First Space means that I must sing THREE, and Space Means that I must sing THREE, and so on.







CHAPTER XVIII.

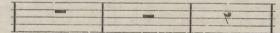
When a Dot is placed after a note, the note represents a tone one half longer than the tone represented by the same note without a dot. For example, a dotted half note represents a tone as long as a tone which would be represented by three quarter notes, slurred together.

EXERCISE.—Let the class practice the following exercise, taking care to make the tone represented by each dotted half note, three times as long as a tone represented by a quarter note.



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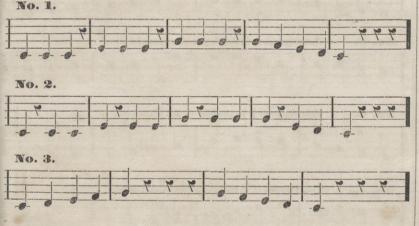
A WHOLE REST. A HALF REST. A QUARTER REST.



A WHOLE REST means that the singers must remain silent for as long a space of time as would be required to sing a Whole Note. A HALF REST means that the singers must remain silent for as long a space of time as would be required to sing a Half Note. A QUARTER REST means that the singers must remain silent for as long a space of time as would be required to sing a Quarter Note.

A dot has the same effect upon a rest, as upon a note. For example, a dotted half-rest denotes that as much time must be passed in silence, as would be required to sing a dotted half note.

EXERCISE. — Let the class sing the following exercises, carefully remaining silent wherever a rest is printed.



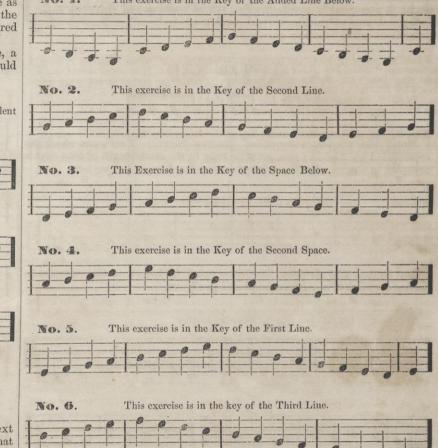
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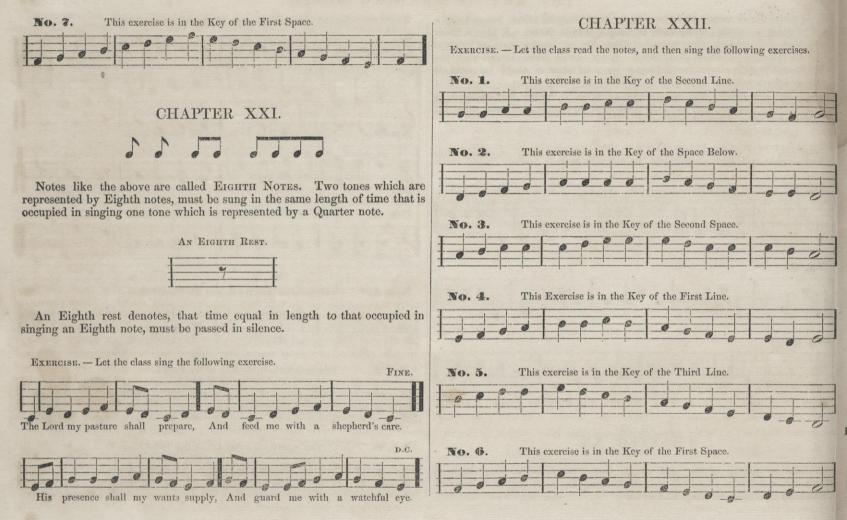
CHAPTER XX.

Whichever degree of the staff means that ONE must be sung, the next degree below it means that SEVEN must be sung, the next degree below that means that SEX must be sung, and so on.

EXERCISE.—Let the class read the notes of the following exercises.

No. 1. This exercise is in the Key of the Added Line Below.





CHAPTER XXIII.

Music which is designed to be sung by a number of voices at once, is called CHORUS MUSIC. Chorus music is usually arranged in four parts, which are called, the TREBLE PART, the ALTO PART, the TENOR PART, and the BASE PART. In this book, and in most books, the upper part is the Tenor part, the lower part is the Base part, the part next below the Tenor, is the Alto part, and the part next above the Base, is the Treble part.

The Treble and Alto parts must be sung by female voices. The Tenor and Base parts must be sung by male voices.

A character called the TREBLE CLEF, is always placed at the commencement of the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts. A character called the BASE CLEF, is always placed at the commencement of the Base part.

TREBLE CLEF

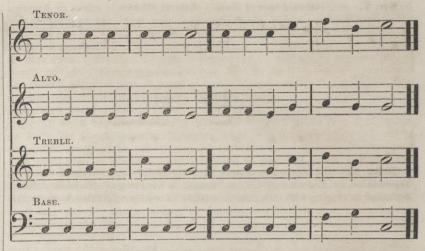
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BASE CLEF.

The character which binds the four parts together, in the following exercise, is called a BRACE.

The Base part is always in a different key from the Treble, Alto, and Tenor parts. In the following exercise, the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts Bare in the Key of the Added Line Below, but the Base part is in the Key of the Second Space.

EXERCISE.—Let the class sing the following exercise, first singing each part separately, and then all four parts together.



The study of the Cultivation of the Voice teaches that there are three classes of female voices, and three classes of male voices. These classes of female voices are called, SOPRANO VOICES, MEZZO SOPRANO VOICES, and CONTRALTO VOICES. The classes of male voices are called, TENOR VOICES, BARITONE VOICES, and BASE VOICES. As chorus music is usually arranged in this country, Soprano voices are obliged to sing the Treble part, and Contralto voices the Alto part, but Mezzo Soprano voices can sing either Treble or Alto, one just as well and just as easily as the other. Tenor voices are obliged to sing the Tenor part, and Base voices the Base part, but Baritone voices can sing either Base or Tenor. It cannot be said of Baritone voices, however, as it can of Mezzo Soprano, that they can sing one part as easily as they can the other, because the progressions in the Tenor and Base parts are very different, and they are printed upon different clefs, while in the Treble and Alto parts both the clefs and the progressions are alike. So, unless a Baritone singer sings a great deal, he would find it difficult to read one part as easily as he can the other, and it is, perhaps, better for Baritone voices to confine themselves to either the Tenor part or the Base part, whichever appears to be the easiest for them. They have the physical ability,

however, to sing either Tenor or Base. Almost all female voices in America are Mezzo Soprano, and a Mezzo Soprano voice ought not to consider that she has studied the Art of Reading Music properly, unless she can sing the Alto part as readily as the can the Treble part, and the Treble part as readily as she can the Alto part. As a mere matter of improving one's skill in reading music, it is well for all male voices to learn to read both the Tenor and Base parts, and for female voices to learn to read both the Treble and Alto parts, without reference to whether one's voice can produce the best effect on that part or not A singer has the physical ability to sing any part which does not go higher or lower than his voice will go, and it will not harm his voice to practice any such part, even if he cannot produce so good an effect on that part as on another. Treble and Alto are names of the parts in chorus music which must be sung by female voices. There is no such thing as a Soprano part, a Mezzo Soprano part, or a Contralto part. Neither is there any such class of voices as Treble voices or Alto voices. Soprano, Mezzo Soprano and Contralto are names of classes of voices, and Treble and Alto are names of parts which are printed in chorus music. Tenor and Base happen to be names of parts printed in chorus music, and also the names of classes of male voices.

The class should now be divided into Treble, Alto, Tenor and Base. If it is desired that the ladies shall all practice both Treble and Alto, a good method would be for half the ladies to sing Treble and the other half Alto on one tune, and then on the next tune, change, those who sang Treble singing Alto, and those who sang Alto sing Treble. Usually it is best for the gentlemen to practice Base or Tenor all of the time.

CHAPTER XXIV.

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Sharps and Flats, placed next after the Clefs, are said to form the SIGNA-TURE of the tune. If there is no Sharp or Flat next to the Clef, the Signature of the tune is said to be NATURAL.

EXERCISE. — Let the class tell the Signature of the following exercises. That is, let them say that the Signature of No. 1. is "two flats," the Signature of No. 2. is "three sharps," the Signature of No. 3. is "Natural," and so on.



CHAPTER XXV.

TABLE OF THE SIGNATURES.

(Giving the Numerical Names of the Keys.)

When the Signature is NATURAL, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE ADDED LINE BELOW. If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE SECOND SPACE.

When the Signature is ONE SHARP, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE SECOND LINE. If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE FIRST LINE.

When the Signature is Two SHARPS, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE SPACE BELOW. If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE THIRD LINE.*

SIGNATURE NATURAL.

SIGNATURE ONE SHARP.

SIGNATURE

Two Sharps.

When the Signature is THREE SHARPS, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE SECOND SPACE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is which has the Signature Natural, with the Base Clef at THREE SHARPS. the commencement.) If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE FIRST SPACE.

> When the Signature is ONE FLAT, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE FIRST SPACE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is, which has the signature Three Sharps, with the Base Clef (at the commencement.) If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE FOURTH LINE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is, which has the Signature Two Sharps, with the Treble Clef at the commencement.)

When the Signature is Two FLATS, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE THIRD LINE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is which has the Signature Two Sharps, with the Base Clef at the commencement.) If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE SECOND LINE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is which has the Signature One Sharp, with the Treble Clef at the commencement.)

When the Signature is THREE FLATS, if the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE FIRST LINE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is which has the Signature one Sharp, with the Base Clef at the commencement.) If the Base Clef is at the commencement, the part is in the KEY OF THE THIRD SPACE. (That is, it is in the same key that a part is which has the Signature Natural, with the Treble Clef at the commencement.)

SIGNATURES OF MORE THAN THREE CHARACTERS.

When there are more than three characters in the signature, the signatures indicate the same keys as those which are indicated by three characters or less, and the difference between the number of characters and "seven," indicates the opposite signature which denotes the same key. That is,

> FOUR SHARPS denotes the same key as THREE FLATS. FIVE SHARPS denotes the same key as Two FLATS. SIX SHARPS denotes the same key as ONE FLAT. FOUR FLATS denotes the same key as THREE SHARPS. FIVE FLATS denotes the same key as Two SHARPS. SIX FLATS denotes the same key as ONE SHARP.

The class should now be required to ascertain the key of every tune and exercise which they sing, by the signature. They can refer to the Table of Signatures, for that purpose, until they can remember what key each signature denotes.

It is just as proper to say that a tune is in the key of the line or space which means that EIGHT must be sung, as to say that it is in the key of the line or space which means that ONE must be sung, because EIGHT is ONE of the Upper Scale. That is, when the signature is natural, with the Treble Clef at the commencement of the part, it would be just as proper to say that the part is in the Key of the Third Space, as to say that it is in the Key of the Added Line Below, and so on.

It may aid the class in remembering the keys, to notice that the Key of the Base part, is always two degrees below the Key of the Treble part. Or in other words, if the Treble part is in the Key of a Line, the Base part is in the Key of the next Line below it, and if the Treble part is in the Key of a Space, the Base part is in the key of the next space below it.

The Base part, however, seldom or never has a note printed lower than the First Line, so, if calling the Base part in a key two degrees below the Treble part, would cause the Base part to be in the key of any line or space which is lower than the First Line, it is the custom to say that the Base part is in the key of the line or space which means that EIGHT must be sung, instead of the line or space which means that ONE must be sung. So instead of saying that the Base part is in the Key of the Space Below, it is customary to say that it is in the Key of the Fourth Line; instead of saying that it is in the Key of the Added Line Below, it is customary to say that it is in the Key of the Third Space, and so on.

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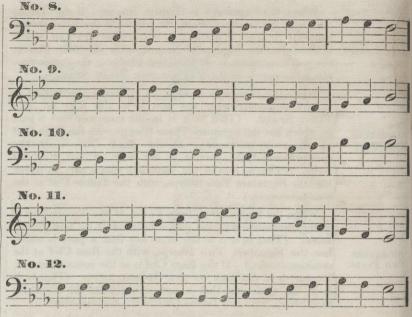
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EXERCISE.—Tell what Key each of the following exercises is in, and then read the notes and sing them.



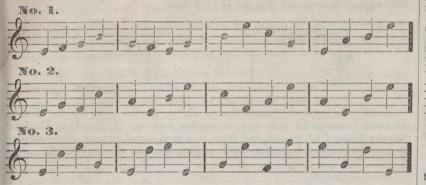


CHAPTER XXVI.

The distance from one tone to another is called an INTERVAL. The distance from one note to another is also called an Interval. The Interval from a note to a note on the next degree of the staff, is called a SECOND; to a note two degrees distant, a THIRD; to a note three degrees distant, a FOURTH; to a note four degrees distant, a FIFTH; to a note five degrees distant a SIXTH; to a note six degrees distant, a SEVENTH; and to a note seven degrees distant, an EIGHTH, or an OCTAVE. In computing the distance between two notes, the degree on which the first note is printed, is called the first degree. The words "above and below" are employed to denote whether the second note is above or below the first note.

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EXERCISE.—Let the class tell the intervals between the notes in the following exercises, using expressions like the following, viz., "the second note is a Second above the first note; the third note is a Second above the second note; the fourth note is a Third above the third note; the fifth note is a Third below the fourth note," and so on.

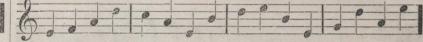


CHAPTER XXVII.

When a singer reads the notes by remembering what each line and space means, he is said to be reading by ABSTRACT PITCH. When a singer reads the notes by computing the distance from each note to the next, he is said to be reading by RELATIVE PITCH. If a singer reads the notes correctly, it is of course, of no sort of consequence whether he reads by abstract or relative pitch. As, however, the ability to read by abstract pitch in all the keys, can only be acquired by long practice, while a singer who can read by relative pitch can read the notes in a key he never has practiced in, quite readily, it is, perhaps, the best plan to have learners take special pains to acquire the a ability to read by relative pitch first, and let the ability to read by abstract i; pitch come of itself, in the course of ordinary practice.

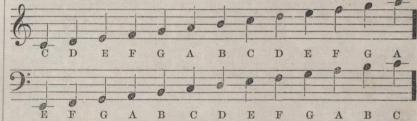
Although the same key is indicated in several different ways, by different signatures and clefs, there are in reality but seven different keys, (as far as reading notes is concerned,) viz., "the key of the added line below, the key of the space below, the key of the first line, the key of the first space, the key of the second line, the key of the second space, and the key of the third line."

EXERCISE.—Let the class consider the following exercise in each of the seven keys, and read the notes in it by Relative Pitch. For example, let them first consider it in the Key of the Added Line Below, and read the notes, using the expressions, "the first note means that I must sing THEE; the next note is a second above THEE, and consequently means that I must sing SUR," and so on. Then let them consider it in the Key of the Space Below, and say, "the first note means that I must sing TWO; the next note is a second above TWO, and means that I must sing THEE," and so on. Read the notes of the exercise in all seven of the keys in the same manner. This will make a good beginning for the class in the art of reading notes by Relative Pitch. Whenever they practice tunes which they cannot read by Abstract Pitch, let them thus read them by Relative Pitch, and after awhile they will find they can read by Relative Pitch in any key.



CHAPTER XXVIII.

The lines and spaces are frequently named after the first seven letters of the alphabet, viz., A, B, C, D, E, F, G. When the Treble Clef is at the commencement, the Added Line Below is called "C," the Space Below "D," the First Line "E," &c. When the Base Clef is at the commencement, the Added Line Below is called "E," the Space Below "F," the First Line "G," &c. These are called the ALPHABETICAL Names of the Lines and Spaces. The names which have been used in the foregoing chapters, are called the NUMERICAL Names of the Lines and Spaces.



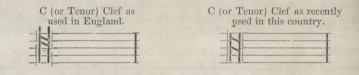
It may aid in remembering the letters, to notice that each line in the Treble Clef has the same alphabetical name as the next line below it in the Base Clef, and each space in the Treble Clef has the same alphabetical name as the next space below it in the Base Clef. EXERCISE.—Let the class give the alphabetical names of the lines and spaces on which the following notes are placed. Then let them practice, giving the alphabetical names of the lines and spaces upon which the notes are placed, in a sufficient number of tunes and exercises, to make them as familiar with the alphabetical names of the lines and spaces, as they are with the numerical.



When the Treble Clef was first used it was made "gs." It was not the custom in those days, to have the lines and spaces retain the same alphabetical names in every tune, but the clefs were on one line in some tunes and on another line in other tunes. The "gs" denoted that the line on which it was placed was G, whatever line that might be. It was called the G Clef, and meant that the line on which it was placed was G and Sol. In course of time, engravers and type makers "flourished" it into its present shape. It is still often called the G Clef, and is considered as indicating that the second line is G, although its most common name is the Treble Clef. The Base Clef formerly resembled an " $f_{,,}$ " with two dots at the side of it. It was called the F Clef, and denoted that the line which was between the dots was F. Engravers and type makers have also "flourished" that into the present Base Clef. It is still often called the F Clef, and is considered as indicating that the fourth line (i.e., the line between the dots,) is F, although its most common name is the Base Clef. Formerly several other clefs were in use, but in this country, the Treble and Base Clefs are all that are employed in most singing books. In England many singing books have a clef which is called the "C Clef," or the "Tenor Clef" at the commencement of the Tenor part. This clef indicates that the line or space which is in the middle of it is C. In England it is always used so that it indicates that the fourth line is C, so in such English singing books, the alphabetical names of the lines and

spaces are not the same in the tenor part that they are in the other parts.

Recently, some singing books in this country have been published with the C Clef at the commencement of the Tenor part, but with it so placed that it indicates that the third space is C, so that it gives the lines and spaces the same alphabetical names that the G Clef does.



On the continent of Europe, the G clef is usually used for the Treble Alto and Tenor parts, just as it is in this country. It is only in England that the Tenor Clef is used, and there it is used in only a part of the singing books. Most English singing books employ only the G and F Clefs.

CHAPTER XXIX.

The lines and spaces do not have the same alphabetical names when the Base Clef is at the commencement, that they have when the Treble Clef i at the commencement. The difference is made, so that the alphabetical name given to a key, may apply to all four of the parts. For example, when the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts are in the key of the Added Line Below, th Base part is in the key of the Second Space. The alphabetical name of th Added Line Below when the Treble Clef is at the commencement, is "C. The alphabetical name of the Second Space when the Base Clef is at th commencement, is "C." When the signature is Natural, the alphabetica name of the key is "KEY OF C," and this name denotes which line or space means that one must be sung, in all four of the parts. When the numerica name is used, it is necessary to say that the Base part is in a different key from the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts. In all of the keys, when the alphabetical name is used, one name will apply to all four of the parts. For this reason, experienced singers generally use the alphabetical names of the keys. It is quite useful, however, for learners to use the numerical names until they become familiar with all the keys.

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Giving the Alphabetical names of the Key. The numerical names are given in Chap. XXV.)

When the Signature is NATURAL, the tune is in the KEY OF C. When the Signature is ONE SHARP, the tune is in the KEY OF G. When the Signature is TWO SHARPS, the tune is in the KEY OF D. When the Signature is THREE SHARPS, the tune is in the KEY OF A. When the Signature is FOUR SHARPS, the tune is in the KEY OF E. When the Signature is ONE FLAT, the tune is in the KEY OF F. When the Signature is TWO FLATS, the tune is in the KEY OF B³. When the Signature is THREE FLATS, the tune is in the KEY OF E³. When the Signature is FOUR FLATS, the tune is in the KEY OF A³.

The sharps and flats in the signatures mean that the letters upon which they are placed must be played sharp or flat when the tune is played on an instrument. When the signature is one sharp, the sharp is always placed on the fifth line when the treble clef is at the commencement, and on the fourth line when the base clef is at the commencement. The alphabetical name of these lines is "F," and the sharp indicates to the player that he must play every "F" in the tune sharp. When there are two sharps in the signature, every "F" and "C" in the tune must be played sharp, because the sharps in the signature are upon the lines and spaces whose alphabetical names are "F" and "C," and so on. These sharps and flats in the signature do not have any effect upon reading the notes, except to indicate what key the tune is in. For example, when the signature is three sharps, and when it is four flats, a note on the second space (Treble Clef) means that ONE must be sung. Although these two signatures make a great difference to a player, they make none to a singer. When the signature is three sharps, the player must play every F, C and G, in the tune, sharp; and when it is four flats, he must play every B, E, A and D in the tune, flat; but the singer sings the note on the second space, with the syllable "Do," the note on the third line with the syllable "Re," and so on, whether the signature is three sharps or four flats.

If, however, the line or space which means that one must be sung, is one which has a sharp or flat upon it in the signature, when the alphabetical name of the key is given, it is customary to add the word "sharp" or "flat" to the letter. For example, when the signature is two flats, the tune is in the Key of the Third Line (Treble Clef.) and Second Line (Base Clef.) The

alphabetical names of these lines, is "B." As the signature denotes that every B in the tune must be played flat, two flats is said to be the signature of the Key of B FLAT. All other keys in which the key note is a letter which is flat or sharp in the signature, add the word "flat" or "sharp" to the alphabetical name, in the same manner.

CHAPTER XXX.

In easy strains of music, it is easy to *estimate* the length of the tones, by taking a quarter note as the standard of measurement, and making the other tones, twice, three times, four times, or half as long as the tone represented by the quarter note, according as the tone is represented by a half note, a dotted half note, a whole note, or an eighth note. In complicated movements, it is not so easy to *estimate* the length of the tones, and so methods are devised to measure them.

There are three different methods, viz.:

BEATING TIME. COUNTING ALOUD. COUNTING INAUDIBLY.

Beating time, requires motions of the hand, at exactly equal points of time. Counting time, requires counts, at exactly equal points of time. It is common to speak of tones as "so many beats long," or as "so many counts long."

Every measure in a tune contains the value of *Two Quarter Notes*, or, every measure in a tune contains the value of *Three Quarter Notes*, or, every measure in a tune contains the value of *Four Quarter Notes*.

When every measure in a tune contains the value of Two Quarter notes, the tune is said to be written in DOUBLE MEASURE, or, in DOUBLE TIME.

When every measure in a tune contains the value of Three Quarter notes, the tune is said to be written in TRIPLE MEASURE, or, in TRIPLE TIME.

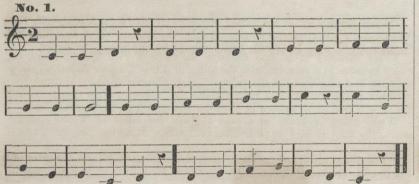
When every measure in a tune contains the value of Four Quarter notes, the tune is said to be written in QUADRUPLE MEASURE, or, in QUADRUPLE TIME. Double Time requires two motions of the hand, or two counts. The first motion must be made DOWN, and the second, UP. To count Double Time, the words ONE, TWO, must be spoken at exactly equal points of time.

Triple Time requires three motions of the hand, or three counts. The first motion must be made DOWN, the second LEFT, (i. e., towards the left hand,) and the third, UP. To count Triple Time the words ONE, TWO, THREE, must be spoken at exactly equal points of time.

Quadruple Time requires four motions of the hand, or four counts. The first motion must be made DOWN, the second, LEFT, the third, RIGHT, (i. e., towards the right hand,) and the fourth, UP. To count Quadruple Time, the words ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, must be spoken at exactly equal points of time.

Although it would be easy to tell what kind of measures a tune is written in without any such figures, it is customary to place the figure 2, 3, or 4 immediately after the clef, to indicate whether the tune is in Double, Triple, or Quadruple Time.

EXERCISE.—Let the class practice the following exercises, and measure the time, in all three of the methods. The following plan is a good one. When the time is to be measured by beating, let all beat, half the class sing, and the other half describe the time. ("Describing the Time," means to speak aloud, and say "Down," "Up," &c.) When the time is to be measured by counting aloud, let half the class sing, and the other half count aloud. When the time is to be measured by counting inaudibly, the class must count in the mind, as distinctly and definitely, as when counting aloud.





Much diversity of opinion exists as to when it is necessary to beat time Some hold that singers should beat it all of the time. Others hold that in all ordinary strains of music it is perfectly easy to estimate it, and that as the study of the cultivation of the voice teaches that it is injurious to the quality of the tone to sing and at the same time make any motion or have any of the muscles contracted, and as the habit of singing and *always* beating time begets a habit of involuntary twitching the muscles in some part of the body to the time of the music, that singers should never beat time, when it is possible to sing the tune correctly without. In deference to this class of singers, no tunes have been placed in the preceding lessons, which contain any passages that cannot be sung by estimating the length of the tones.

Many passages, however, occur in all varieties of music, where even an experienced musician cannot make the tones the right length without definitely measuring the time. All learners, therefore, should acquire the ability to beat and count with the most clock-work accuracy, so that when they sing without beating time, it shall not be because they cannot beat it, but because they can keep the time accurately without definitely marking it. The class, therefore, should now be rquired to beat time during the remaining lessons of the course, in a sufficient number of tunes and exercises, to make them perfectly able to beat time accurately, whenever they are required to do so.

CHAPTER XXXI.

In reality there are but two kinds of time, viz., Double Time and Triple Time. Quadruple Measures are nothing more than two Double Measures made into one, and they might, with propriety, be called Compound Double Time. As Quadruple measures make only half as many bars requisite in a tune as Double Measures, and as Double Measures are not large enough to contain a note longer than a Half Note, Quadruple Measures are more convenient than Double Measures, and composers of tunes use them much more frequently than they do Double Measures.

There is a kind of time formed by making two Triple Measures into one, which might be called Compound Triple Time, but which *is* called Sextuple Time. It is not near so convenient as Triple Time, so composers of tunes seldom use it.

Sextuple Time requires six motions of the hand, or six counts. The first motion must be made Down, (hand to fall half way down,) the second Down, (hand to fall the rest of the way down, (the third, LEFT, the fourth, RIGHT, the fifth, UP, (hand rises half way up,) the sixth UP, (hand rises the rest of the way up.)

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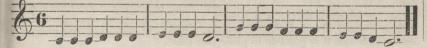
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EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercise, and measure the time in all three of the methods.

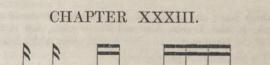


CHAPTER XXXII.

Tunes which have the Signature ONE SHARP, are in the key of the Second Line in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the key of the First Line, in the Base part. In other words, tunes which have the signature ONE SHARP, are in the key of G.

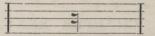


EXERCISE. — Let the class practice enough of the tunes mentioned on page 60, as adapted to the practice of this chapter, to become somewhat familiar with the key of G.

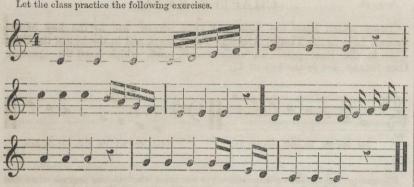


Notes like the above are called SIXTEENTH NOTES. A Sixteenth Note represents a tone a quarter of a beat long. Or, in other words, four Sixteenth notes must be sung during the time occupied by one beat.

A SIXTEENTH REST.

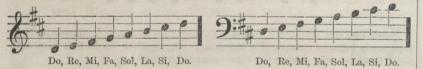


A SIXTEENTH REST indicates that the time occupied by a quarter of a beat, must be passed in silence.



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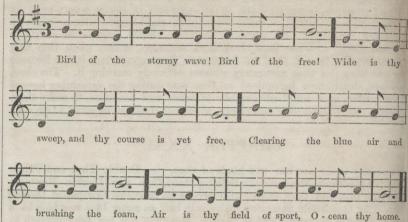
Tunes which have the signature Two SHARPS, are in the Key of the Space Below, in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the Key of the Third Line in the Base part. In other words, tunes which have the signature Two SHARPS, are in the Key of D.



EXERCISE. — Let the class practice enough of the tunes mentioned on page 60, as adapted to the practice of this chapter, to become somewhat familiar with the Key of D.

CHAPTER XXXV.

As a dot after a note, makes the note represent a tone one half longer than is represented by the note when there is no dot after it, a DOTTED QUARTER NOTE represents a tone, one and a half beats long. EXERCISE. —Let the class sing the following exercise, and be careful to make the Dotted Quarter notes, exactly one and a half beats long.



CHAPTER XXXVI.

It is possible to sing a tone *between* ONE and Two, Two and THREE, FOUR and FIVE, FIVE and SIX, and SIX and SEVEN, but *not* between THREE and FOUR, or between SEVEN and EIGHT. Those tones of the scale between which it is possible to sing other tones, are said to be a STEP distant from each other. Those tones between which it is not possible to sing other tones, are said to be a HALF STEP distant from each other. The tones which are between the tones of the scale are called INTERMEDIATE TONES. There is an Intermediate Tone between ONE and Two, Two and THREE, FOUR and FIVE, FIVE and SIX, and SIX and SEVEN, but none between THREE and FOUR, nor between SEVEN and EIGHT.

Tones which are a Half Step distant from each other, are said to be as near together as it is possible to place two tones.

The Intermediate Tone between One and Two is called SHARP ONE. The Intermediate Tone between Two and Three is called SHARP Two The Intermediate Tone between Four and Five, is called SHARP FOUR. The Intermediate Tone between Five and Six, is called SHARP FIVE. The Intermediate Tone between Six and Seven, is called SHARP SIX.



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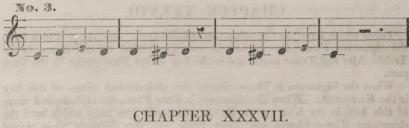
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SHARP ONE is so called because it is represented by a note placed on the degree which represents ONE, with a sharp before it. The sharp indicates that the note does not represent ONE, but a tone which is a Half Step higher than ONE. The same in principle applies to the other Intermediate Tones.

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The syllables which are used for singing the Intermediate Tones, are formed by taking the first letter of the syllable which is used for singing the tone when it is not sharped, and adding "double e" to it, as in the above example.





In a Repeat, if the dots are on the left hand side of a double bar, as in the first exercise in Chapter XVI., the Repeat means that the passage which goes *before* it, must be repeated. If the dots are placed *after* a double bar, as in the fifth measure of the following exercise, the Repeat means that the passage which comes *after* it, must be repeated. Or, rather, it means that there is another repeat further along in the tune which is placed upon the left hand side of a double bar, which means that the singers must repeat back to the place where there is a Repeat which is placed upon the right hand side of a double bar. So the repeat at the end of the eighth measure in the following exercise, means that the singers must repeat back to the Repeat at the beginning of the fifth measure.

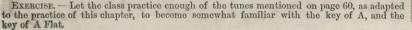
The words "1st Time," and "2d Time," mean that the singers must first sing the passage marked "1st Time," and then when they repeat, omit the passage marked "1st Time," and sing the one marked "2d Time" in its place.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Tunes which have the signature THREE SHARPS, and tunes which have the signature FOUR FLATS, are in the Key of the Second Space, in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the key of the First Space in the Base part.

When the Signature is Three Sharps the alphabetical name of this key is the KEY OF A. When the signature is Four Flats, the alphabetical name of this key is the KEY OF A FLAT. Although the keys which have the signatures Three Sharps and Four Flats, are very different when played upon an instrument, as far as reading the notes in vocal music is concerned they are alike.





CHAPTER XXXIX.

Sharps affect all of the notes upon the degree of the staff upon which they are written, which come after them in the same measure. For example in the second measure of the following exercise, the third note represent SHARP FOUR, although there is no sharp before it, because the sharp befor the first note in the measure, makes all the notes on the first space in the measure, represent SHARP FOUR.

EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercise.



CHAPTER XL.

A DOTTED EIGHTH NOTE is three quarters of a beat long. By far the most common position in which a Dotted Eighth note is printed, is with Sixteenth note after it, thus:---



In this position, the Dotted Eighth note and the Sixteenth note together require one beat, but the Dotted Eighth Note requires three quarters of the time occupied by the beat, and the Sixteenth note, one quarter.

EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercise.



CHAPTER XLI.

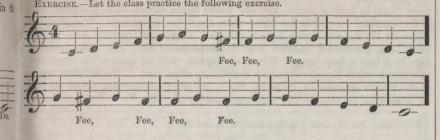
If the last note in a measure represents an intermediate tone, and the first note of the next measure is on the same degree of the staff, then the sharp affects all the notes on that degree of the staff in that measure also.

EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercise.

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CHAPTER XLII.

Tunes which have the signature FOUR SHARPS, and tunes which have the signature THREE FLATS, are in the key of the First Line, in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the key of the Third Space, in the Base part. When the signature is Four Sharps the alphabetical name of this key, is the KEY OF E. When the signature is Three Flats, the alphabetical name of the key, is the KEY OF E FLAT. Although the keys which have the signatures Four Sharps and Three Flats are very different, when played upon an instrument, as far as reading the notes in vocal music is concerned, they are alike.





EXERCISE. - Let the class practice enough of the tunes mentioned on page 60, as adapted to the practice of this chapter, to become somewhat familiar with the Key of E, and the Key of E Flat.

CHAPTER XLIII.

A character called a NATURAL (\$) counteracts the influence of the sharp. That is, it makes the note which comes after it, just what it would have been if there had been no sharp in the measure. The natural affects all the notes on the same degree of the staff, just as sharps do.

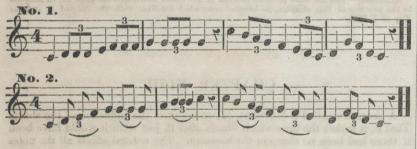
EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercise.



CHAPTER XLIV.

When three notes have a figure three placed over or under them, they are called TRIPLETS. A Triplet must be sung in the time of two of the same kind of notes as those which compose the Triplet. For example, if a Triplet is formed by eighth notes, it must be sung in the time of two eighth notes; if a triplet is composed of quarter notes, it must be sung in the time of two quarter notes, and so on. Although a Triplet always should have a figure three over or under it, printers sometimes omit the three, and merely group the three notes which form the Triplet together.

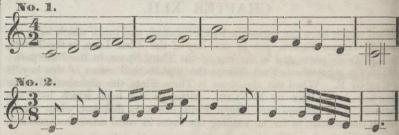
EXERCISE. -Let the class practice the following exercises.



CHAPTER XLV.

In this book a quarter note is always one beat long, and is the standard by which all other notes are measured. In some singing books the same standard is not retained in every tune, but in some tunes a quarter note is one beat long; in some tunes a half note is one beat long; in some tunes an eighth note is one beat long; and so on. In those books which use different standards, two figures are placed at the commencement of each tune, the upper figure indicating the number of beats in each measure, and the lower figure indicating the note which is taken as the standard; (that is, the note which is one beat long.) For example, in Exercise No. 1, the four means that there are four beats in each measure, and the two means that a half note is the standard by which the other notes must be measured. Therefore, in Exercise No. 1, each half note is one beat long, each whole note is two beats long, and each quarter note is a half a beat long. When a half note is used as the standard, characters called DOUBLE NOTES are often used The last note in Exercise No. 1 is a double note, and it represents a tom four beats long. In Exercise No. 2, the upper figure denotes that there are three beats in each measure, and the lower figure means that an eighth not is the standard by which the other notes must be measured. Therefore, in Exercise No 2, each eighth note is one beat long, each quarter note is two beats long, the dotted quarter note is three beats long, and each sixteent note is a half a beat long. When an eighth note is used as the standard characters called THIRTY-SECOND NOTES are often used. The last four note in the fourth measure of Exercise No. 2, are thirty-second notes, and all fou of them must be sung in the time occupied by one beat.

EXERCISE. - Let the class sing Exercises No. 1, and No. 2.



Many tunes are written in which a triplet is the standard, that is, in which a triplet is one beat long. If a triplet is the standard in double measure there will be the value of six eighth notes in each measure. If a triplet is the standard in Triple measure, there will be the value of nine eighth note in each measure. If a triplet is the standard in quadruple measure there will be the value of twelve eighth notes in each measure. In tunes where triplet is the standard, the figure three which indicates a triplet, is never used because all of the notes are either triplets or the value of triplets. In this kind of tunes, it would be perfectly proper to say that a dotted quarter is one beat long, and that a dotted quarter note is the standard, instead d saying that a triplet is the standard. The remark is made at the commencement of this chapter, that in this book, a quarter note is always one beat long. This is true, if in the kind of tunes under consideration, we call a triplet the standard. If we call a dotted quarter note the standard, this kind of tunes will have to be considered as an exception.

EXERCISE. - Let the class sing the following exercise.

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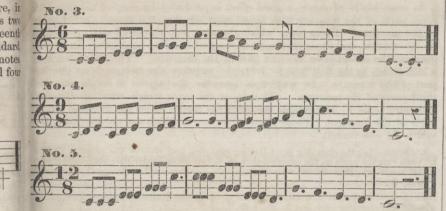
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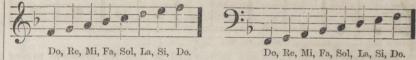
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As a quarter note is the standard in every tune in this book, there is no necessity for using two figures at the commencement of tunes, and so only the figure is used which indicates the number of beats in each measure. There is no good way, however, to designate those tunes in which a triplet which forms the standard, except to use two figures. In this kind of tunes, the figures indicate the value of notes contained in each measure, and not the number of beats, or the standard. The figures at the commencement of note Exercise No. 3, do not mean that there must be six beats in each measure, there and that an eighth note is the standard, but they mean that the value of two triplets is contained in each measure. Exercise No. 3, is in double time, and the value of a triplet comes to each beat. Exercise No, 4 is in triple time, n the and Exercise No. 5 is in quadruple time, with the value of a triplet to each ter i beat.

CHAPTER XLVI.

Tunes which have the signature One Flat are in the key of the First Space in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the key of the Fourth Line, (or of the Space Below,) in the Base part. In other words, tunes which have the signature ONE FLAT, are in the Key of F.

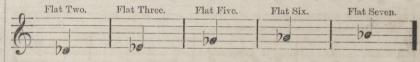


EXERCISE. — Let the class practice enough of the tunes mentioned on page 60, as adapted to the practice of this chapter, to become somewhat familiar with the key of F.

CHAPTER XLVII.

An Intermediate Tone is, of course, always between two tones of the scale. When it is represented by a note with a sharp before it, as explained in Chapter XXXVI, the note is placed on the letter which represents the lowest of the two tones, and the sharp indicates that the note represents a tone a half step higher than the tone which would be represented if the sharp was not there.

The Intermediate Tone is often represented by a note placed on the letter which represents the highest of the two tones. When this is the case, a flat is placed before it to indicate that it is a half step lower than the tone which would be represented if the flat was not there.



In the above example, "Flat Two" represents the Intermediate Tone between One and Two, "Flat Three" between Two and Three, "Flat Five" between Four and Five, "Flat Six" between Five and Six, "Flat Seven" between Six and Seven. In other words, Flat Two represents the same

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tone as Sharp One, Flat Three represents the same tone as Sharp Two, Flat Five represents the same tone as Sharp Four, Flat Six represents the same tone as Sharp Five, and Flat Seven represents the same tone as Sharp Six.



When Intermediate Tones are represented by flats, the syllables to sing them with are formed by taking the "first letter" of the syllable which is used for singing the tone when it is not flat, and adding "ay" to it, as in the above example. The flat affects all the notes on the same degree of the staff, just as sharps do.

EXERCISE. — Let the class practice the following exercises, taking care to sing the tones represented by flats correctly.



CHAPTER XLVIII.

In some kinds of music, a good effect is produced by singing the tones i some parts of the measure with more emphasis than the tones in other par of the measure. Those tones which are sung with this emphasis, are said be ACCENTED, and those that are not sung with it UNACCENTED. In doub measure the accent is on the first part of the measure. (That is, on the to which comes to the first beat.) In triple measure the accent is on the first a third parts of the measure. (That is, on the tones which come to the first and third beats.) In sextuple measure, the accent is on the first and four parts of the measure. Those parts of measures which are not accented, a said to be unaccented.

EXERCISE.—Let the class sing the following exercises, and observe the accent. That let them sing the tones on the accented parts of the measure, louder than they do the ton on the unaccented parts of the measure.



No. 1.

CHAPTER XLIX.

When a tone commences on an unaccented part of the measure, and is prolonged through an accented part of the measure, the note which represents it is called a SYNCOPATED NOTE. The tones which are represented by syncopated notes must always be accented. That is they must be sung with greater emphasis than any other tone in the measure.

 $\mbox{Exercise.}-\mbox{Let}$ the class sing the following exercise, carefully emphasizing the syncopated notes.

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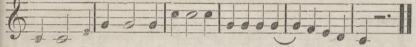
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"Accent" is one of the "Musical Words of Command," which are explained on page 358.

No special care need be taken to observe the accent, unless the leader gives the word of command, to "sing the piece and observe the accent," in which case the notes on the accented parts of the measure must be sung louder than those on the unaccented parts. Syncopated notes, however, must always be sung emphatically, whether the leader gives any word of command with reference to the accent or not.

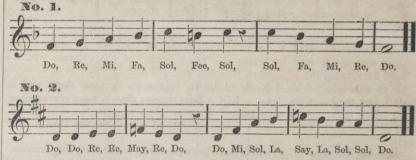
CHAPTER L.

Instrumental players always read music by the letters, and so they are compelled to remember which letters are sharped and flatted in the signature; but as singers do not read by the letters, it is not necessary that they should remember which letters are affected by the signature.

There is only one place where it is necessary that singers should pay any regard to what letters are sharped or flatted in the signatures, and that is when this sharped or flatted letter is taken away by a Natural.

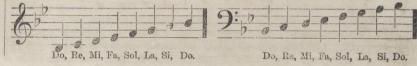
When a flat in the signature is taken away by a natural, the tone becomes sharp. For example, in Exercise No. 1, the signature says every B in the exercise must be flat; but this flat is taken away in the second measure by a natural, so that tone becomes SHARP FOUR. When a sharp in the signature is taken away by a natural, the tone becomes flat. For example, in Exercise No. 2, the signature says every F and C in the exercise must be sharp; but the F sharp is taken away in the second measure, so that tone becomes FLAT THREE. The C sharp is taken away in the fourth measure, so that tone becomes FLAT SEVEN.

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CHAPTER LI.

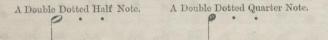
Tunes which have the signature Two FLATS are in the Key of the Third Line, or of the First Added Space Below, in the Treble, Alto and Tenor parts, and in the Key of the Second Line in the Base part. Tunes which have the signature Two Flats are in the Key of B Flat. To be in the Key of B, tunes require the signatures of five sharps, so tunes in the Key of the Third Line, (Treble, Alto and Tenor,) and Second Line, (Base) almost always have the signature of Two Flats. The signature of five sharps is seldom used in vocal music.



EXERCISE. — Let the class practice enough of the tunes mentioned on page 60, as adapted to the practice of this chapter, to become somewhat familiar with the key of B Flat.

CHAPTER LII.

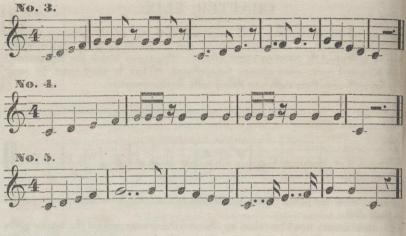
When two dots are placed after a note, the second dot adds one half the length of the first dot to the length of the tone which is represented by the note. Such notes are called DOUBLE DOTTED NOTES.



A Double Dotted Half Note, therefore, represents a tone three and a half beats long - or, a tone a half a beat shorter than a tone represented by a whole note. A Double Dotted Quarter Note represents a tone a beat and three quarters long, - or, a tone a quarter of a beat shorter than a half note.

The successions of notes which have been practiced in the foregoing lessons, have all been easy and natural successions. That is, they have been successions of notes which do not usually require much effort to sing in correct time. Sometimes successions of notes occur, which require complicated divisions of the time. Some specimens of such successions of notes are given in the following exercises. They do not often occur in ordinary music. A good way to master such a complicated succession, is, whenever one occurs in a tune the learner wishes to sing, to make a special exercise of it, and practice it until it can be correctly and readily sung.





CHAPTER LIII.

Music is frequently printed in a crowded and condensed form. When it is thus printed, it is not expected that it can be read as fluently, as when it is plainly printed, but it answers the purpose perfectly well, where a piece is practiced enough for the singers to become perfectly familiar with it. When singers have learned a piece thoroughly, they only need the notes as a sort of memorandum, like the skeleton notes of a speaker. For this purpose crowded, abbreviated and condensed music answers very well, and occupie much less room than plainly printed music. Music is never printed in this condensed form, however, unless it is designed to be sung on what is called in the Study of Musical Words of Command, "the comparative or superlative plans." Music designed to be sung on the positive plan, is always printed open and plain. In condensed music the alto is always printed on the same staff with treble, and the tenor on the same staff with the base. That is, the upper notes of the upper staff is the treble, the lower notes of the upper staff is the alto, the upper notes of the lower staff is the tenor, and the lower notes of the lower staff is the base.



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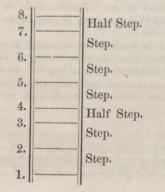
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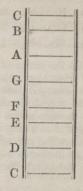
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The Art of Reading Music is often called the study of the ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES of Music. The foregoing chapters contain all of this study which it is necessary for singers to know. Organists, composers, and students in some other branches of music, are obliged to learn some other things which belong to the Elementary Principles; but singers have no practical use for any other knowledge than that imparted in the instructions of the foregoing chapters. In American Singing Books, it has been customary to introduce the following subjects among those explained in the Elementary Principles, and they are mentioned here on that account; but it is not at all necessary that those who are learning to sing, should give them any attention, and it is not possible to understand them clearly, without studying the study called Thorough Base, and after learning that, studying the study called Harmony.



The preceding representation of a Ladder, represents the distances the tones of the scale must be from each other, as explained in Chapter XXXVI. Ever since the kind of musical instruments which are in use at the present day have been made, musical instrument makers have placed the two half steps which are in the series of distances which form the scale, between F and F, and between B and C.



They commenced doing this centuries ago, and it is not now known why they did it. The result is, that the key of C is the only key in which the distances which form the scale come right without the use of flats and sharps. The key of C is, on this account, the first key which learners become familiar with, not because it is any easier or more natural than the other keys, for the keys are exactly alike in this respect, but because it is the only key that learners can practice in, without first learning about the sharps and flats.

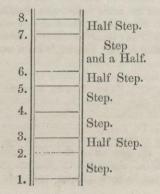
The scale can commence on any other letter, as well as on \hat{C} , but with whatever letter it commences, the tones *must* be in the order of *step*, *step*, *half step*, *step*, *step*, *step*, *half step*. When the scale commences on \hat{C} , the tones come at these distances of themselves, without using sharps or flats. When the scale commences on \hat{D} , f and c must be made sharp, or the steps and half steps will not come in the right order, so the signature of the key of \hat{D} has to be two sharps. So with all of the other keys. The reason why there are sharps and flats in the signatures is, because the steps and half steps in the scale would not come in their proper order, if the letters upon which the sharps and flats in the signature are placed, were not made sharp or flat. As has been already remarked, singers do not have to pay any attention to the sharps and flats in the signature, but players are always obliged to play those letters sharp or flat.

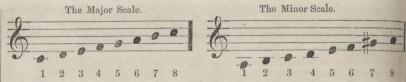
The Scale is almost always called simply, THE SCALE Sometimes, however, it is called by one of the following names.

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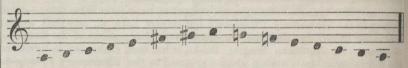
Either of these names denotes the series of eight tones which are arranged in the order of step, step, half step. step, step, step, half step.

A series of Eight Tones, so arranged, that the second tone is a step above the first, the third tone a half step above the second, the fourth tone a step above the third, the fifth tone a step above the fourth, the sixth tone a half step above the fifth, the seventh tone a step and a half above the sixth, and the eighth tone a half step above the seventh, is called the MINOR SCALE. Tunes made by placing tones at distances from each other, like the distances in the Minor Scale, produce a mournful effect.





The distance from the sixth to the seventh tone of the minor scale is a step and a half. It was formerly considered very difficult for singers to sing two tones so far apart, although modern singers do not experience the leas difficulty in doing it. Old writers, however, thought it was so hard, that the attempted to assist singers over this difficulty, by writing the minor scale, a in the following example.



In this way they got rid of this "step and a half," but they destroyed the mournful character of the music, for in those parts of the scale where the made the alteration, the music does not sound mournful, so at the presen day no good authors ever use the minor scale in any other form than that i which the steps and half steps are in the order represented in the foregoin illustration of a Ladder.

No distances can be used in music, except those which are contained in the scale. If any other distances were used, the music would be unnatural and unpleasant. All varieties of music are formed from the distances contained in the Major Scale, except sad and mournful music. To form sad and mournful music, the tune must be formed by distances contained in the Minor Scale.



A sharp, flat or natural, which is placed before a note, is called an ACCIDENTAL, to distinguish it from sharps and flats in the signature. In the study called Harmony, a subject is explained which is called "Modulation." Modulation teaches that whenever an accidental is written it changes the key. A person who understands modulation would know that the second and third measures of the foregoing example are in the key of G, for the accidental changes the key from the key of C to the key of G. If a person who understands modulation was to sing the foregoing example, he would use these syllables, viz: Do, Mi, Sol, Sol,—Do, Si, Do, Re, | Do, Si, Do, Re, | Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, | Do. That is, in the first, fourth and fifth measures, he would use the syllables of the key of G, because he would know that the accidental makes the second and third measures in the key of G.

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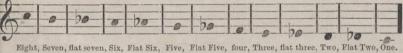
A series of tones which embraces all the tones of the scale, and all the intermediate tones, is called the CHROMATIC SCALE.

THE CHROMATIC SCALE, with the intermediate tones represented by Sharps.

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One, sharp one, two, sharp two, Three, four, sh'p four, five. sharp five, Six, sharp six, Seven, eight. Do. Dee. Ray. Ree. Mee. Fah. Fee. Sol. See. Lah, Lee, Sce, Do.

THE CHROMATIC SCALE, with the intermediate tones represented by Flats.



Do, Se, Say, Lah, Lay, Sol, Say, Fah, Mee, May, Ray, Ray, Do.

When the Scale is spoken of in connection with the Minor Scale, it is usually called the Major Scale. When it is spoken of in connection with the Chromatic Scale, it is usually called the Diatonic Scale, or the Natural Scale.



One who understands modulation, never has to use a syllable which belongs to an Intermediate tone. To him there is no such thing as an Intermediate Tone, for the accidental which indicates an Intermediate Tone to one who does not understand modulation, indicates a change of key to one who does. As no one can understand modulation without thoroughly studying Thorough Base and Harmony, the Chromatic Scale was devised to enable singers to sing correctly, without obliging them to learn Thorough Base and Harmony; for by calling the tones represented by accidentals, "Intermediate Tones," although these are fictitious names, they can sing the tones as correctly as they could if they understood modulation, and could give the real names of the tones in the keys to which the accidental changes them.

The device of the Chromatic Scale, also, enables singers to sing the tones of the Minor Scale correctly, without the necessity of understanding the nature and philosophy of the Minor Scale, which no one can understand satisfactorily, without studying Thorough Base and Harmony.



In the foregoing example, the real names of the tones are indicated by the figures above the staff. The real names of the tones of the minor scale are the same as the names of the tones of the Major Scale. That is, the real names of the lowest tone of the Minor Scale is ONE, and of the others, Two, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, and EIGHT. But it is the universal custom of singers to give fictitious names to the tones of the Minor Scale, and call the lowest tone SIX, the next SEVEN, the next ONE, the next Two, the next THREE, the next FOUR, the next SHARP FIVE, and the next SIX, as represented by the figures under the staff, in the foregoing example. It

will be seen that these fictitious names of the tones of the Minor Scale, call the tones by the names they would have if they were the tones of the Major Scale; and as if SEVEN if the Minor Scale was SHARP FIVE of the Chromatic Scale. The syllables used in singing the Minor Scale, also, are the same that would be used, if the tones of the Minor Scale were tones of the Major Scale. The result of all this, is, that it enables the singers to sing the tones of the Minor Scale correctly, without knowing anything about its construction. It is not necessary, therefore, that a singer should even know that there is such a thing as a Minor Scale.

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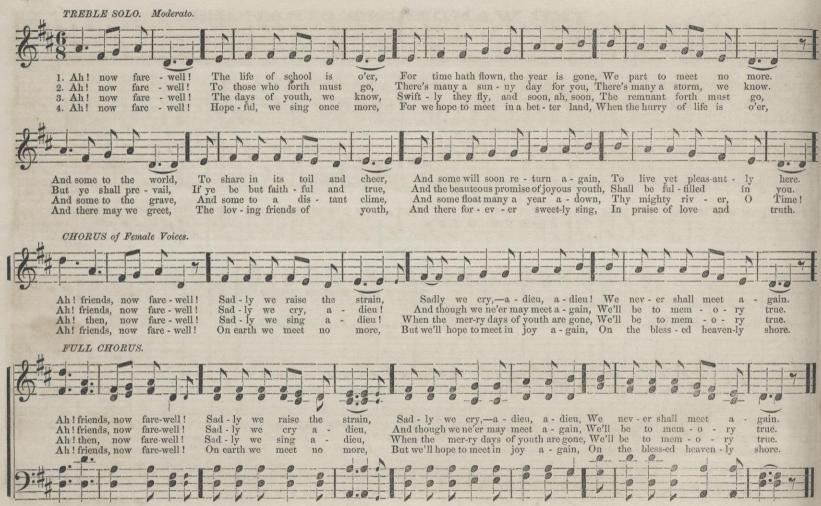
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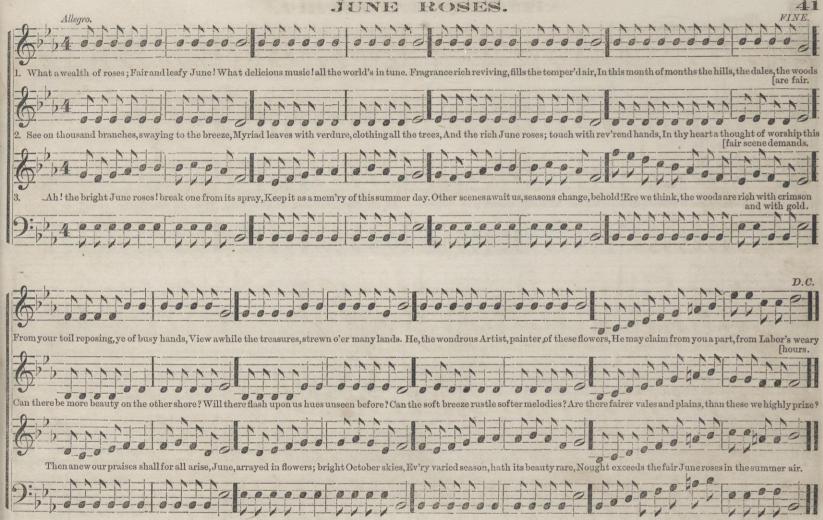
The pages of this book from page 39 to page 96, and from page 331 to the | circle at home, or wherever half a dozen singers wish to sing together. In some end of the book, are filled with music which is not sacred, but which is of a of these pieces the poet has not made the verses all alike, so the notes are made character which singing schools, musical conventions, and musical associations to fit the syllables of the first verse, leaving it to the ingenuity of the leader need for practice. Experience proves that the practice of church music alone or teacher to make them fit the other verses. A number of pieces which have has a tendency to produce lagging, sluggish, dragging singers, and choirs ought been published and been very popular in sheet music form, have been inserted to spend a part of the time at their practising meetings, in the practice of light by permission of the owners of the copyrights. These pieces can be obtained and rapid music. They will sing church music all the better for it, and church with full piano-forte accompaniments, by addressing the music dealers who music books of the present day always contain a selection of light music for this published them, the addresses of whom are printed on the pages which conpurpose. Much of this music in this book is also adapted to sing in the family tain the pieces.



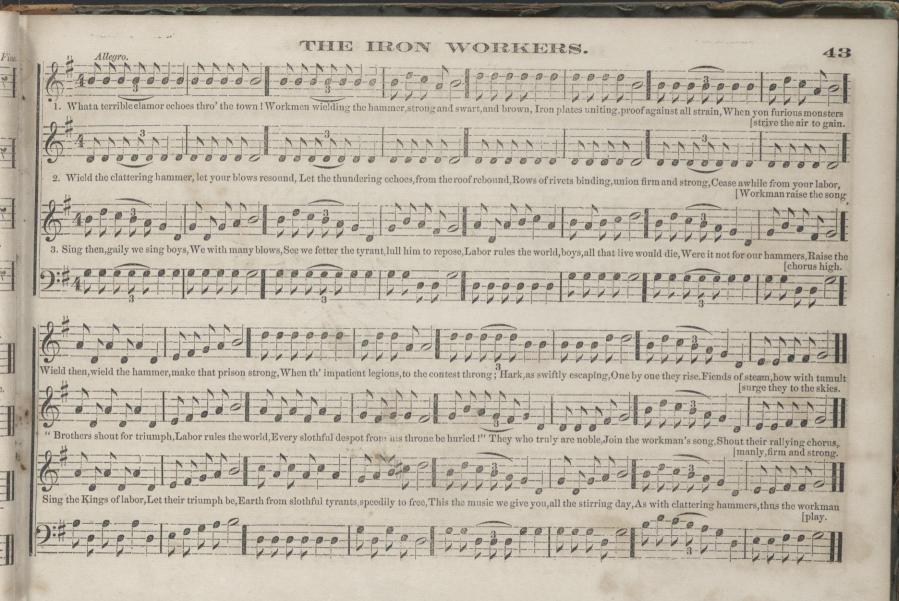
AH! NOW FAREWELL.



JUNE ROSES.



42 THE QUIET HEART. Allegretto. Fine. 10 0.0-0.00.0 1. Silent fall the cooling dews of evening, Noiselessly ascends the morning light; Tranquilly the mighty planets cir - cle, Soundless passeth time in rap-id flight. 0.00.00.00.0 000.00.00.0 -0.0-0.0-0.0-0.0-All thy day await the tranquil evening, Thine the bliss that ev - er will en - dure. 2. Calmly then, O Spirit formed for heaven, All of this mortality en - dure. D.C. Voiceless are the thoughts that rule the nations, Still and calm the all enclosing skies, Dumb the heart oppressed with deep emotion, From great ocean's depth, no sounds arise. 0.0 0.0 5.9 0.9 0 0 0.0 0.0 Strong and silent, 'mil the howling tempest, Then thine eye can pierce the cloudy vei!, Viewing where the great sun ever shineth, Silent, still, where storms may not assail. 10 · 13 · 13 · 13 · 10





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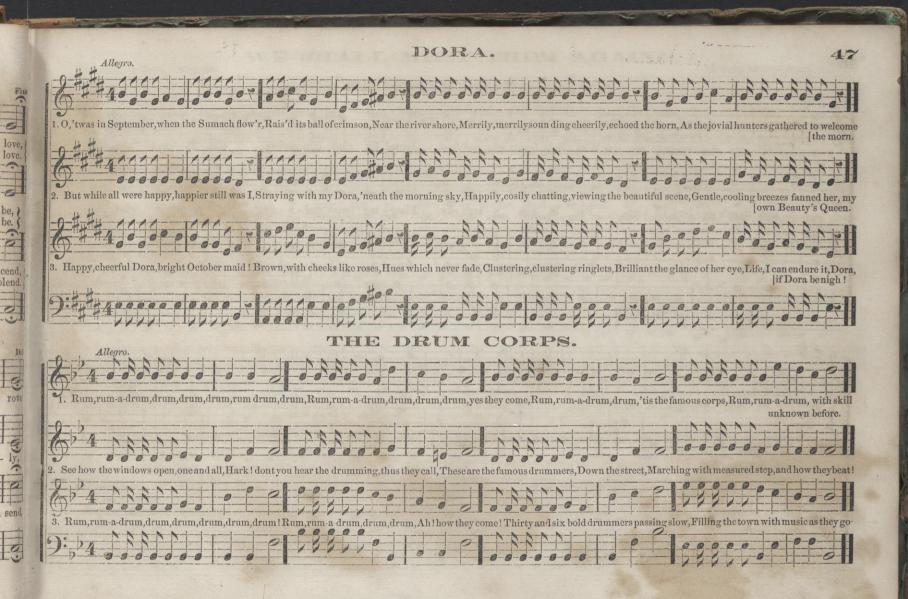
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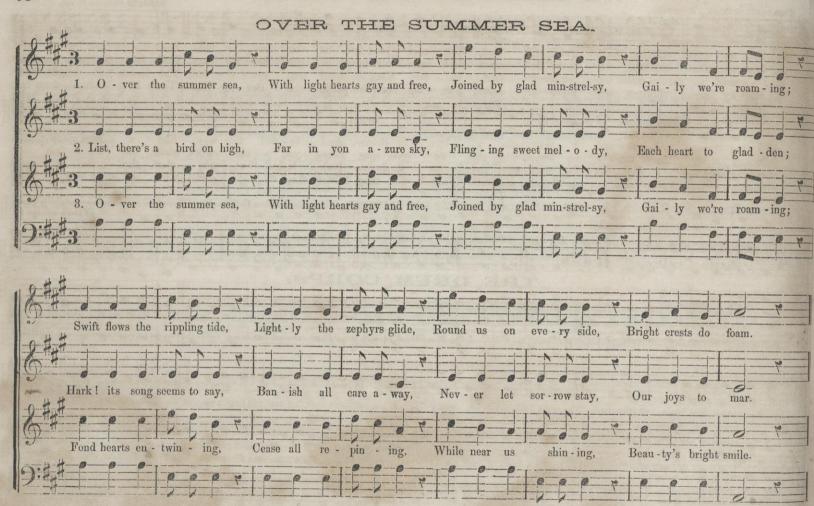
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O COME AWAY.

1. O come a - way from bu - sy care, From la - bor now a-while forbear, A - way to fields and gardens rare, The homes of those we love. p.c. We'll rest thro' sul - try summer hours, Till fall the cool Sep-tember show'rs, We'll rest in August's fruitful bowers, For these, for these we love. 2. The husband - man, with thankful eye, Doth now be - hold the harvest nigh, While rise his grateful tho'ts on high, To him the praise shall be. p.c. "For lo! our Father kind" saith he, "Doth ev - er - more re - member me, His showers re - fresh the verdant lea. To him the praise shall be t -60 3. O praise we then our Father good, For His the mount, the lake, the wood, He blesseth us with needful food, To him let praise as - cend. p.c. And oh. thro' all these summer days, Our hearts be filled with joy and praise, Harmonious - ly our morning lays, With songs of angels blend. Or shall we seek the mountain land, Or on the lake's green margin stand, Or shall we thro' the for - est grand, With steps de - light - ed rove For see, the tasselled fields of corn, The boughs, that blush with hues of morn, While birds wing o'er the radiant lawn, And sing so joy - ful - ly, -10---His showers refresh the fields of corn, He paints the fruits with hues of morn, To wea - ry ones when day is gone, He peaceful sleep doth send

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WE SHALL MEET THEM AGAIN. 49 CHILDREN, or SOLO. Allegretto. SABBATH SCHOOL HYMN. 1. Ma - ny sweet children have said "Good bye," at lived and We riv - er side. They dipped their feet in the died. the 2. Ma - ny dear children we know do stand, And tune their harps in Bet - ter Land, Their lit - tle hands from each the 3. They used to mourn when the Be - fore King Je - sus was cru - ci - fied, The Cross, with bright, un children died, 4. Ma - ny loved children we stand, Tun - ing their harps in Bet - ter Land. Their lit - tle hands from each know do the glid - ing stream, And fa - ded a - way, like a love - ly dream, And love - ly dream. fa - ded a - way, like a gold - en string, Bring mu - sic sweet, while the gels sing, Bring sweet, while the an - gels sing. an mu - sic changing beam. Now lights all the way o'er the o'er mist - y stream, Now lights the way the mist - v stream. sounding string, Bring mu - sic sweet, while the an - gels sing, Bring sweet, while the mu - sic an - gels sing. Chorus. We shall meet them a - gain on the shore, We shall meet them again on the shore, With fair - er face, and an - gel grace, Each loved one will welcome us there. We shall meet them a - gain on the shore, We shall meet them again on the shore, With fair - er face, and an - gel grace, Each loved one will welcome us there. We shall meet them again on the shore, Where the fields are ev - er - more fair, When our days have fled, and our brief lives o'er, We shall meet them, and part no more. We shall meet them again on the shore, Where the fields are ev - er - more fair, When our days have fled, and our brief lives o'er, We shall meet them, and part no more.

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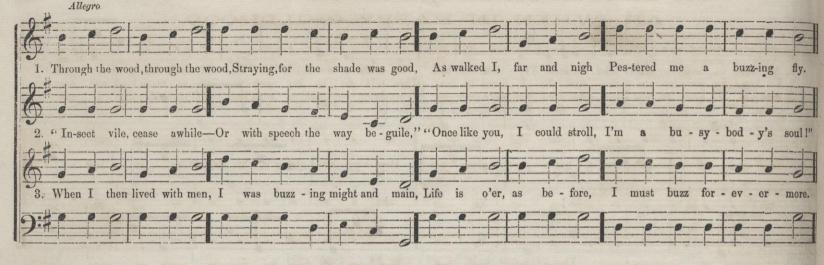


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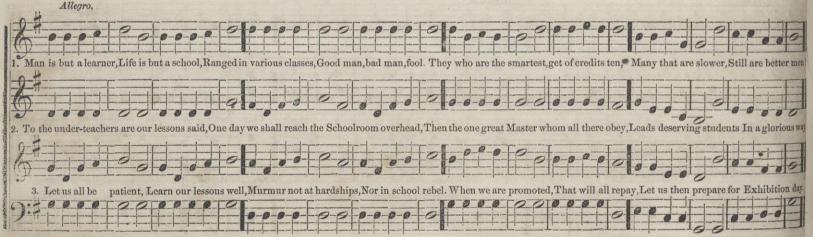
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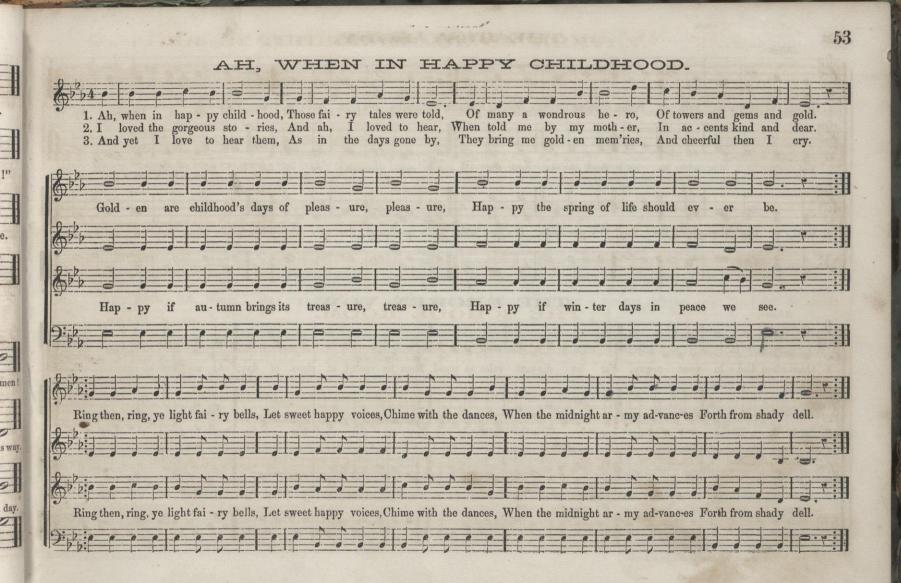


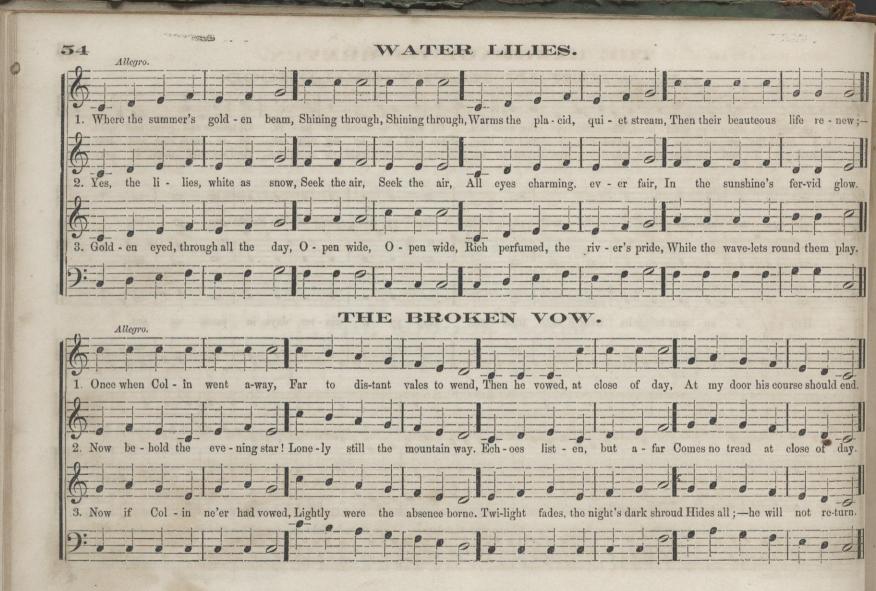
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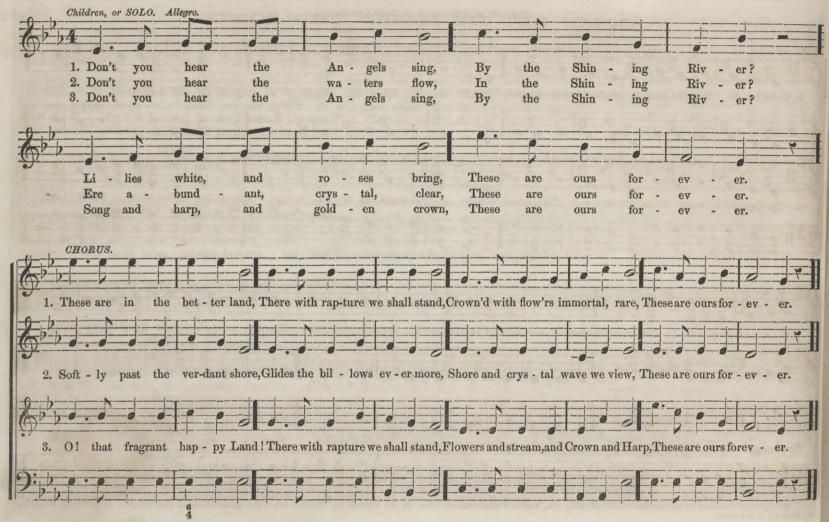
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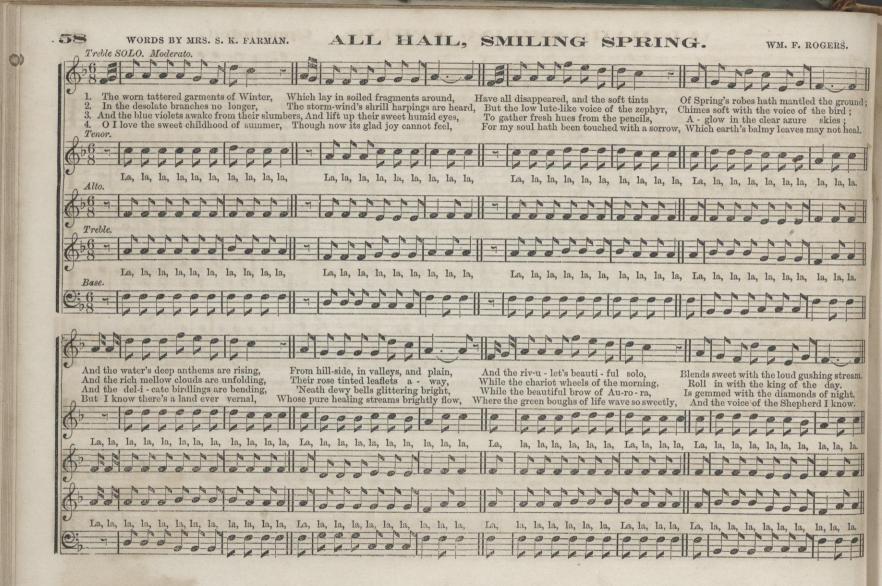
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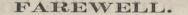
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TUNES ADAPTED TO THE PRACTICE

of the subjects explained in the Art of Reading Music, described in the Note on Page 11. That is, tunes which contain no characters which the learner will not understand, after he has learned the chapter which is mentioned in connection with each set of tunes, and all the chapters which precede it. The only exception is, that some of the tunes contain a character which is called a Pause. This is one of the Musical Words of Command, and consequently is explained in that study. When a tune is mentioned which contains a solo, the solo can be sung in full chorus, when the object is merely to have the class practise the kind of notes contained in the solo. After Chapter LII. has been learned. Any tunes printed in a condensed form, will answer to illustrate Chapter LIII. No anthems are mentioned, because the teacher can readily determine when his class are far enough advanced to sing any of them. Many other tunes in the book are equally well adapted to this practice. The best way would be for the teacher himself to make a selection, exactly adapted to the subject of the lesson and the circumstances of the students, before going to each session of his class. This list furnishes the names of some tunes adapted to each stage of progress, to which reference can be made, when for any reason, the teacher has not prepared a selection of his own. Of course, it is not necessary that a class should practice all of these tunes. One or two of each set would, doubtless, be sufficient to illustrate the subject matter of each chapter, but a larger number are mentioned, to give the teacher an opportunity to select such tunes as are exactly adapted to the circumstances of the particular class he is teaching.

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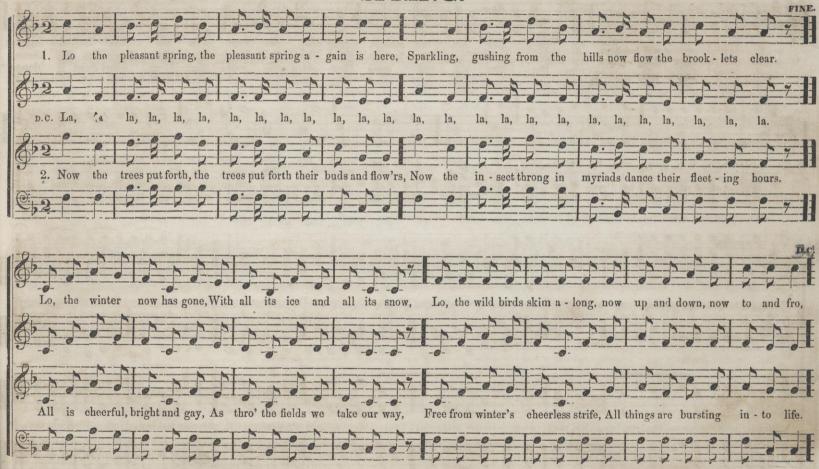


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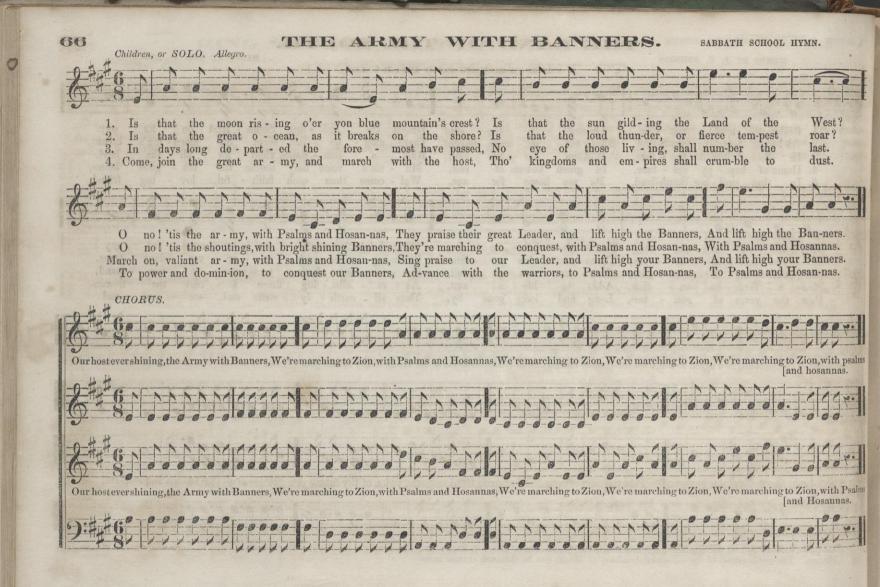
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INSERTED BY PERMISSION OF ROOT & CADY. 1. Glides von might-y riv - er. On-ward to the sea! Greets the smil - ing South - land its on way. 2. Ah! that hap - py South-land, There the blooms, There mag - no - lias scent or - ange the morn - ing's breeze, 3. In that bril-liant fu - ture, Will the fer - tile soil, Rich a bun - dance vield for all land. the 4. Home of hap - py cul - ture, In green Mu - sic's bowers at voice may rest, soothe the lan - guid hours, 5. In that smil - ing South-land, Wel - come Be my home for then each faith - ful. aye, friend. lov ing There where comes no win - ter, That's the home for Where bright flowers for me. ev - er more are gay. There what wealth of Thous - and rich ro - ses, per Climb-ing vines and - fumes, ev - er ver - dant trees. In that time of prom - ise. Eve - ry toil, Eve - ry son of one hath treas-ures at - mand. com Many a favor - ite au - thor. Adds to As re - clin - ing life a zest, there a mid the flowers. Past the years of con test. Long and by. long gone Thus all earth - ly strife end. and sor - row South-land! South-land! rise again to life. Past the time of hatred and of strife, Glorious is the vision of thy future years, Home of all that blesses and endears, and endears. South-land! South-land! rise again to life, Past the time of hatred and of strife, Glorious is the vision of thy future years, Home of all that blesses and endears.

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67 THE LAND WE LOVE. TO TENOR SOLO. 1. To the land we love, our na-tive land, Now raise the cheerful cho-rus, To the land we love, we sing in praise, And its ban - ner way-ing o'er us. 2. To the land we love, our own fair land, The whole broad realm we cherish, And we hope the Un-ion now restored, Shall ne'er ig - no - bly per - ish. 3. To our foes of late, but foes no more, A friend-ly hand ex - tending, 'Neath cold Lethe's wave we fling our swords, All hearts in Un - ion blending. For the land that blessed his youthful years. For its stainless flag on high, For who lov - eth not his na-tive land, And who would not glad-ly die, For who lov - eth not his na-tive land, And who would not glad-ly die, For the land that blessed his youthful years, For its stainless flag on high, TENOR SOLO. And this is tru - ly a no - ble land, It shall be free for - ey - er, We will guard its al - tars, firmly stand, For justice, truth, and right. And this is tru - ly a no - ble land, It shall be free for -ev - er, We will guard its al - tars, firmly stand, For justice, truth, and right.

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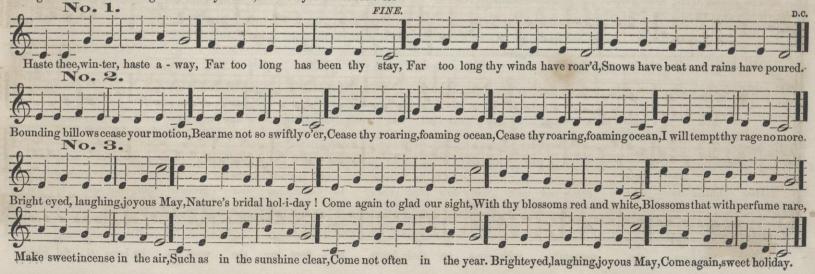
It is said that one of the most successful singing teachers of the last century, in Italy, used to pursue this method. He wrote a single sheet of music paper full of exercises which would require the singer to practice every evolution of which the human voice is capable, and required his pupils to practice these exercises a certain length of time every day during their whole course of study, even if the course occupied seven years, as in the case of those who were qualifying themselves for opera singers, it frequently did. It seems to be inherent to the nature of music, that its elemental principles can only be thoroughly mastered, by patiently practicing the same tune or exercise, day after day, until the student becomes thoroughly grounded in the principles which the practice of the tune or exercise is designed to enforce. Those who wish to excel in piano-forte playing, can only do so by practicing the same five finger exercises, scales, or velocities, hundreds and thousands of times, until they have thoroughly acquired the ability which such exercises are designed to impart. As no other study requires this PRINCIPLE OF CONSTANT REPETITION, learners are apt to regard this constant practice of the same tune, as they would the same process in such a study as arithmetic, and to suppose they are not making progress, but it is no such thing. Music cannot be thoroughly mastered in any other way. The following thirty-four tunes embody all the principles of the Art of Reading Music which belong to ordinary music, and they are intended for

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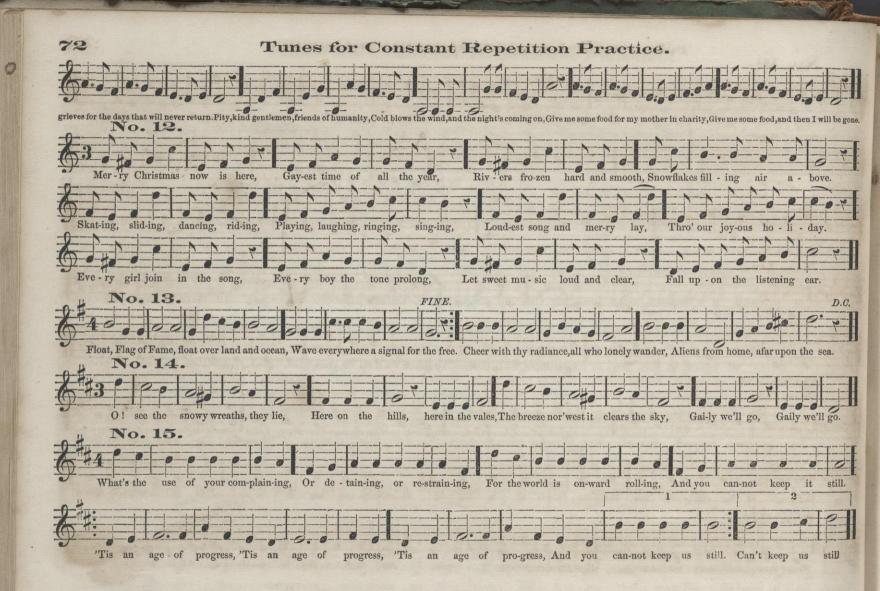
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"constant repetition" until the learners are thorough masters of those principles. The 60th page tells the principles of which chapters each tune is designed to enforce. For example, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, enforce the principles of the first thirteen chapters,-No. 4, of the first sixteen chapters,-No. 5, of the first twenty-one chapters,-and so on. As soon as the students have learned the first thirteen chapters, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, can be set apart as a constant rspetition exercise, and a certain time be devoted to their practice at every session of the class, singing them more and more fluently, and with better and better tones and finish every time. When chapter XVI has been learned, No. 4 can be added, - when Chapter XXI has been learned, No. 5 can be added to this constant repetition practice, until the whole thirty-four tunes have been included. The progress of the learners will be four fold, if, besides the practice at school, they would sing these constant repetition tunes at home, a few times every day. Students who can sing the whole thirtyfour as fluently as skillful pianists can play scales and velocities, will never find any difficulty in reading any ordinary music. These tunes are designed to be practiced with syllables only, and not with words. The words are only printed to indicate what the tune is. Most of these tunes are taken from the Allegany Academy of Music's Juvenile Song Book, where the rest of the words can be found if desired.



70 Tunes for Constant Repetition Practice. No. 4. 'Tis a les-son you should heed, Try, try, try a - gain; If at first you don't suc - ceed, Try, try, try a - gain. Then your cour-age should ap - pear, For if you will per - se - vere, You will con-quer, nev-er fear, Try, a - gain. try, try No. 5. O on the earth were many lands, As told in an - cient sto - ry, Where hero deeds by he-ro bands, Have crown'd their names with glory. And on the earth are ma-ny lands, But crush'd beneath oppression, Yet waiting for the fearful hour, When ends the King's trans-gres - sion. No. 6. Health to all that's no - ble. great and Joy to all call Home we our own,..... and kin - dred al - tars burn - - ing, all Joy to we call our own, Joy to all we call our own. No. 7. blithe - ly o'er Gol - do's blue seas, How the In - clin - ing are waft - ed ech - oes breez-es on to me; How glis-tens the with gems on their brow, Re - flect - ing the west in its beau - ti - ful glow. mountains,



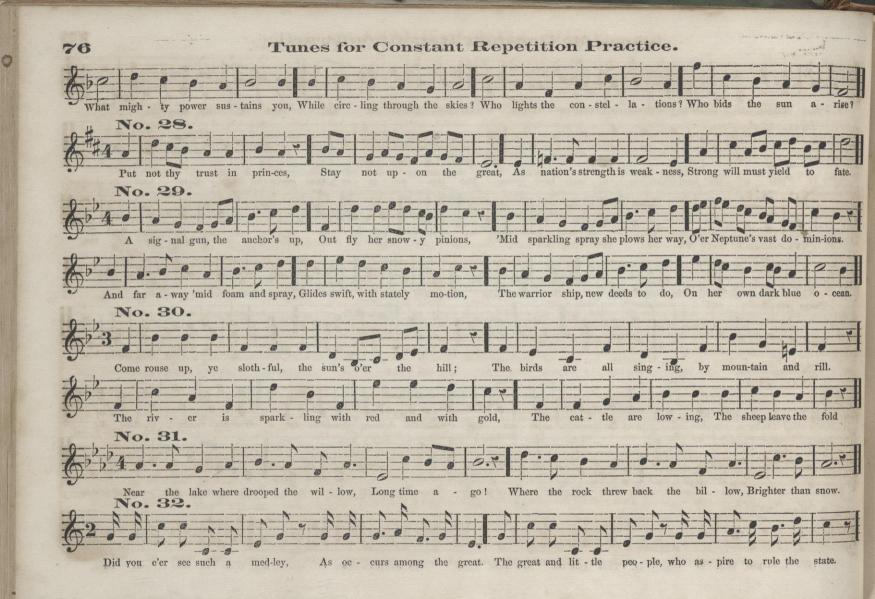


Tunes for Constant Repetition Practice. 73 No. 16. be gone Swell sounds of mel - o - dy, Where the lay floats a - way, The ech-oes play, The ech-oes play. Far o'er the sea! Far o'er the sea! No. 17. 4 4 peace-ful life; Ours are joys which none can tell, Who en - gage in the Cot - tage where we dwell, We have led anxious strife. a In be our state, Yet content - ed with our lot, We en - vy not the proud and great, Hap - py humble Tho' but low - ly in our cot. No. 18. D.C. ... 4. up with rud - dy beam, Come a - rouse thee, arouse thee, my brave Swiss boy, Take thy pail and to la - bor a - way, The sun is -080 - 10 . are thronging to the stream, Come a - rouse thee, a - rouse thee, my brave Swiss boy. Take thy pail and to la - bor a - way. The kine No. 19. Ha! ha! for John - ny Green! Clum - sy boots, and coat of brown, Ha! ha! for John - ny Green. John - ny Green has come to town, line, Dodg-ing crowds of la - dies fine, Strangest fig - ure ev - er seen, Ha! ha! for John-ny Green! Dodging in a zig - zag 1 No. 20. 0.-1 All the flowers and verdure dy-ing, All too bright to last. Hark! how Au - tumn winds are sigh - ing, Sum - mer days are past,

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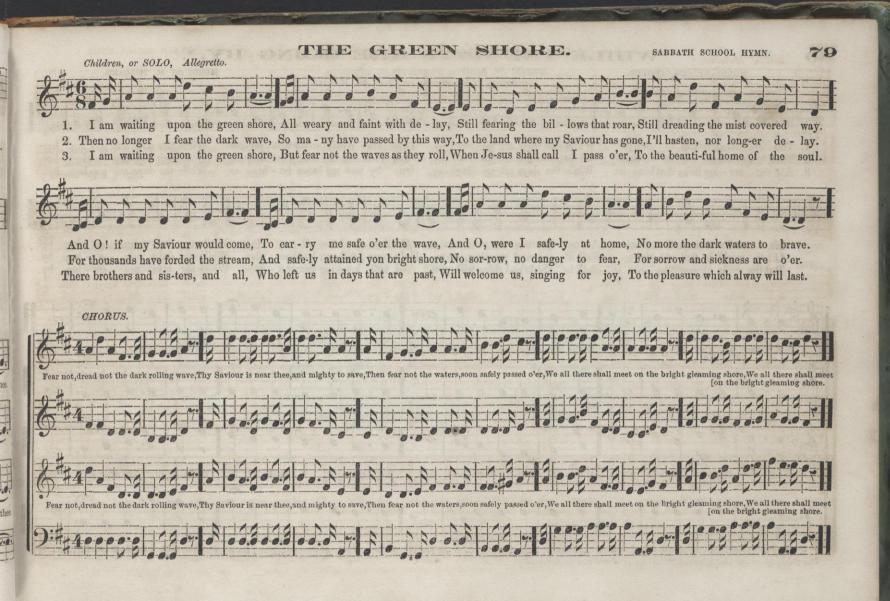




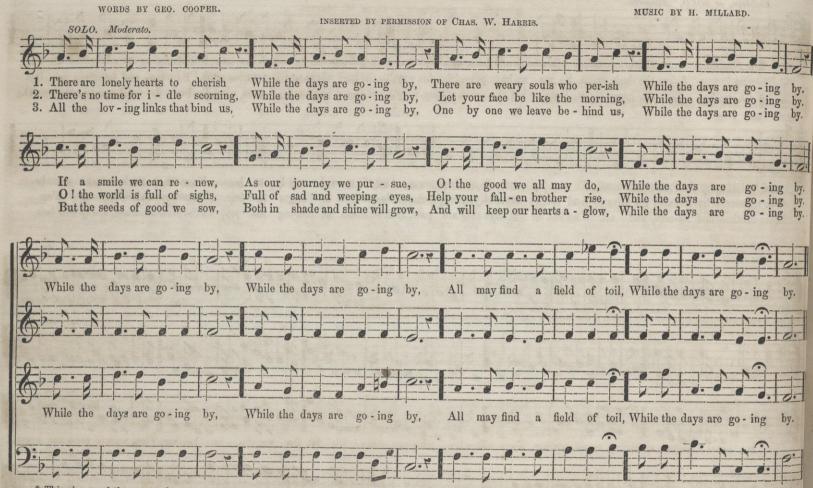






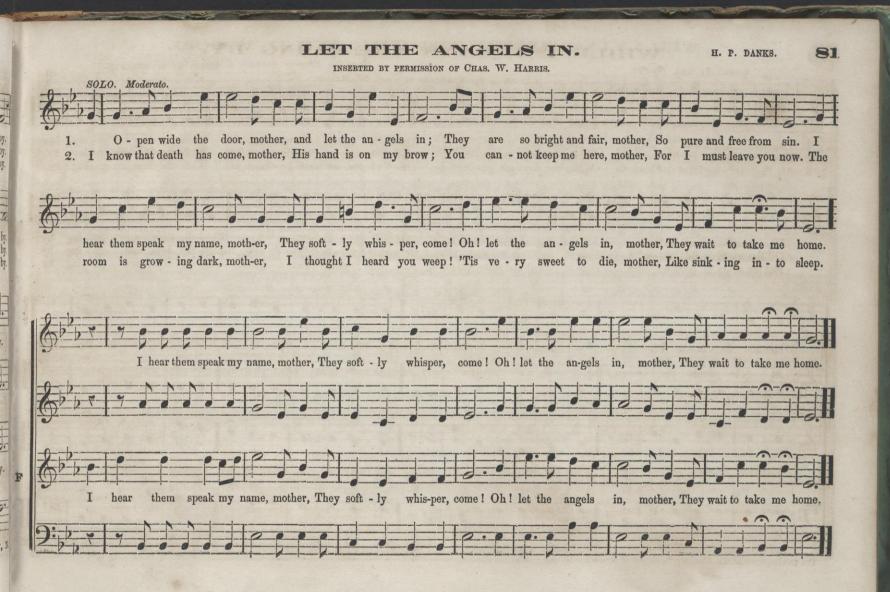


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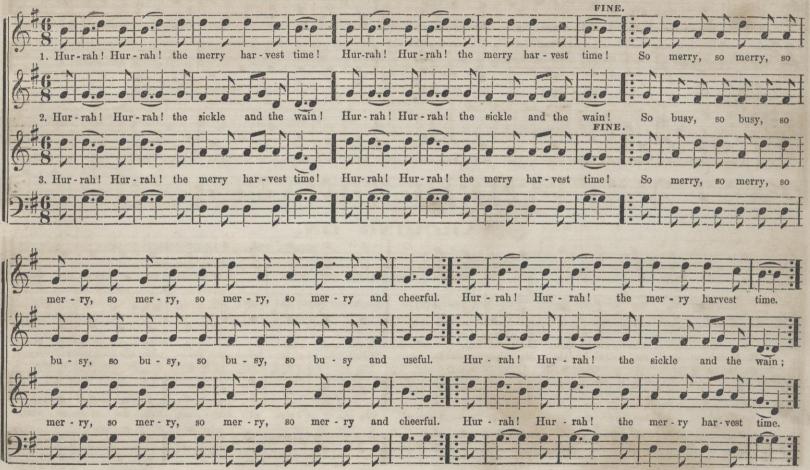


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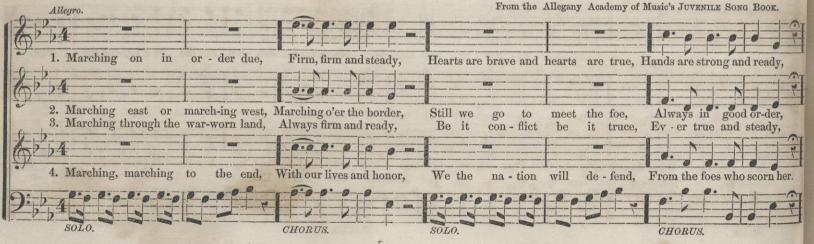
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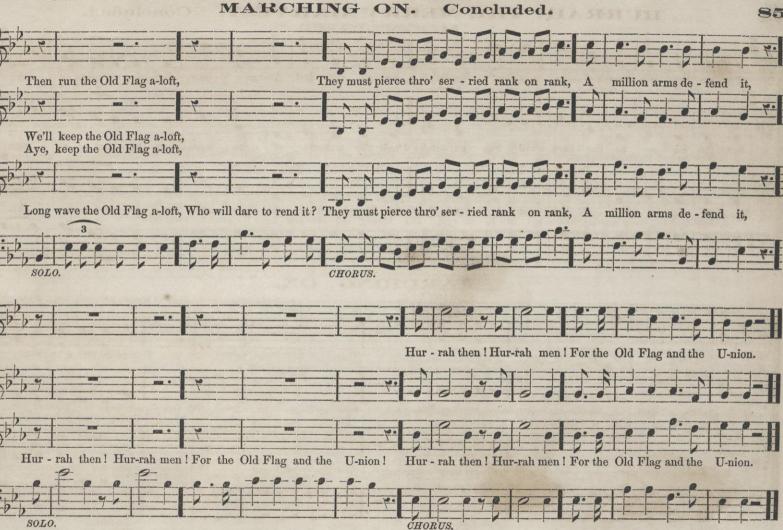
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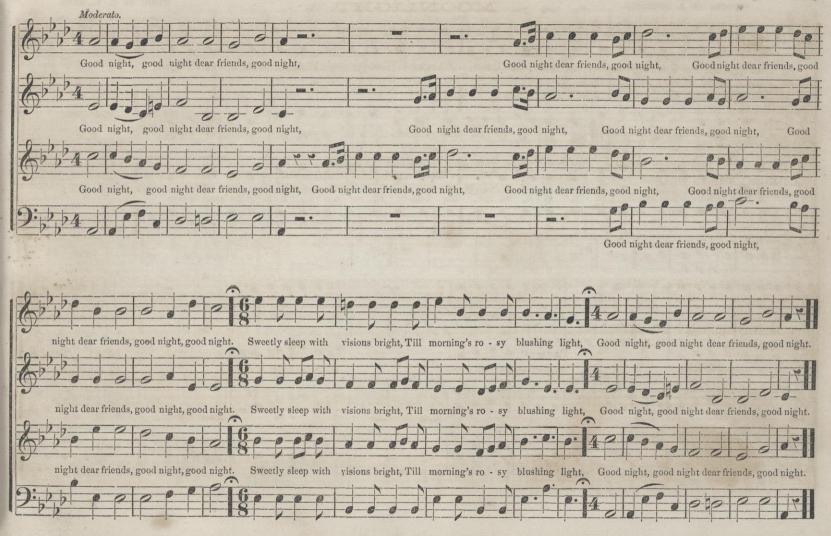
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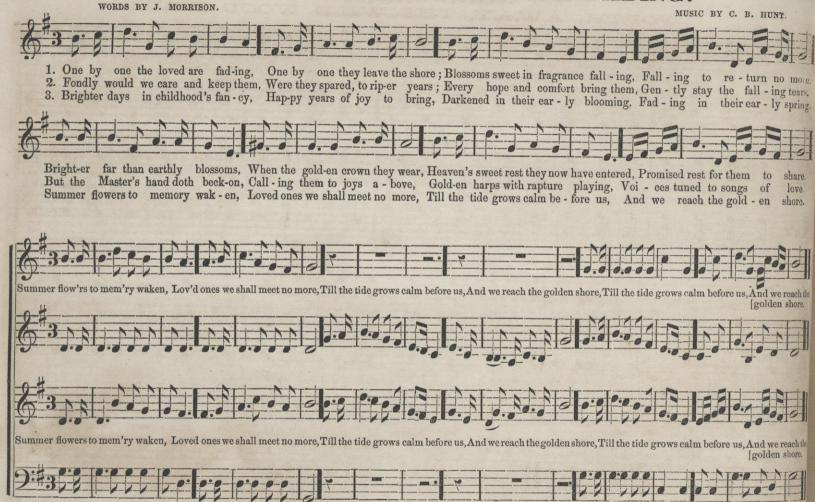


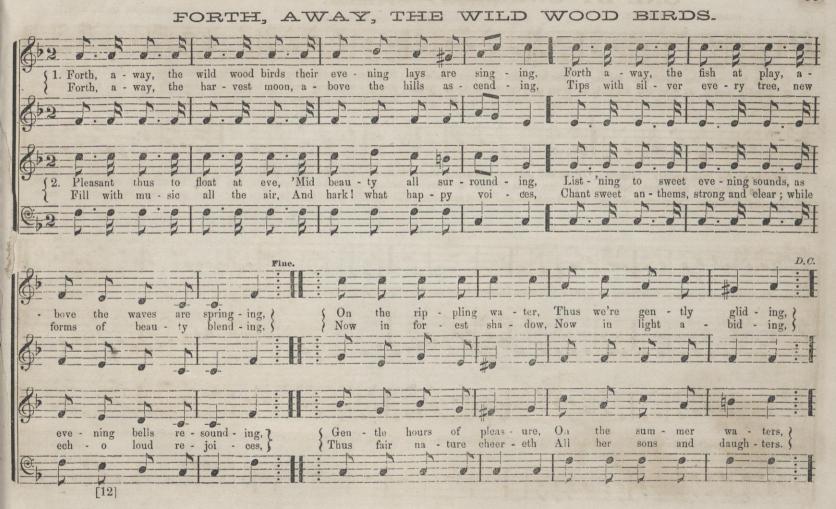
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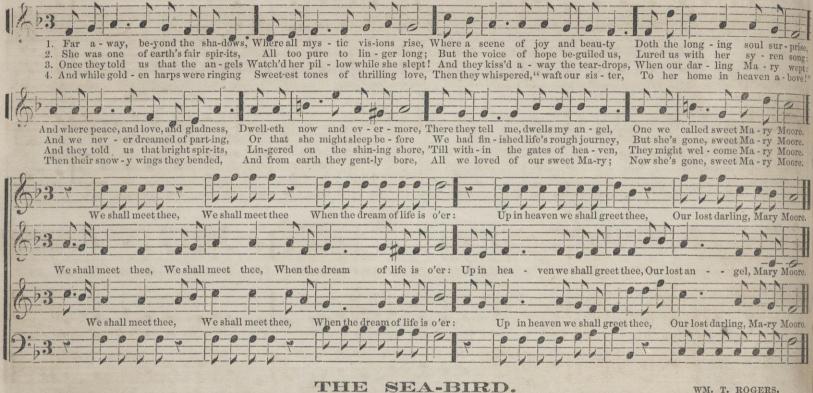




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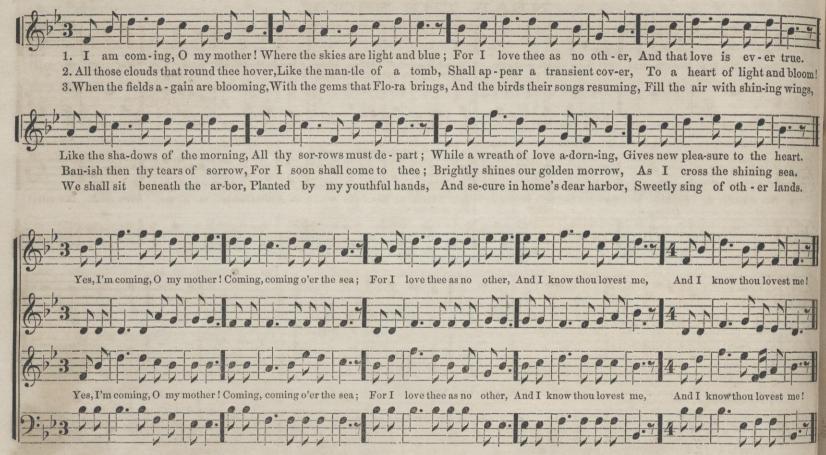


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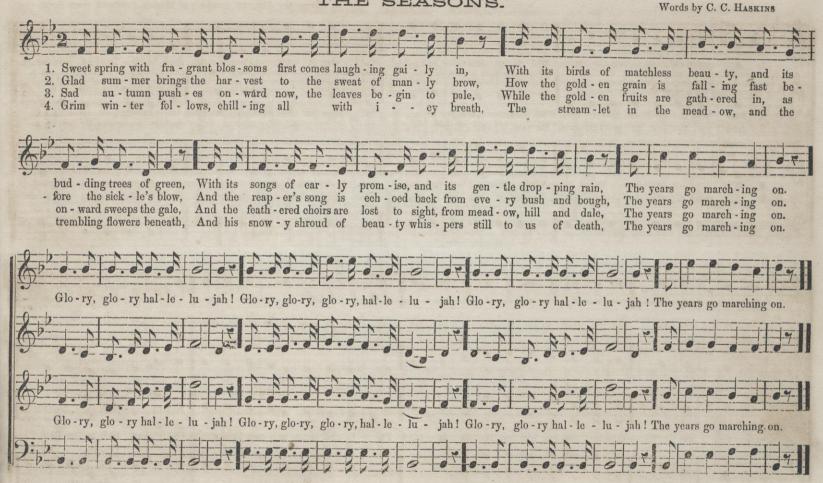


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TELL ME, LITTLE TWINKLING STAR.*

G. M. H. GRIFFIN.

INSERTED BY PERMISSION OF WM. A. POND. & Co. TENOR SOLO. Moderato. 1. Tell me, lit - tle twinkling star, As I view thee from a - far, Tell me, tru - ly, of my home; Do they wish the sol - dier'd come? on the ground : All are dream - ing of the past, Of the joys too bright to last 2. All is dark and gloomy 'round; Soldiers sleep-ing the mid-night drum! Soon will rise the morn-ing sun; Then the con - test will be - gin, 'Mid the smoke and bat - tle din. 2. Hark! I hear on father's brow? Does my moth - er sigh for me, While my eyes Is my sis - ter weeping now? Is a cloud are fixed on thee? far in the sky. One sweet thought will come to me,-" Oth-er eyes As I gaze with trembling eve On thy home are fixed on thee." Slum - ber calm - ly, com-rades all, You will hear the trumpet's call; Then to arms! the cry will be, Twinkling star, good night to thee. Mid - night star. oh! tell them then, I will see them once a - gain; When the bat - tle strife is o'er, I will meet them all once more. will see them once a - gain; When the bat - tle strife is o'er, I will meet them all oh! tell them then, I Mid - night star. once more will see them once a - gain; When the bat - tle strife is o'er, I will meet them all Mid - night star. oh! tell them then, I once more.

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CHURCH MUSIC.

From this page to page 331, the leaves of this book are occupied by hymn tunes, more meritorious compositions. No one can write a beautiful new tune without the anthems, choruses and chants.

whether a tune will be popular and useful or not, in any other way than by actual use. Much as an author would prefer to have nothing but new tunes in a work like this, he always feels compelled to insert a liberal assortment of such as have already proved popular. A few of the tunes which have been in every church music book for a generation or more, are scattered through this book. The tunes on page 125 are of this class. A good many more, which the author has proof, have proved acceptable to hundreds of choirs and other musical associations, but which have not been in many books, are inserted for general use. The tunes on page 118 are of this class. A majority of the tunes and anthems, however, have never been published before.

Some people have a sort of vague impression that the singing of a new tune is of doubtful morality. They hear and read such silly remarks as "the grand old psalm tunes of the grand old masters," and similar grandiloquent expressions, and imbibe the idea that tunes, like wine, require age to make them good. The grand old masters never wrote a psalm tune, and probably never heard or saw one. Those which bear their name are garbled extracts from widely different compositions. Peyel's hymn, on page 176, and Folsom, on page 210, by Pleyel and Mozart, (both of whom were grand old masters.) were extracted from Pianoforte pieces by some enterprising book maker of the last half century. If those old masters could come to life and hear them, they would undoubtedly he somewhat astonished to hear strains which they placed in pianoforte sonatas, reverentially regarded as classical hymn tunes. Most of the hymn tunes which have proved good for anything, were written by persons who were unknown to musical fame. Coronation (page 142) was written by a young mechanic who resided near Bunker Hill. Boyden (page 146) was written by a teacher in a small New England village. Furlong (page 210) was written by a journeyman blacksmith who resided in Baltimore. It would be necessary to search long among the works of the old masters, great and little, to find ' the index.

natural inspiration necessary to compose it, and so long as the Creator continues to confer There is some inscrutable property in hymn tunes which renders it impossible to decide the ability to invent such tunes, no one need fear that it is wrong to sing them.

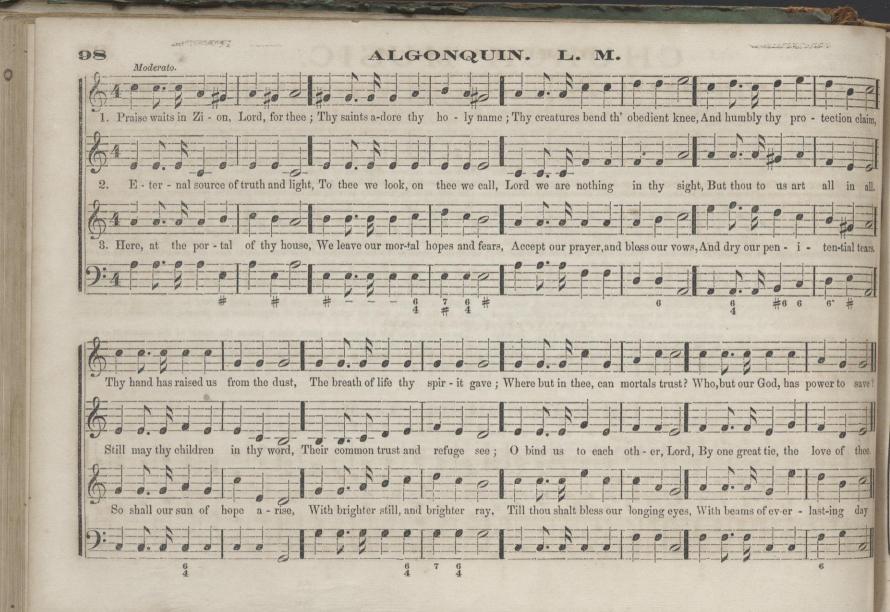
If a person should purchase a collection of tunes composed for the trumpet, and play them upon a flute, it would hardly be fair for him to complain if some of the tunes should prove uninteresting. If church tunes are performed in a wholly different manner from that for which they were composed, and fail to be effective, it is manifestly unjust to charge all the blame to the tunes. In this country, church tunes are so often sung in ways which never entered the head of their composers, that it does not seem inappropriate for an author to tell what kind of a performance he designed his compositions for.

No one can thoroughly investigate the subject without becoming convinced that the only sensible way to sing church music, is by a chorus sufficiently large to destroy the individuality of the voices. The church music pieces in this book, therefore, are composed under the expectation that they will be performed by such a chorus. A Musical Thermometer is placed on page 374, which gives the different degrees of excellence to which a chorus can raise the performance of a tune. Many tunes, which would be quite effective if performed with a degree of excellence above zero, are good for nothing if sung at degrees of excellence below zero. Some of these tunes will sound as well as any tunes can, if sung at seven degrees below zero. The author has endeavored to use such care, that he is confident there is not a piece in the book which will not be admired, if sung at seven degrees above zero.

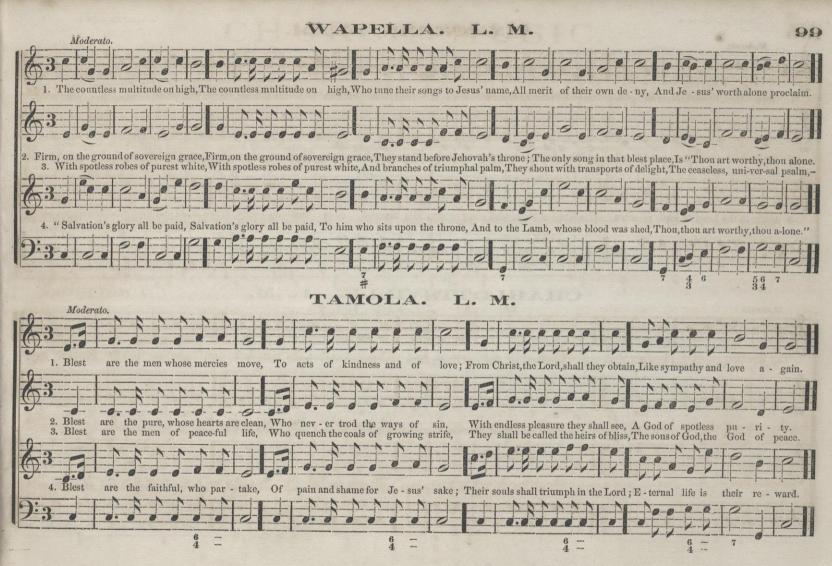
Marks of expression which indicate how fast the piece should be sung, are placed over some of the tunes, but no other marks of expression are printed, for reasons which are explained on page 366.

The author does not admire the taste which places the name of the author of a book over two-thirds of the tunes in it. In compliance with the requests of some who seem to think a tune sounds better if it is known who wrote it, the authors' names are given in





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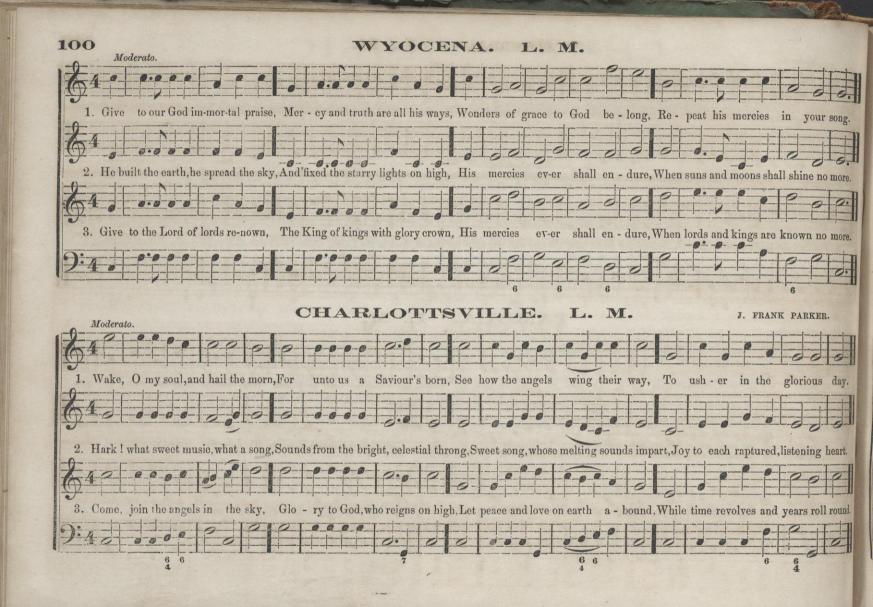


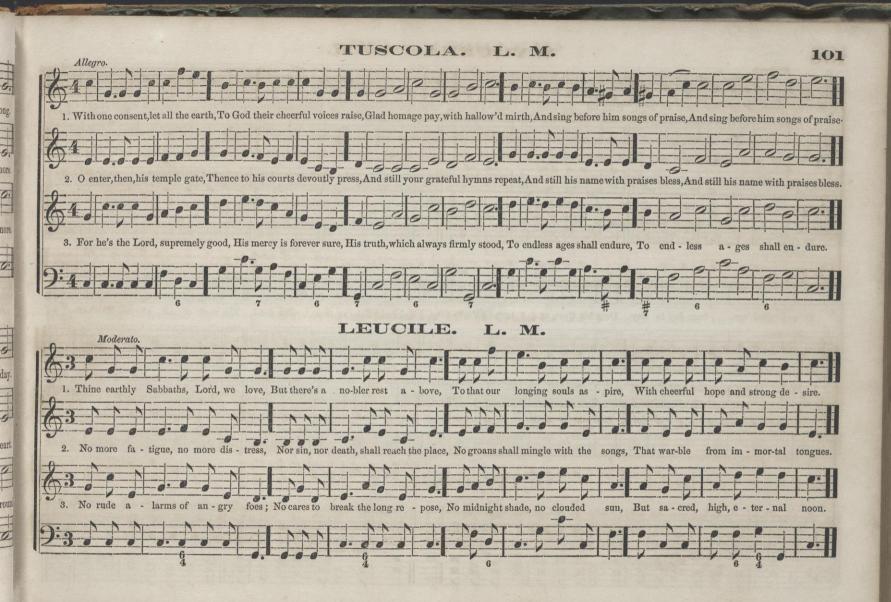
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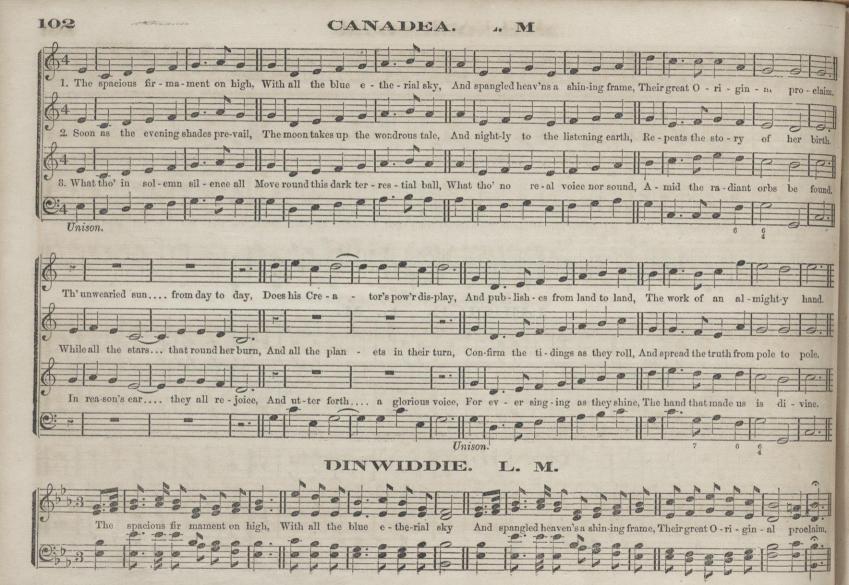
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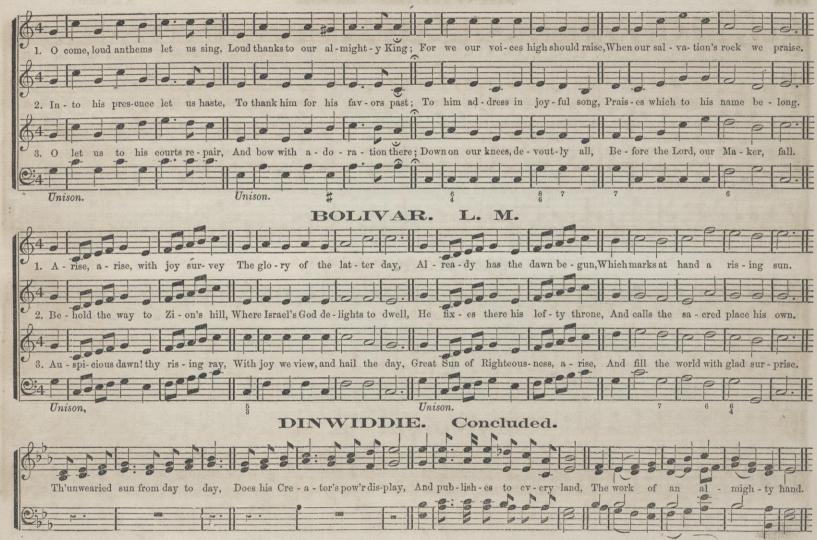
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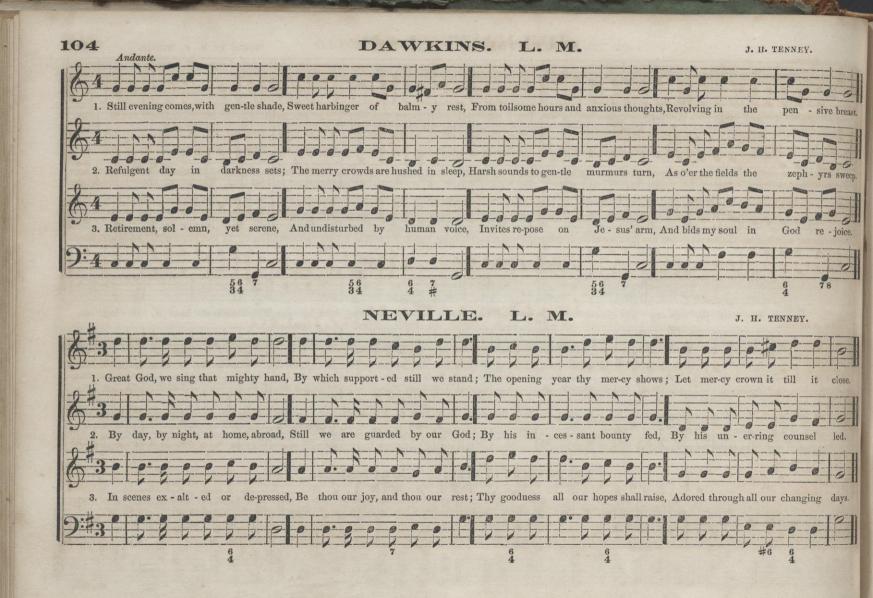
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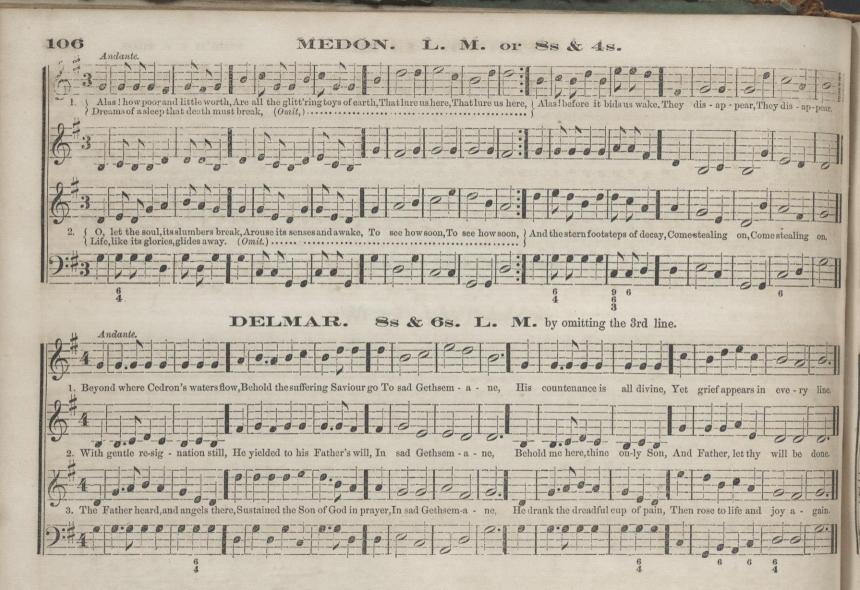
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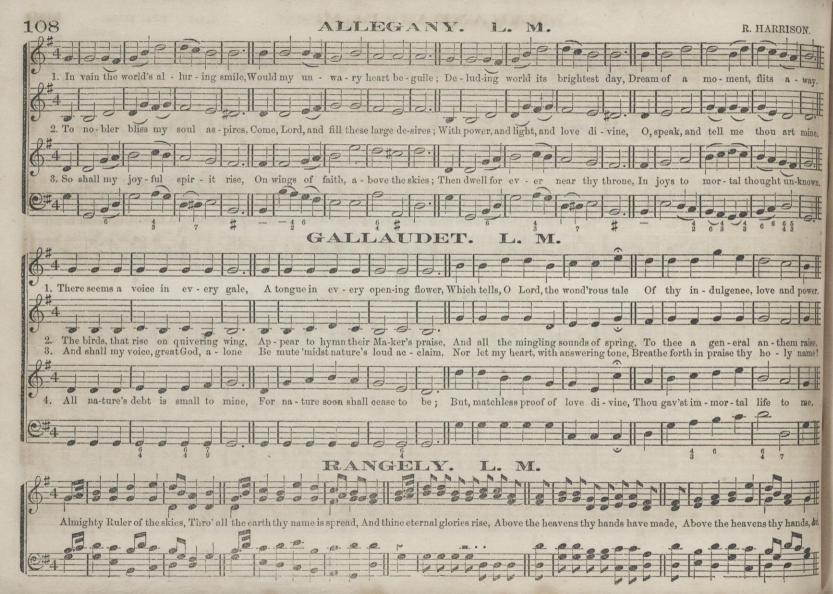


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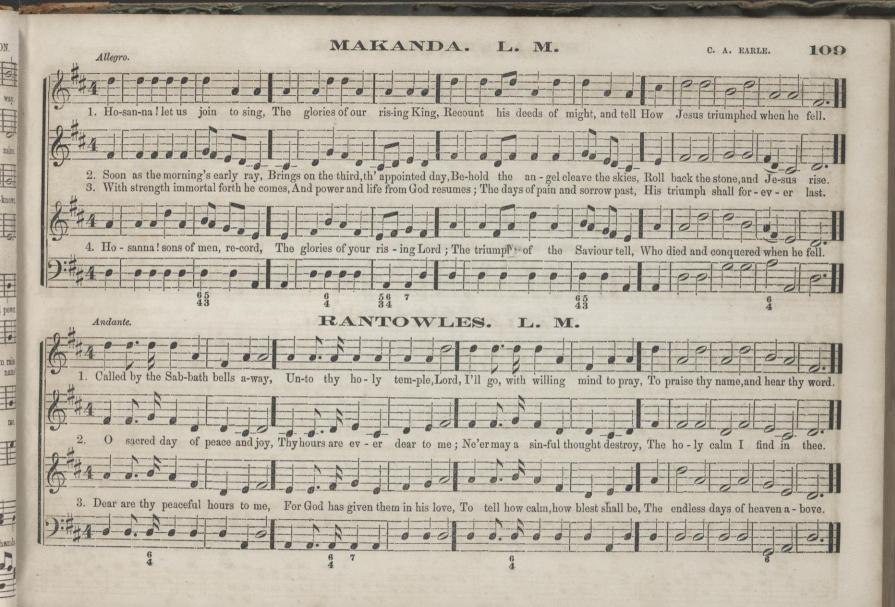


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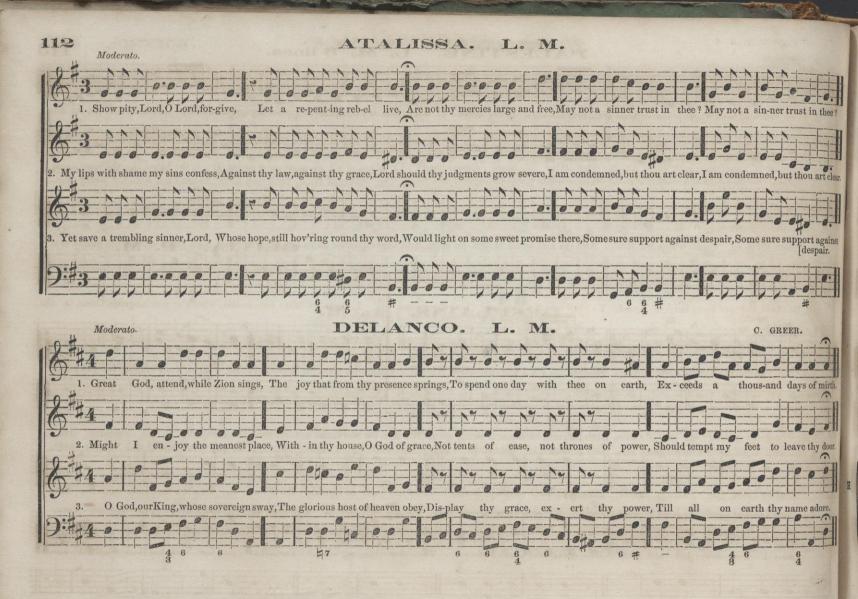


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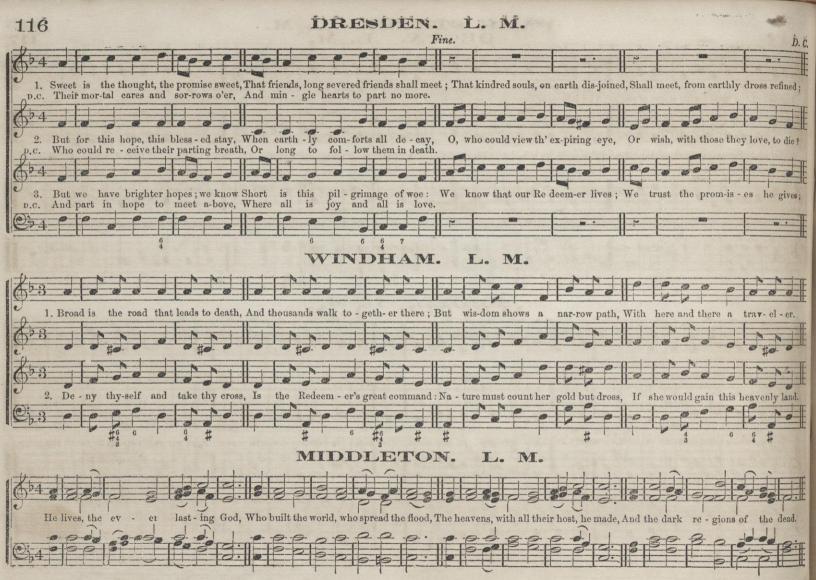


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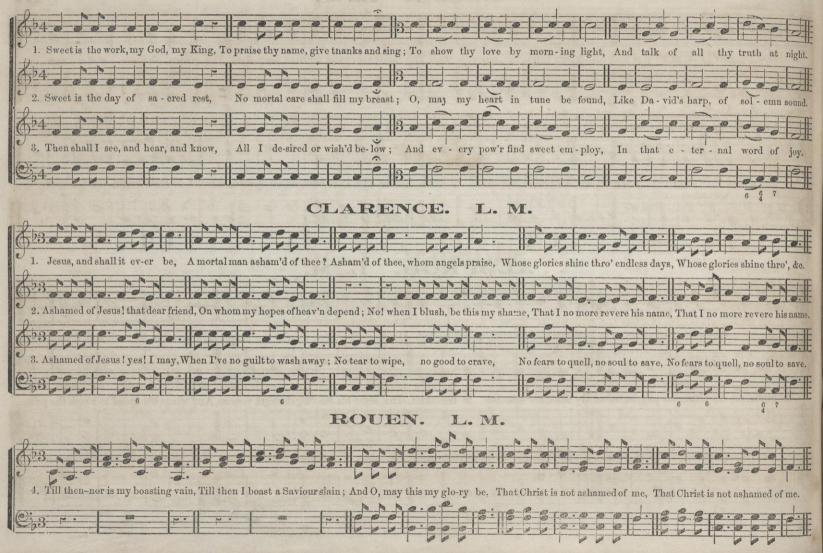




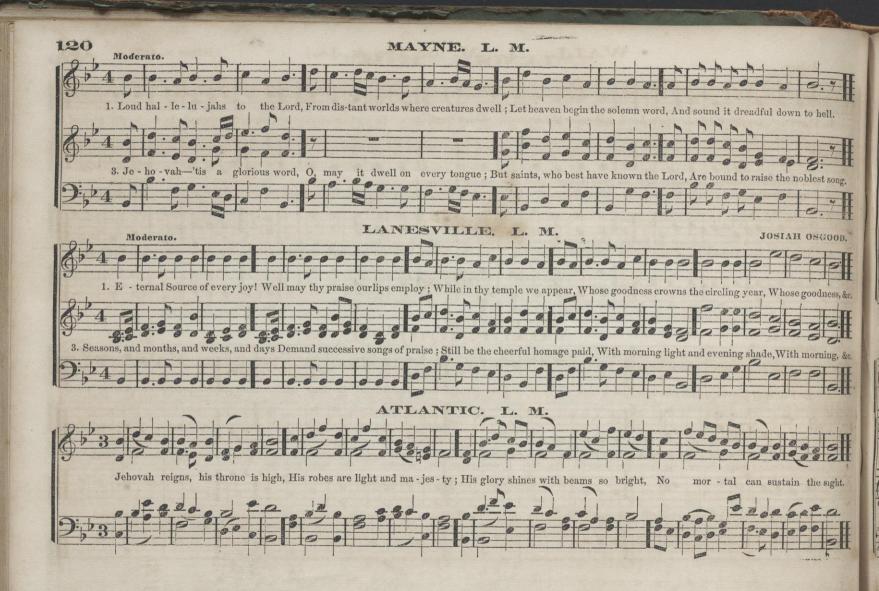




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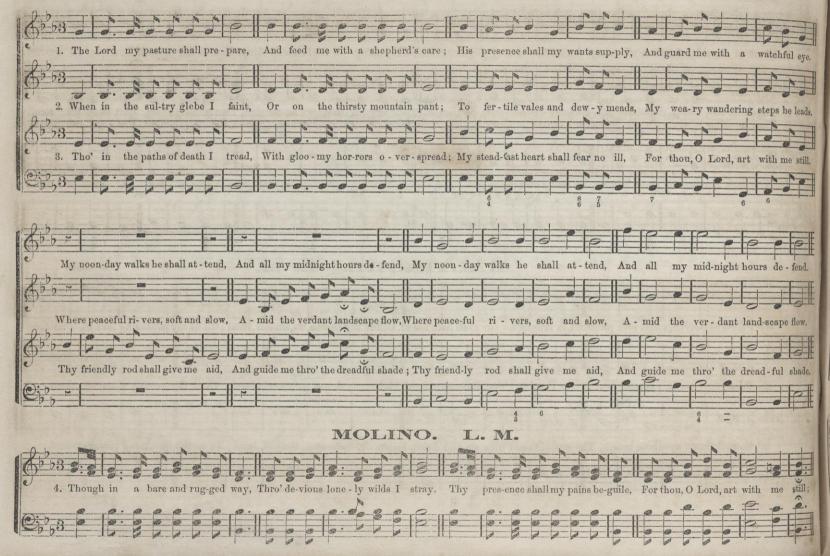




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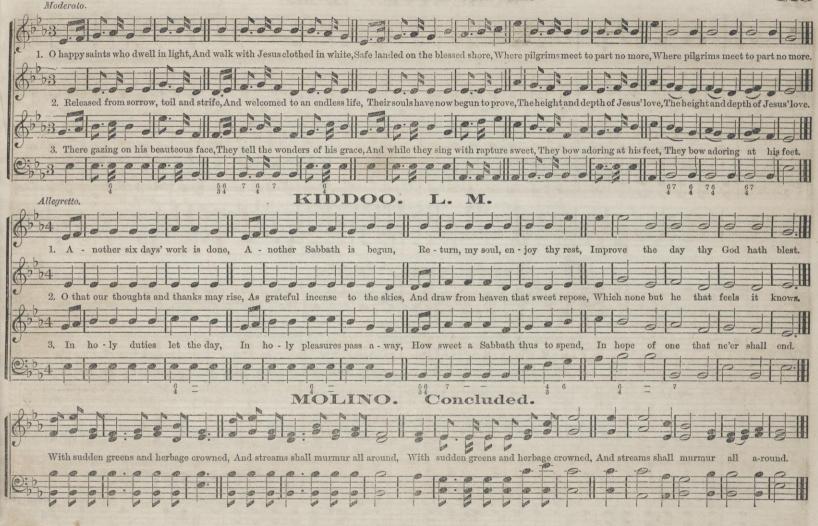


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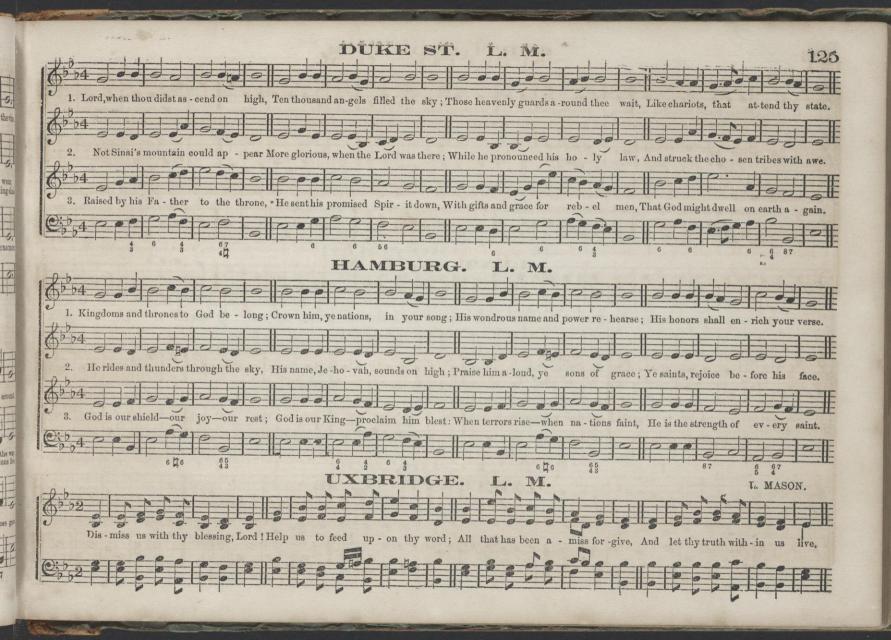
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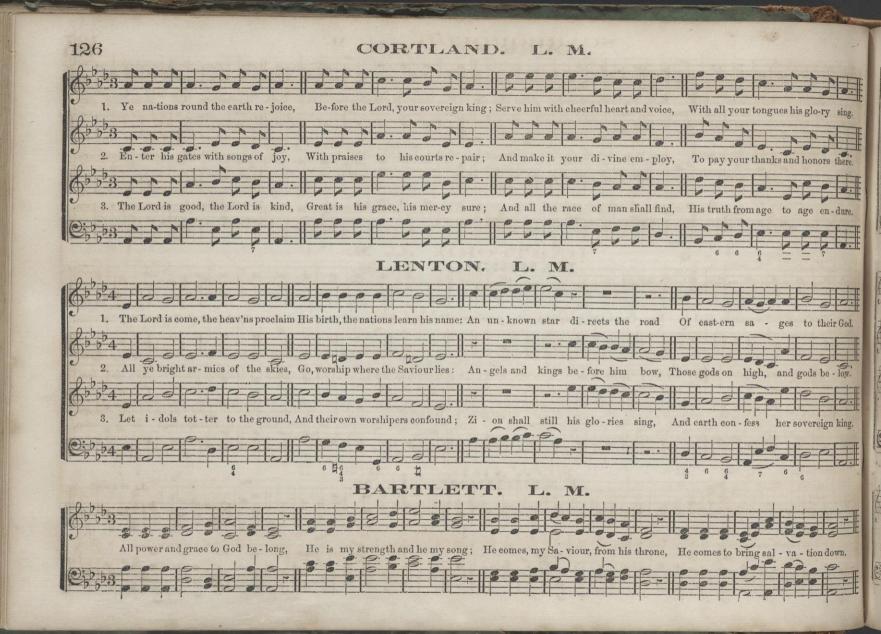
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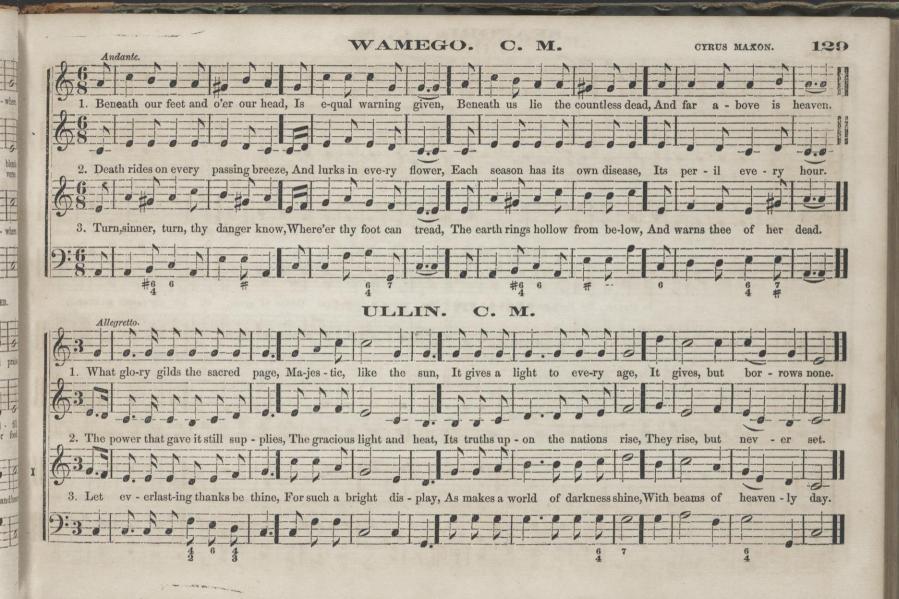


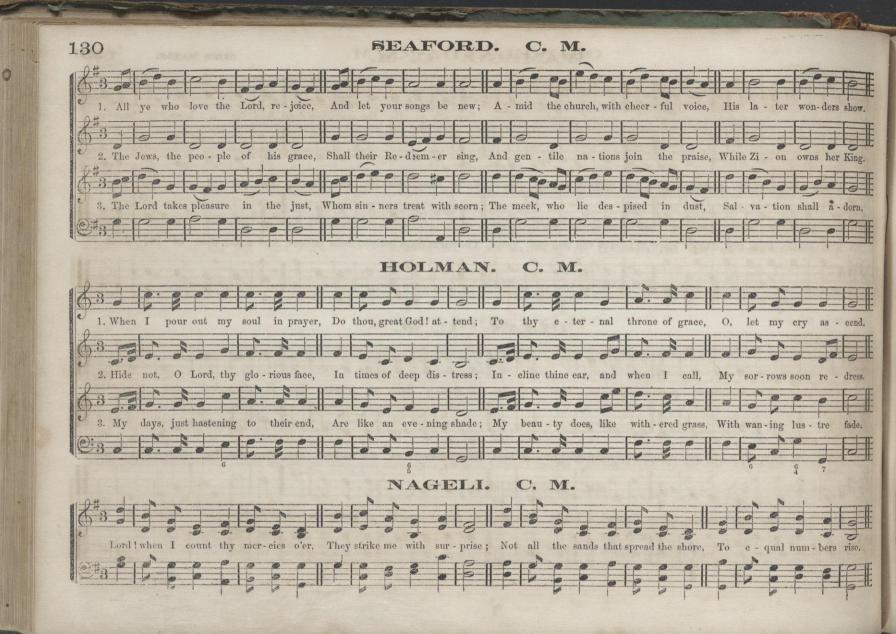


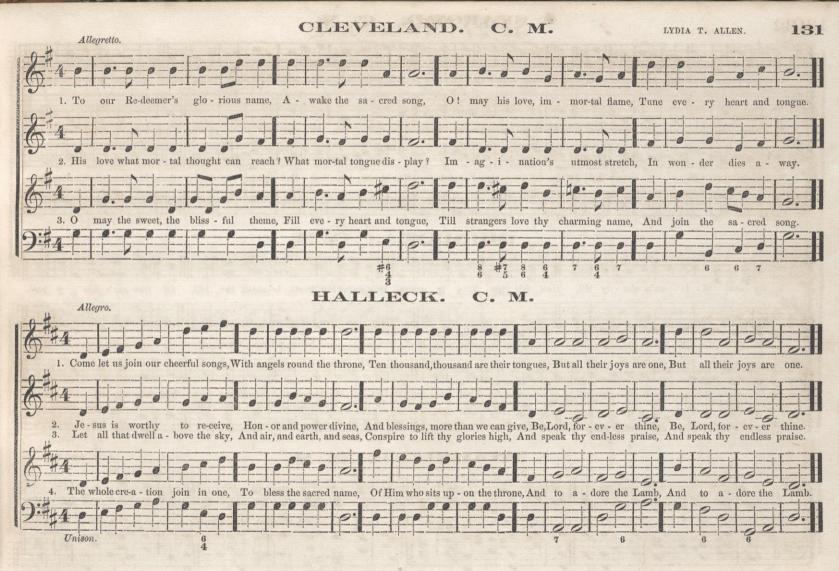


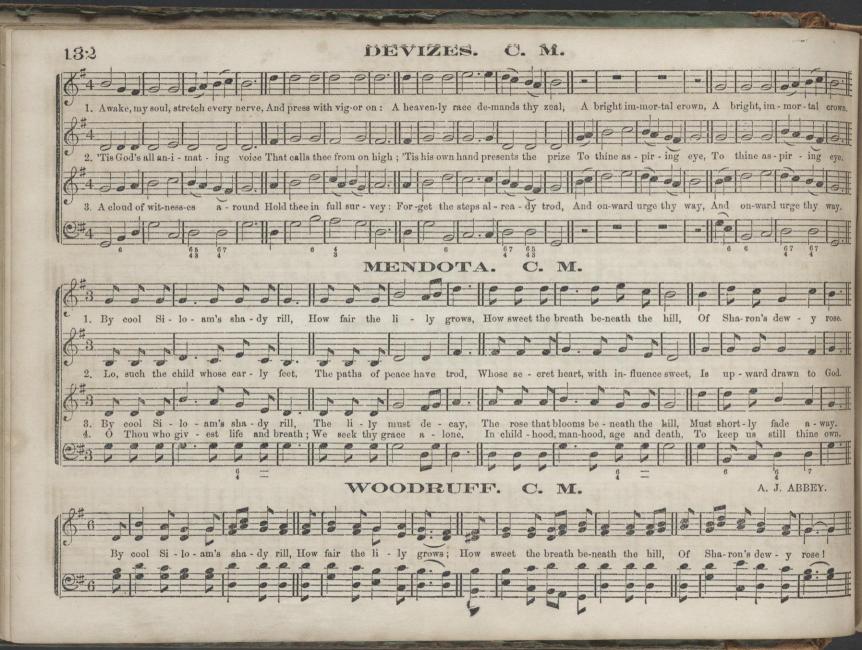


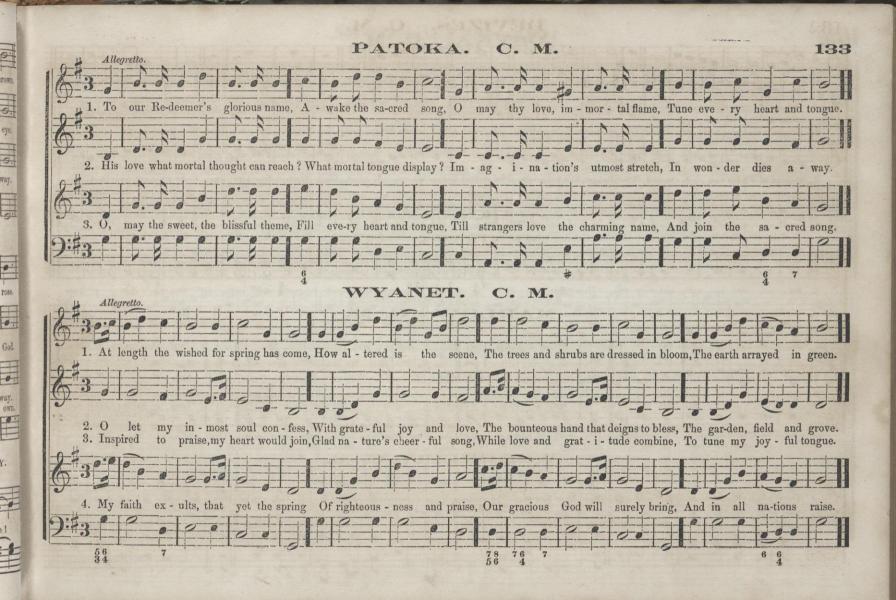
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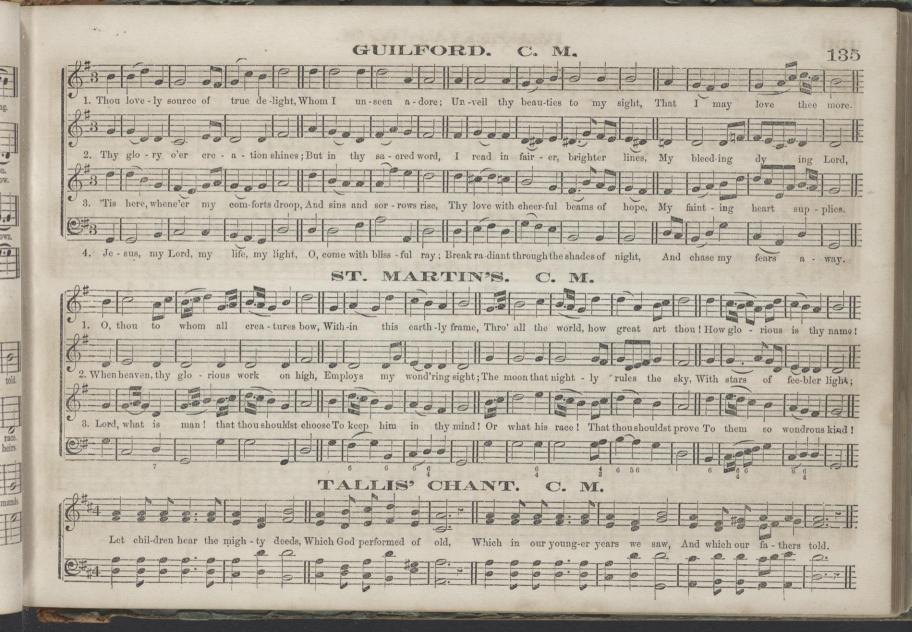








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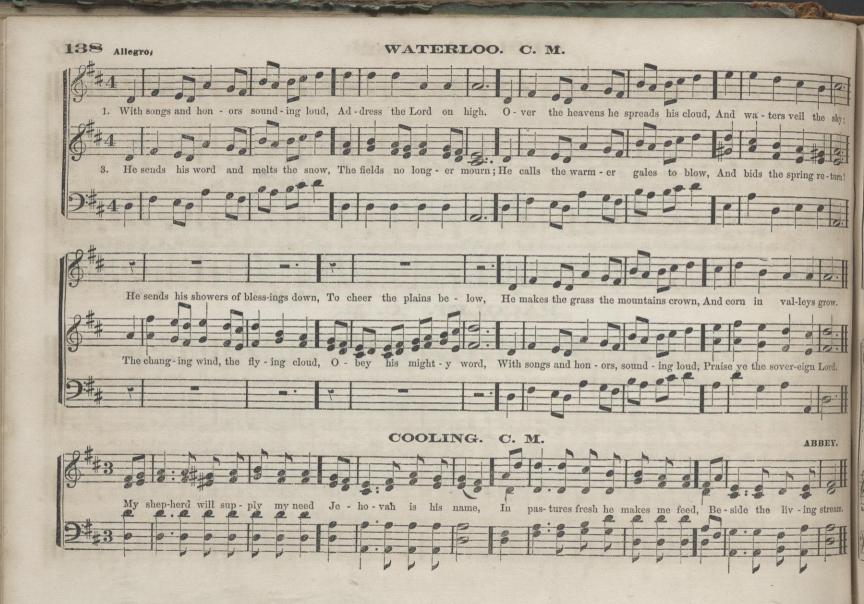
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RATHO. C. M. 139 Allegretto. 0 -03-1. Fa - ther, I know thy ways are just, Although to me unknown, O, grant me grace thy love to trust, And cry," Thy will be done." 40 -0-0 -0- -0--0-2. If thou shouldst hedge with thorns my path, Should wealth and friends be gone, Still with a firm and lively faith, I'll cry," Thy will be done." 3. Although thy steps I can - not trace, Thy sov'reign right I'll own; And as in-structed by thy grace, I'll cry," Thy will be done." 4. 'Tis sweet thus pas-sive - ly to lie, Be - fore thy gracious throne, Concerning eve-ry-thing to cry, "My Father's will be done." -0-64 6 FOSTORIA. C. M. Andante. -0-1. While thro' this changing world we roam, From in - fan - cy to age, Heaven is the Christian pilgrim's home, His rest at eve - ry stage. -0-1-0 -0--0-1 1-0---his raptured thought ascends, E - ter - nal joys to share, There his a - dor-ing spir - it bends, While here he kneels in prayer. 2. Thith - er Oh! there may we our treasure place, There let our hearts be found, That still where sin abound - ed, grace, May more and more abound. 3. 0 -0 -07-4. Hence-forth our con - ver - sa-tion be, With Christ be-fore the throne, Ere long, we eye to eye shall see, And know as we are known. 6 43 6 6 6 7

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GALVA. C. M. 141 Allegro. 00 1. Oh, 'twas a joyful sound to hear, Our tribes de - vout-ly say. Up. Israel, to the temple haste, And keep your festal day, And keep your fes - tal day. Cj. -0-0-0-0-0-0--12 -0-0-0-0-2. At Salem's courts we must appear, With our as - sembled powers, In strong and beauteous order ranged, Like her united towers, Like her u - ni - ted towers. 3. Oh pray we then for Salem's peace, For they shall prosperous be, Thou ho-ly ci - ty of our God, Who bear true love to thee, Who bear true love to thee. 0-0-0-0 4. May peace within thy sacred walls, A constant guest be found, With plenty and pros-peri-ty Thy pal-a-ces be crowned, Thy pal-a-ces be crowned. 8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8 6 R PATTONIA. C. M. Allegro. 0. Ø 1. A - wake, my soul-stretch eve - ry nerve, And press with vig - or on; A heavenly race de-mands thy zeal. A bright im - mor - tal crown. -0- -0--63 -P 2. 'Tis God's all an - i - ma - ting voice, That calls thee from on high; 'Tis his own hand pre - sents the prize, To thine as - pir - ing eye. 3. A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round, Hold thee in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read - y trod, And on - ward urge thy way. 4. Blest Sav-iour-in - tro - duced by thee, Have we our race be - gun; And crowned with victory, at thy feet, We'll lay our lau - rels down. 6 6 3

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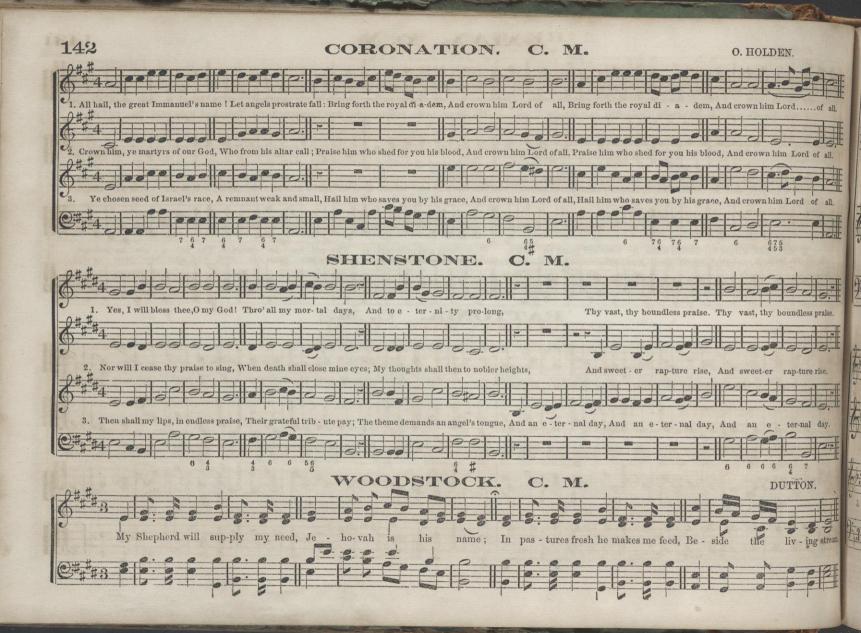
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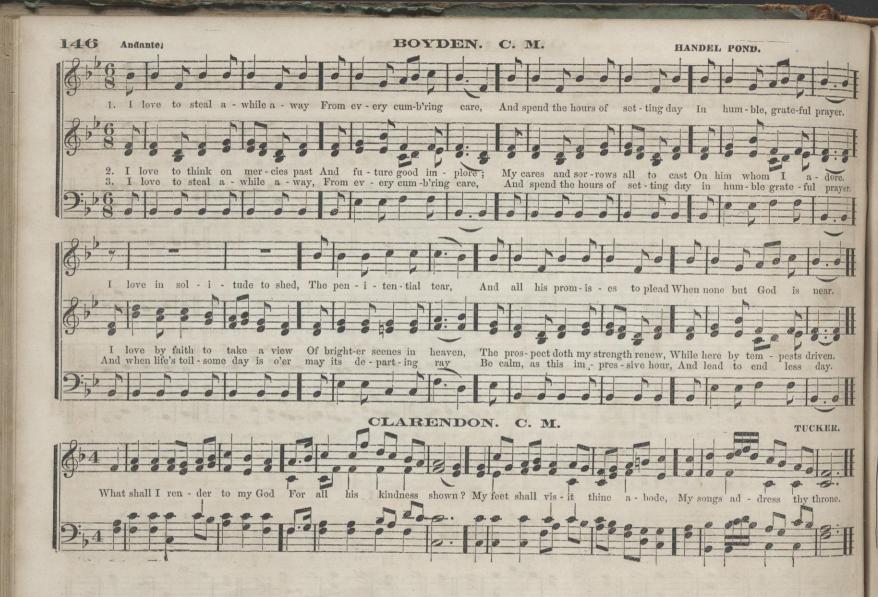
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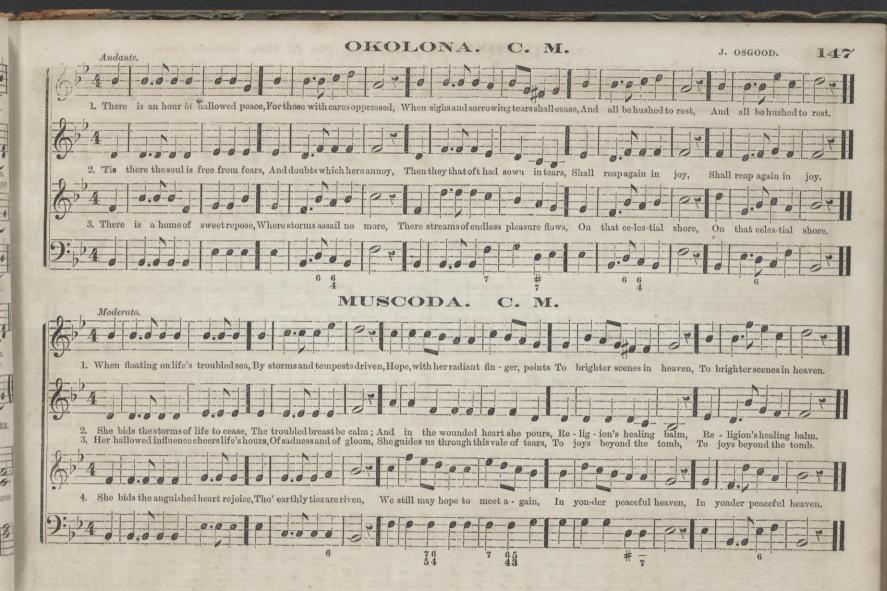
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HEARD. C. M. 145 @-@-@-@ 1. Thou dear Redeemer, dy-ing Lamb, We love to hear of thee; No mu-sic's like thy charming name, Nor half so sweet can be, Nor half so sweet can be. ~ 2. Oh may we ev - er hear thy voice ! In mer - cy to us speak ; In thee, O Lord, let us re-joice, And thy sal - va - tion seek, And thy sal-va - tion seek. 3. Je - sus shall ev er be our theme, While in this world we stay ; We'll sing of Je - sus' love-ly name, When all things else de - cay, When all things else de - cay. 4. When we ap-pear in yon-der cloud, With all his favored throng, Then will we sing more sweet, more loud, And Christ shall be our song, And Christ shall be our song. SABINA. C. M. 1. O hap - py is the man who hears Re - li-gion's warning voice, And who ee - les - tial wis - dom makes His ear - ly, on - ly choice, His ear - ly, on - ly choice. -0-0-000000 2. For she has treasures greater far, Than east or west un-fold, More pre - cious are her bright re-wards, Than gems, or stores of gold, Than gems, or stores of gold. -0-00 000 000 0000 3. And as her ho - ly la - bors rise, So her rewards increase, Her ways are ways of pleas - ant - ness, And all her paths are peace, And all her paths are peace. 16 BALERMA. C. M. 60 0-10-10 4. Her right hand of - fers to the just Im - mor - tal, hap - py days; Her left, im - per - ish - a - ble wealth, And heaven - ly crowns dis - plays.





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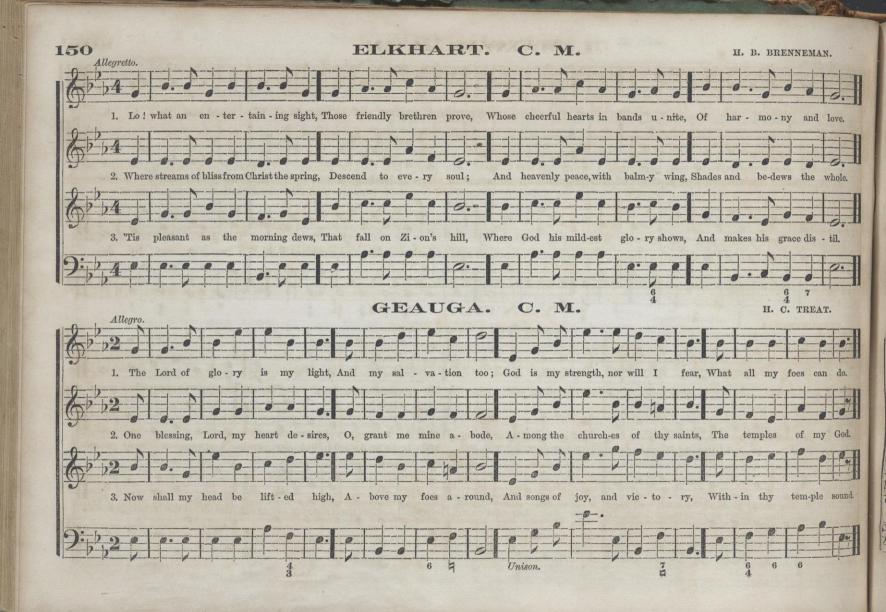
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McCURDY. C. M. or Ss & 6s. 148 for souls dis-tressed. 1. There is an hour of peace - ful rest To mourn - ing wan-derers given! There is a Thtear ·0-151-2. There is home for wea - ry souls, By sins and sor - rows driven, When tossed on life's tem - pest - uous shoals. 2 the ten - der eye, The heart with an - guish riven, 3. There faith lifts up It views the tem - pest pass - ing by, There rays 4. There fra - grant flowers im - mor - tal bloom, And joys su - preme are given, di - vine dis - perse the gloom, wound - ed breast, A balm for ev - ery wound - ed breast, Treble & Alto Cho. A balm for ev - ery 'Tis found a - lone in heaven. MARIA HA AY 2 2 00000 0-00-00-00-00o - cean rolls, Where storms a - rise, and o - cean rolls, Treble Solo. Where storms a - rise, and And all is drear, but heaven. Part 6-6-0-0-6 -0 Ja 600 · 27 Sees eve - ning sha - dows quick - ly fly, Sees eve - ning sha - dows quick - ly fly, And all se - rene in heaven. Be - vond the dark and nar - row tomb, Be - yond the dark and nar - row tomb, Ap-pears the dawn of heaven. 12 h PAXON. Ss & 4.s. (C. M. by using the slurs and small notes.)

There is a calm for those who weep, A rest for wea-ry pil-grims found. They soft - ly lie and sweet ly sleep, Low in the ground

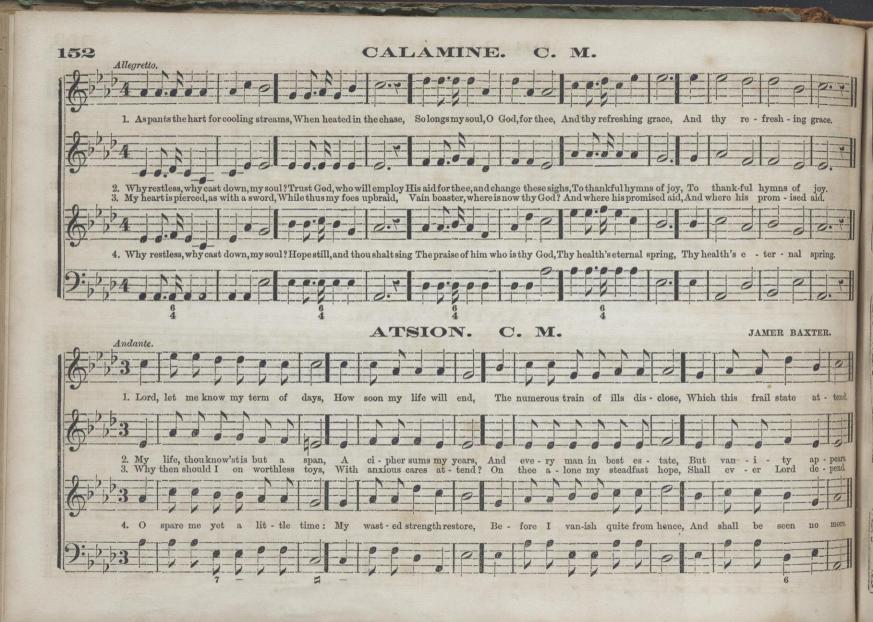




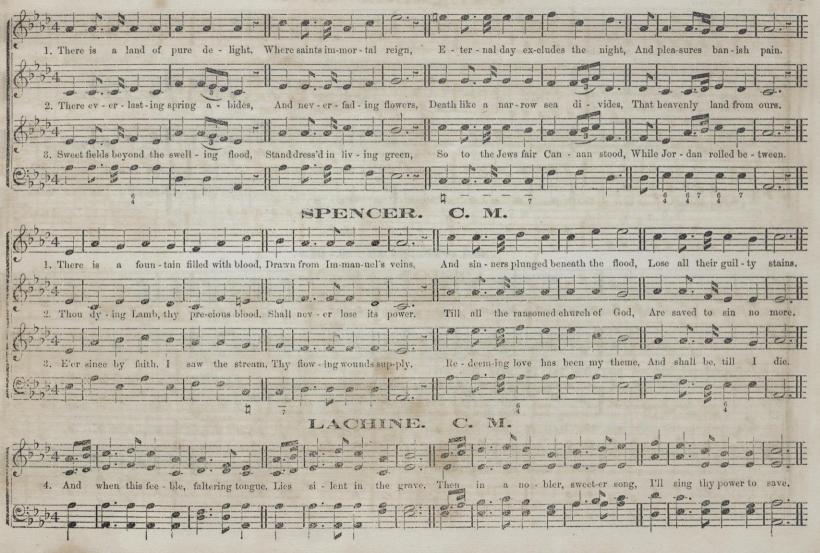
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3. Ne'er think the vic-tory won, Nor once at ease sit down: Thy ar-duous work will not be done, Till thou hast got thy crown.

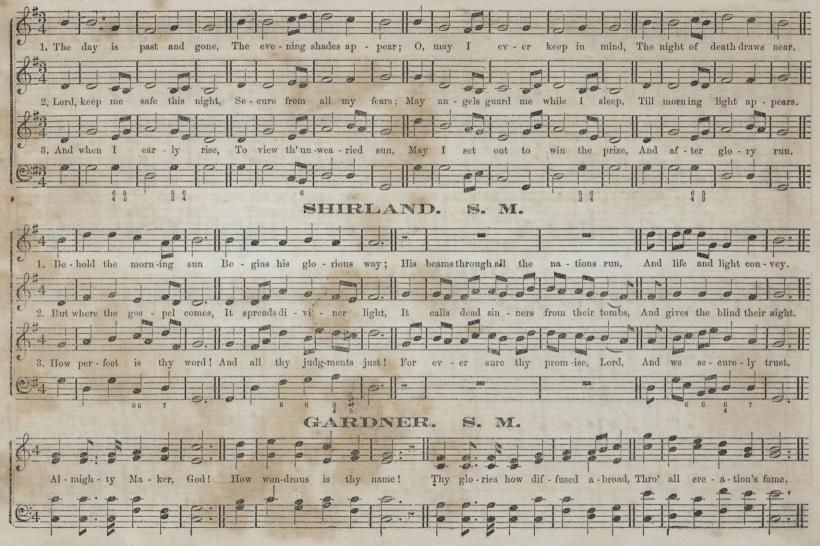
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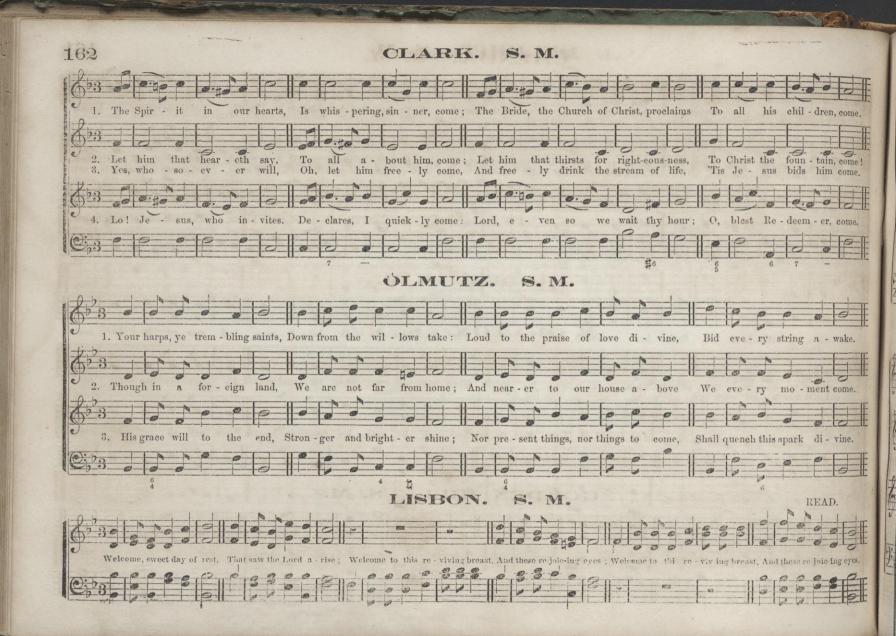


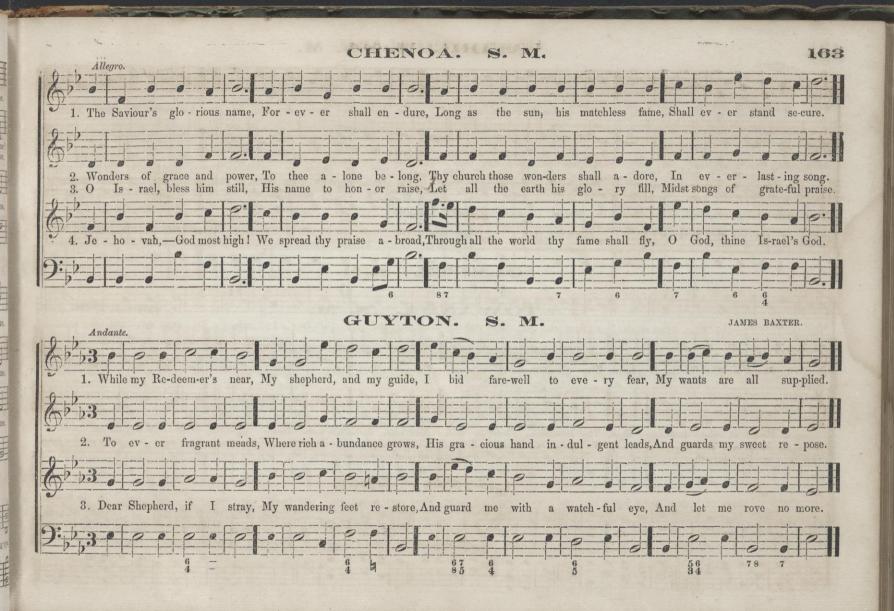
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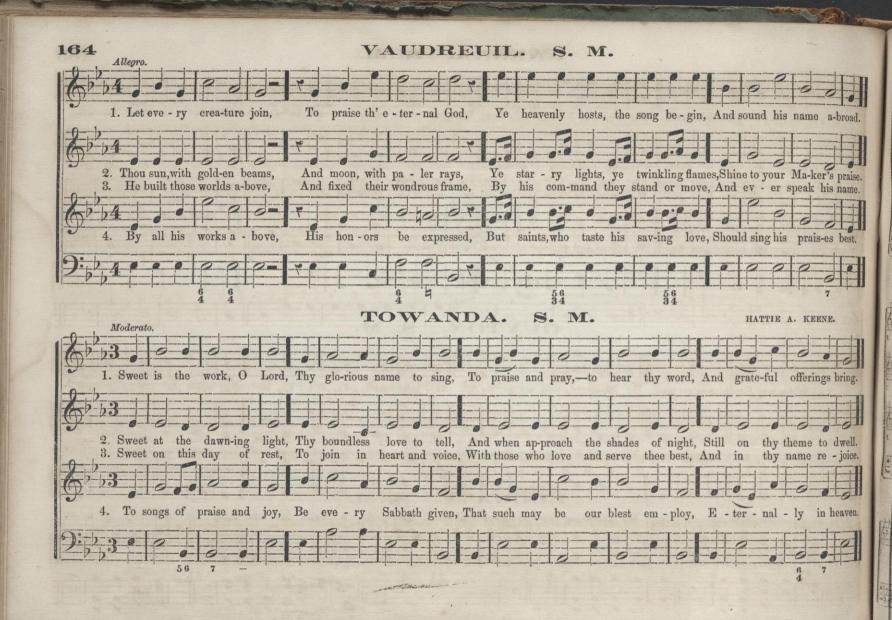




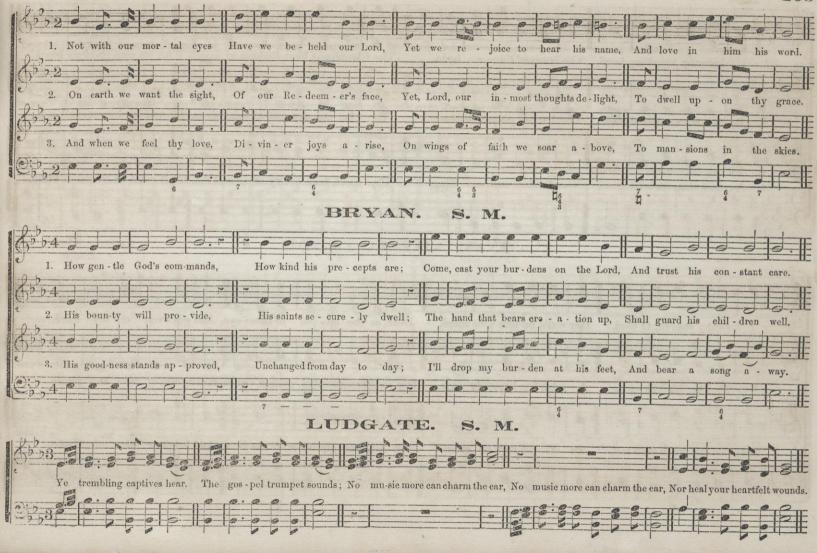




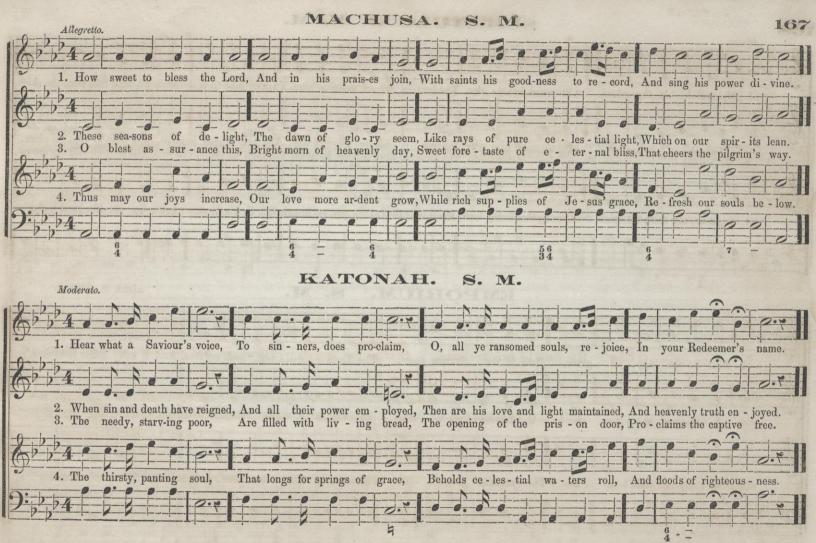


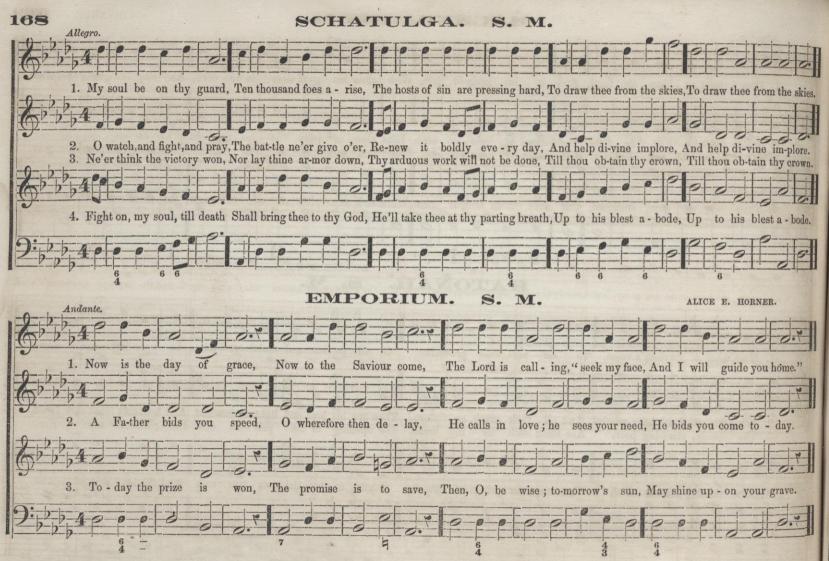


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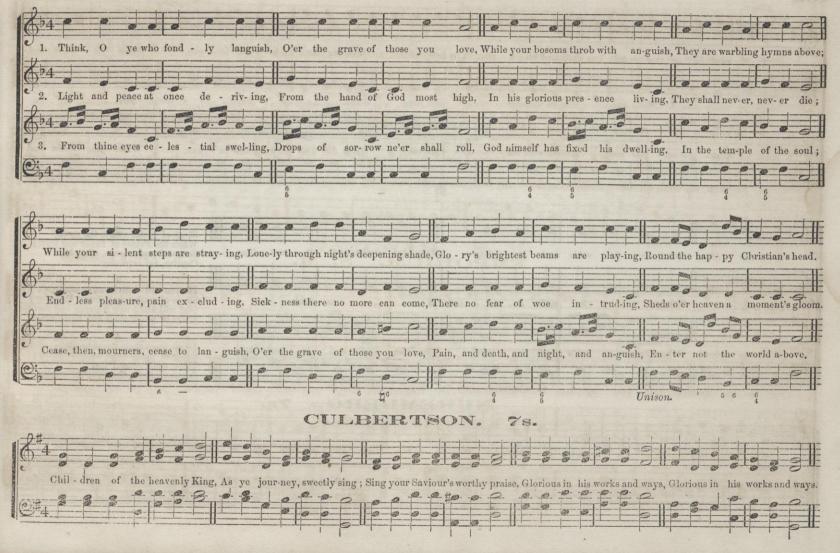






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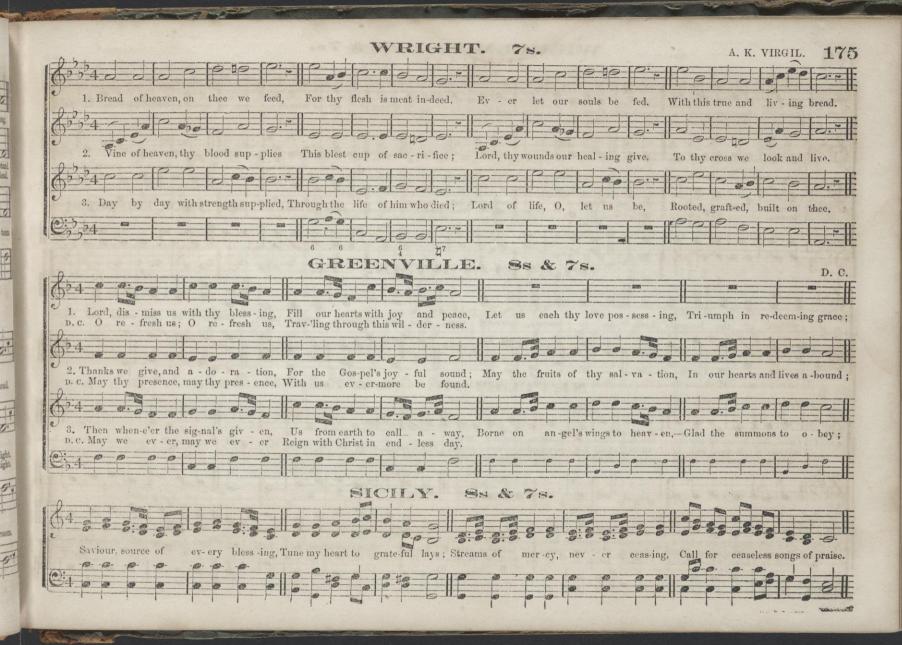


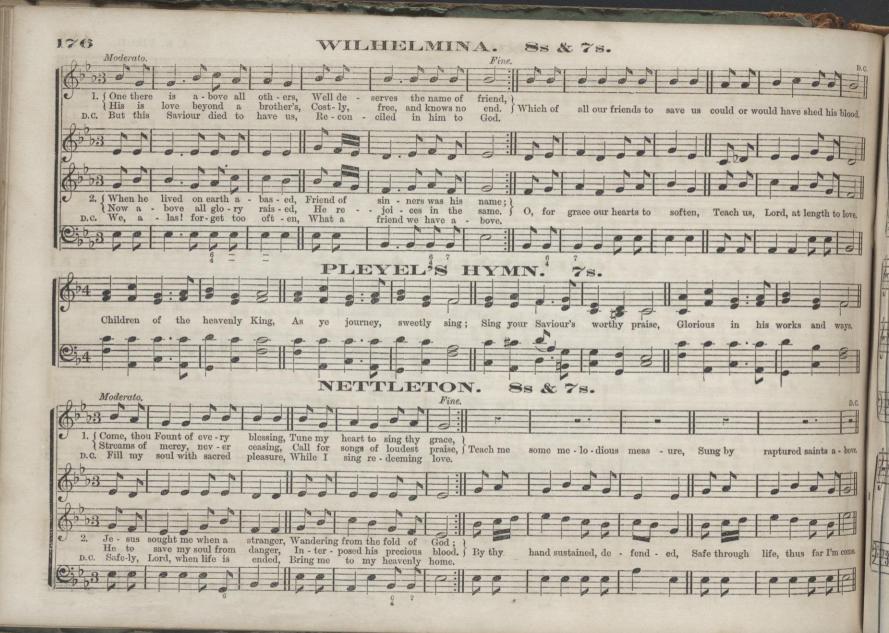
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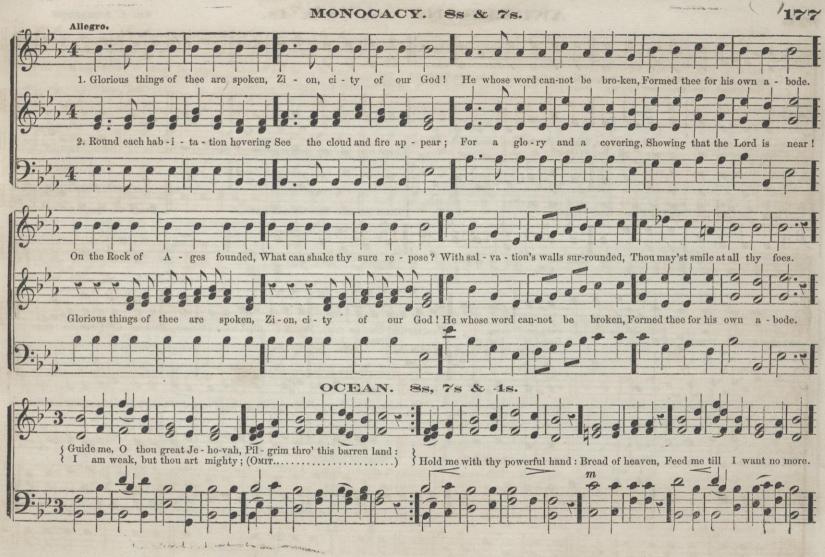
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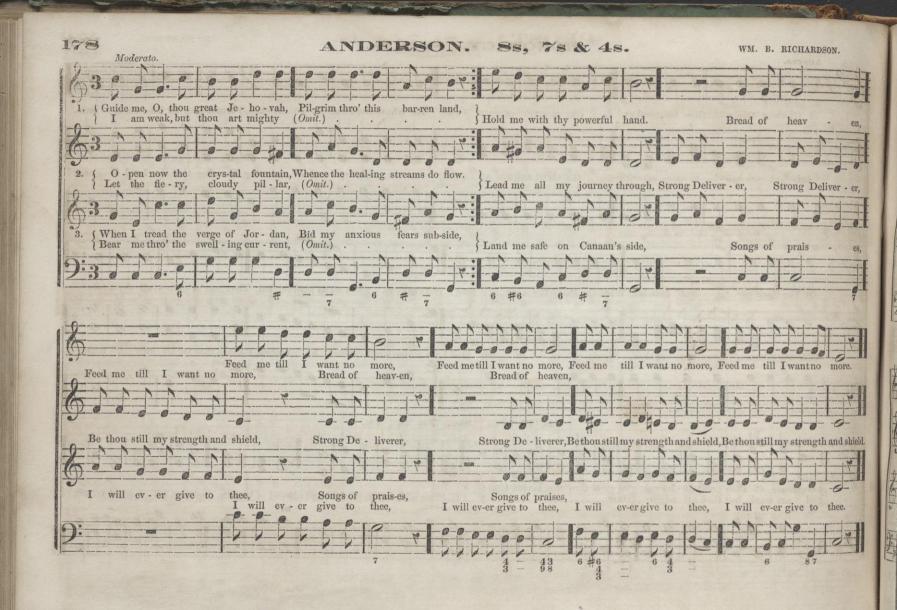
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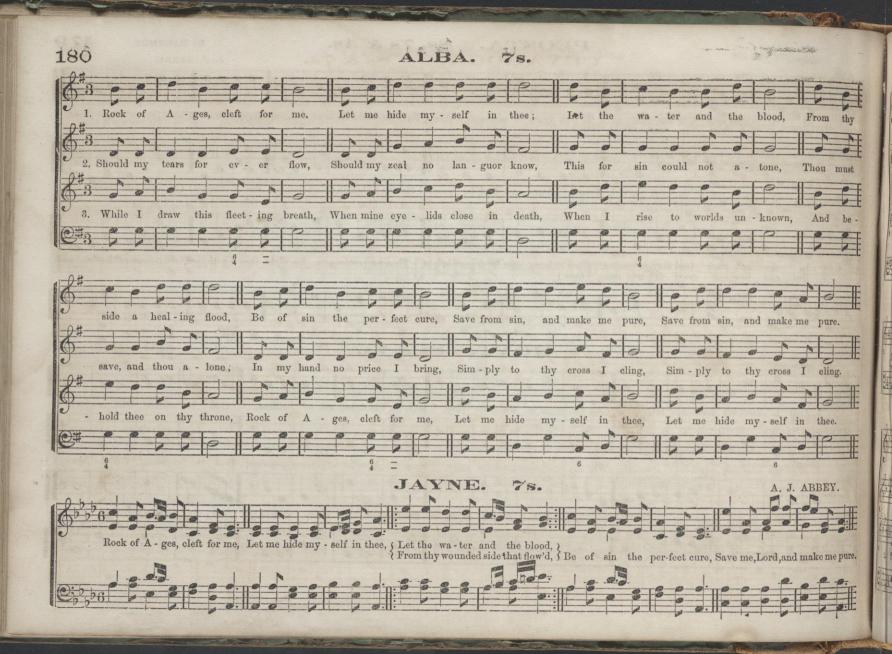
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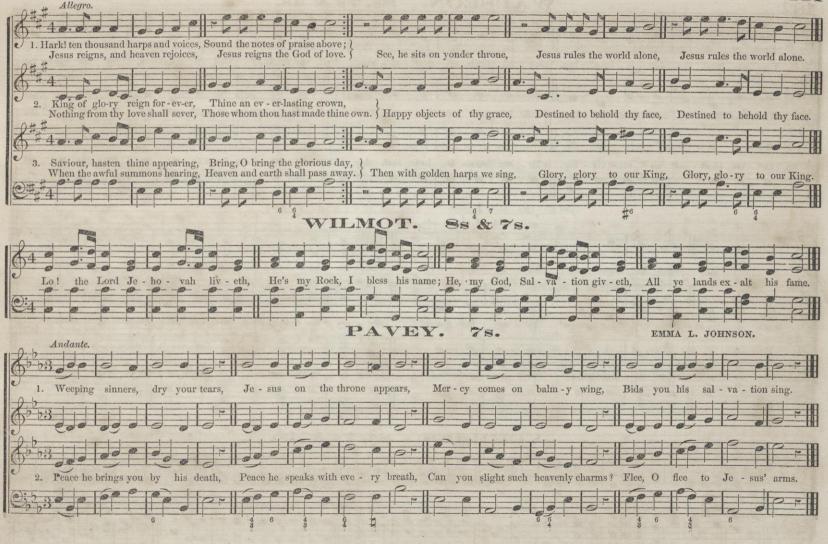
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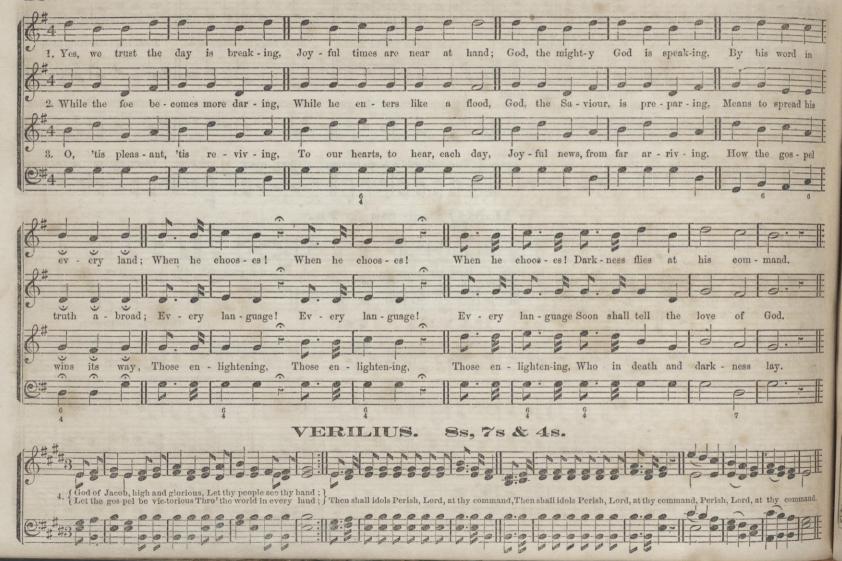
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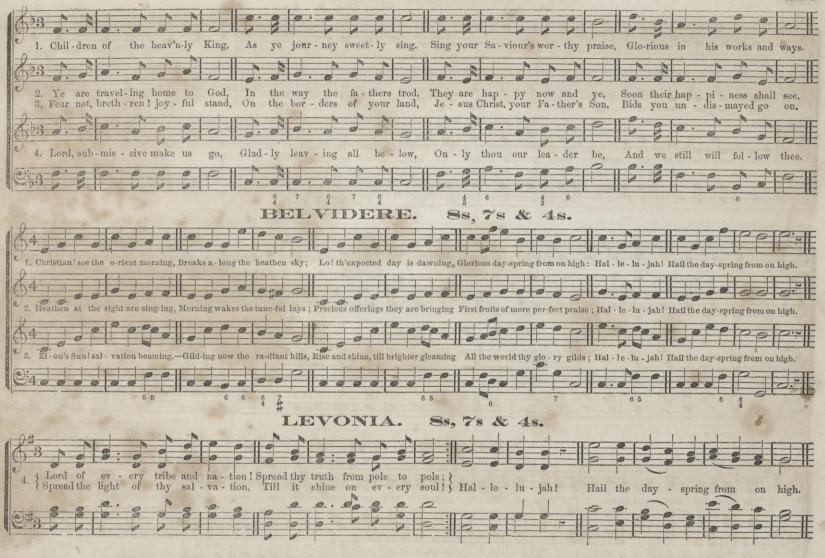
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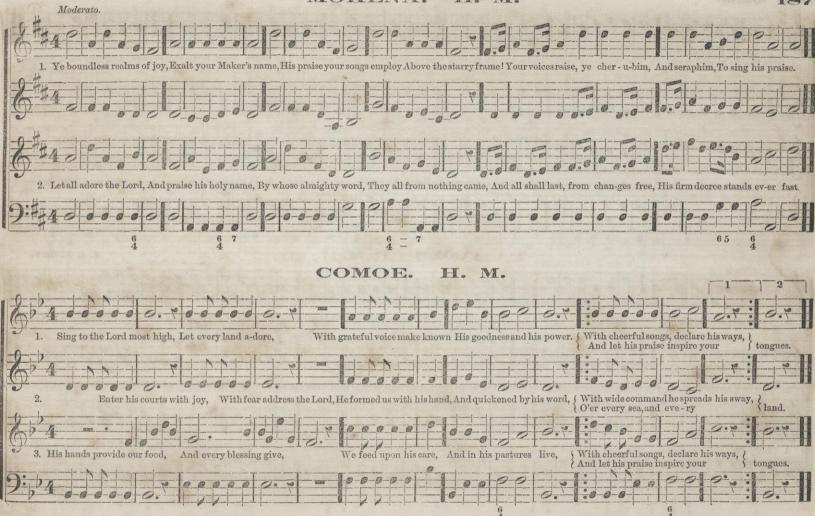


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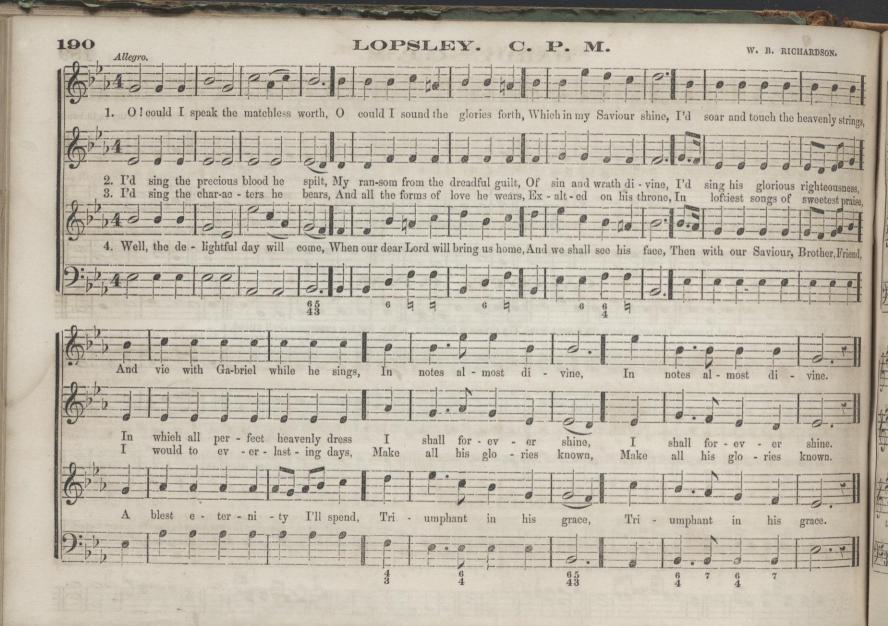


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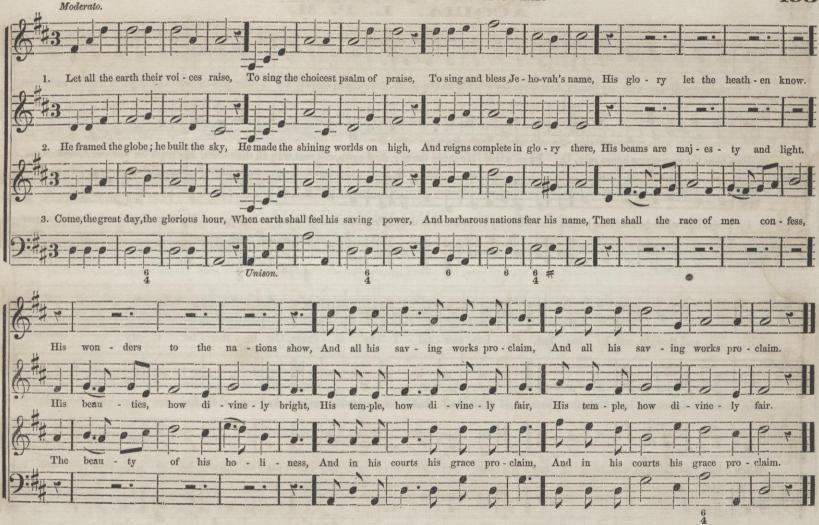


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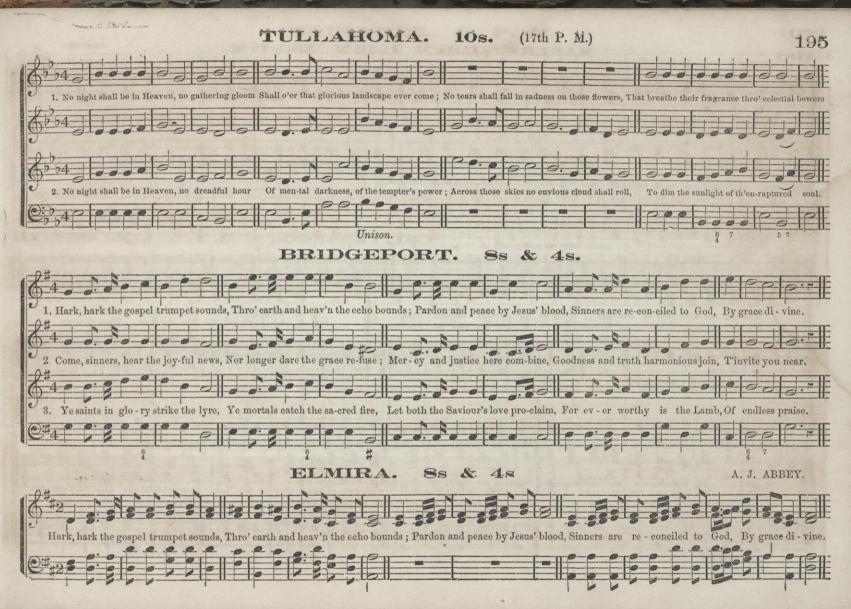
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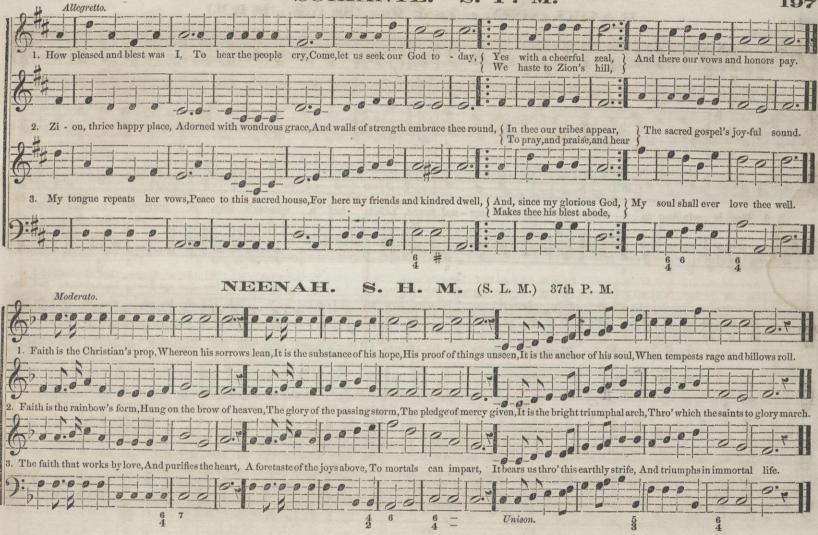
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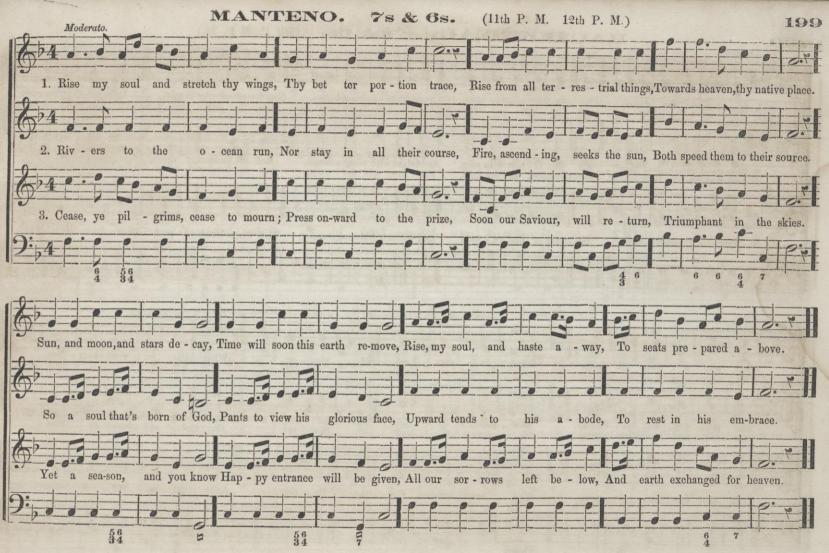
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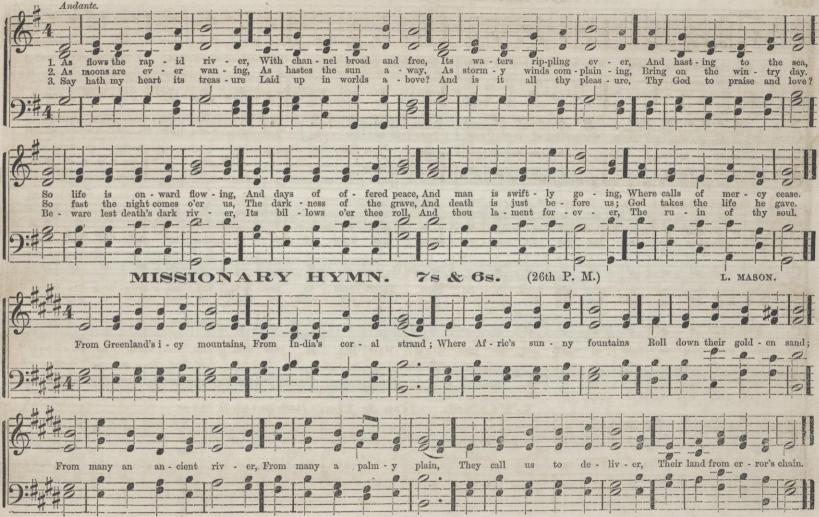








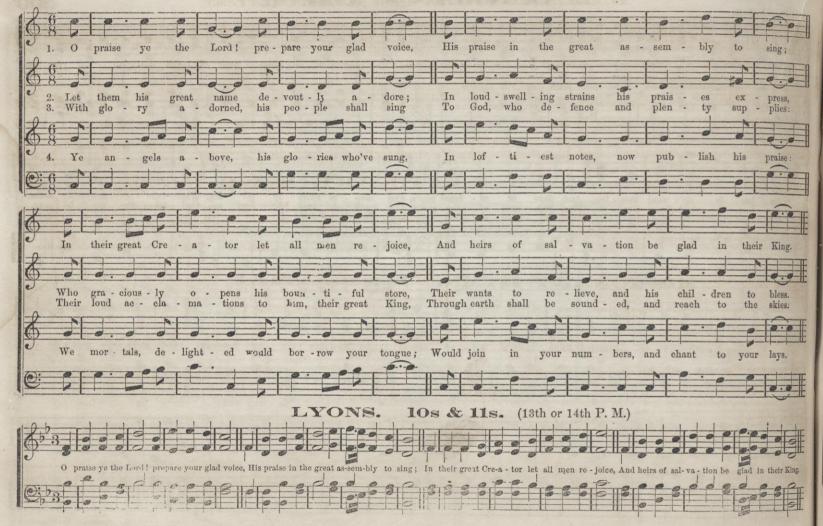
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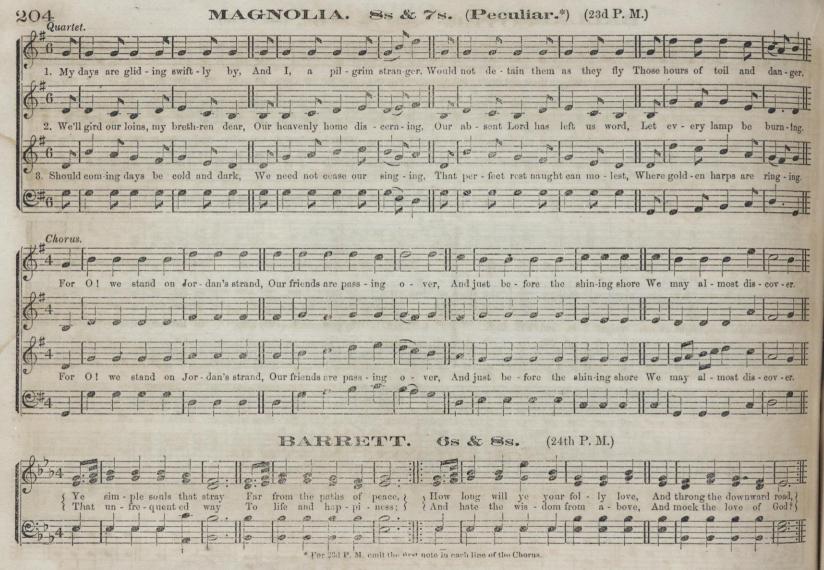
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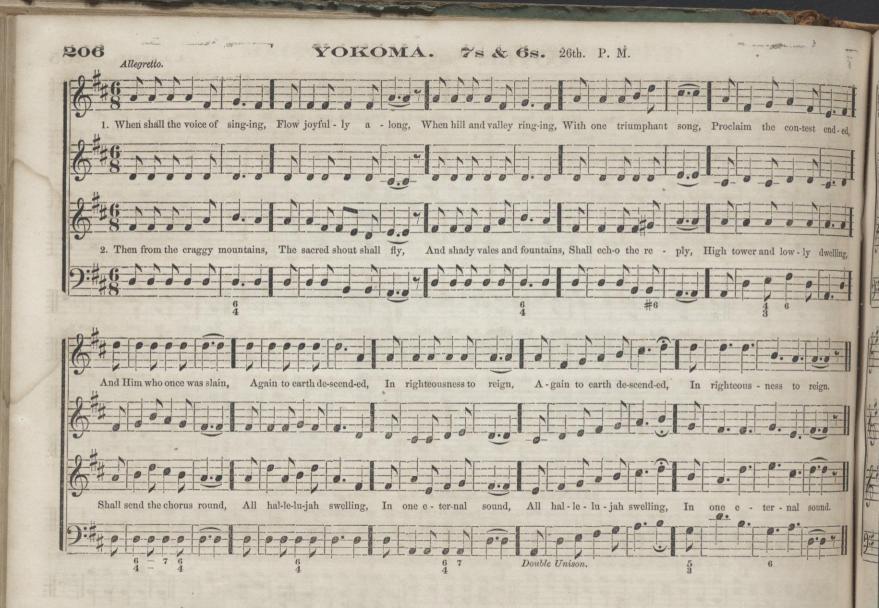
1. Hark ! how the gos - pel trumpet sounds, As through the world the e - cho bounds ; Pro-claim-ing to a ruin - ed race, That thro' the rich - es of His grace, \$14 M 2. Hail, Je - sus! all vie - to - rious Lord! Be thou by all man - kind a - dored! For us did'st thou the fight maintain, And o'er our foes the vie - t'ry gain, CATHCART. 8s & 4s. (22d P. M.) Sin - ners may see the Sa-viour's face, In end-less day. 3. And when, thro' grace, our course is run, The bat - tle fought, the vic-t'ry won ; -0-0-0-That we, with thee, might ev - er reign, In end - less day. 4. Then, in thy presence, heav'nly king, In loft - ier strains thy praise we'll sing ; Then crowns un - fad - ing we shall wear, The glo - ry of thy king-dom share, With thee, our glo - rious lead - er there, In end - less day, 1 30 When with the blood-bought host we meet, Tri - umph-ant there, in bliss com - plete, And cast our crowns be - fore thy feet, In end - less day.



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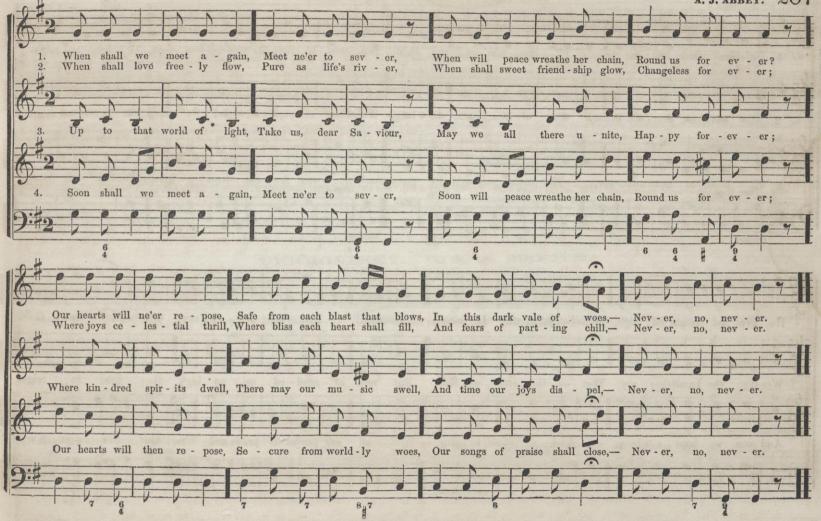
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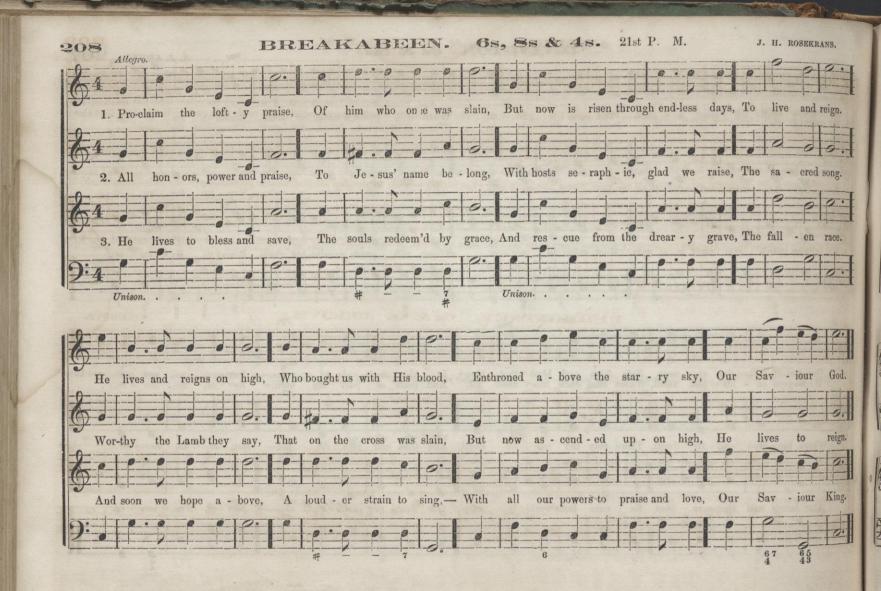


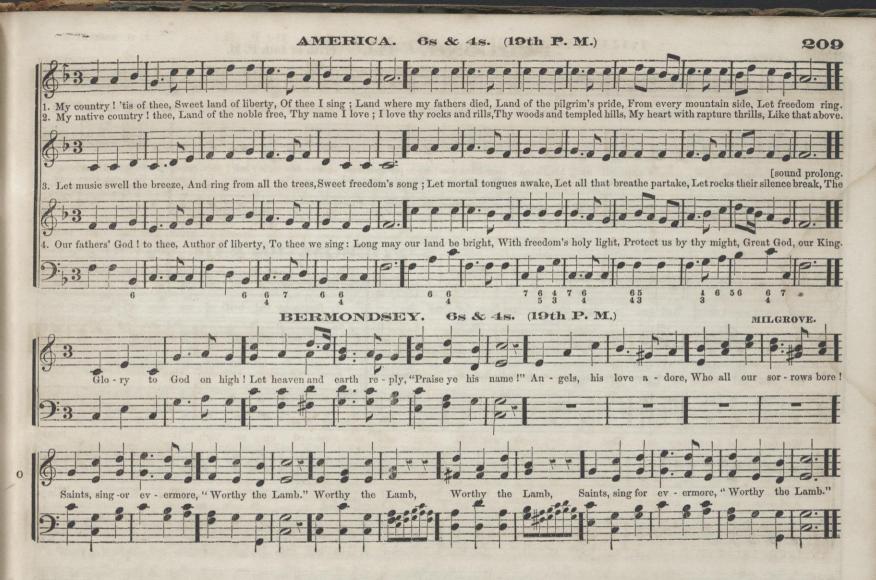


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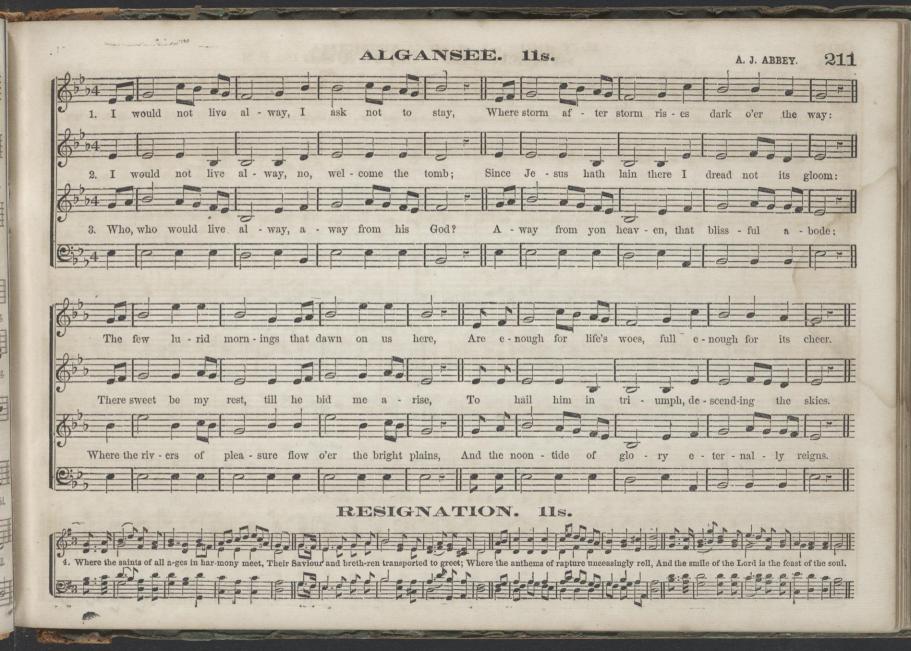




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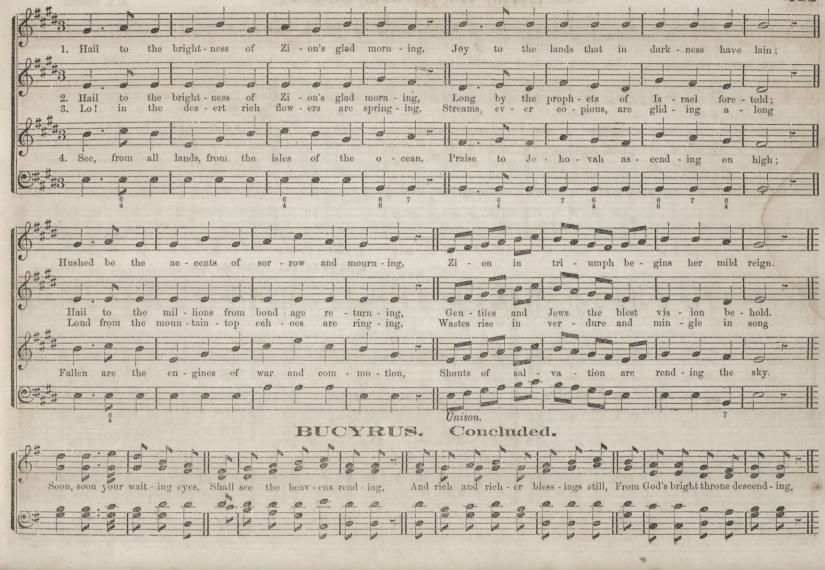




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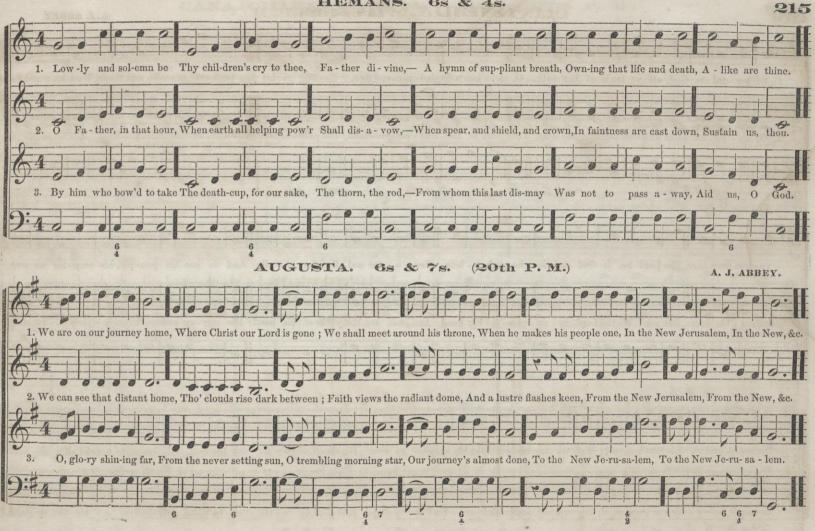


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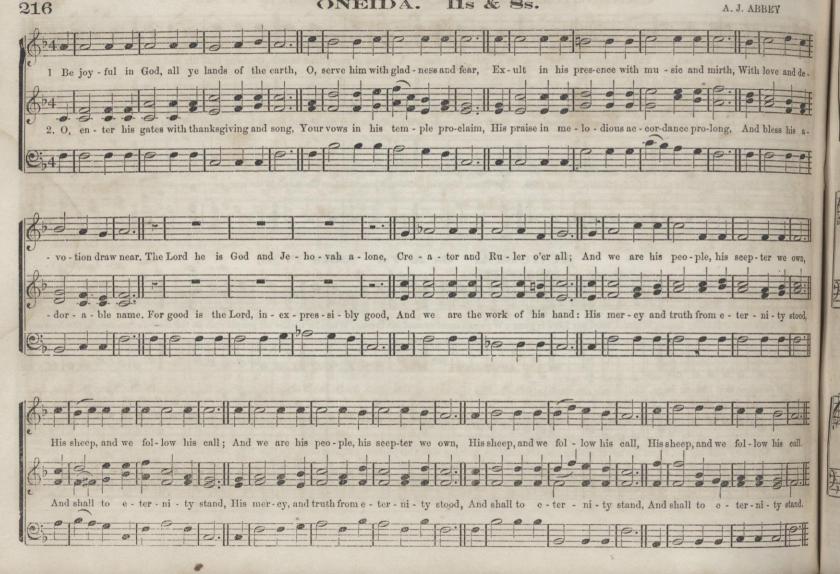
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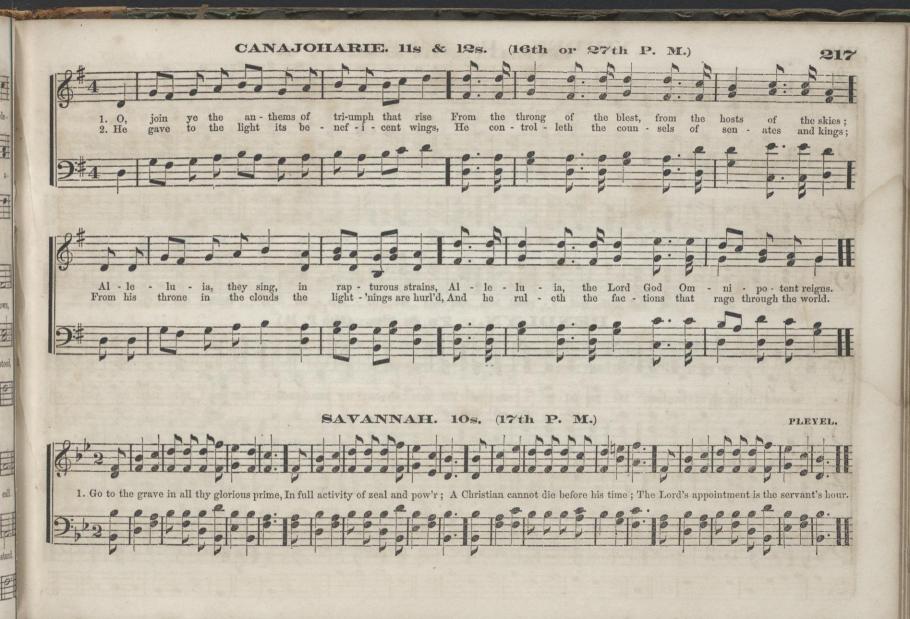


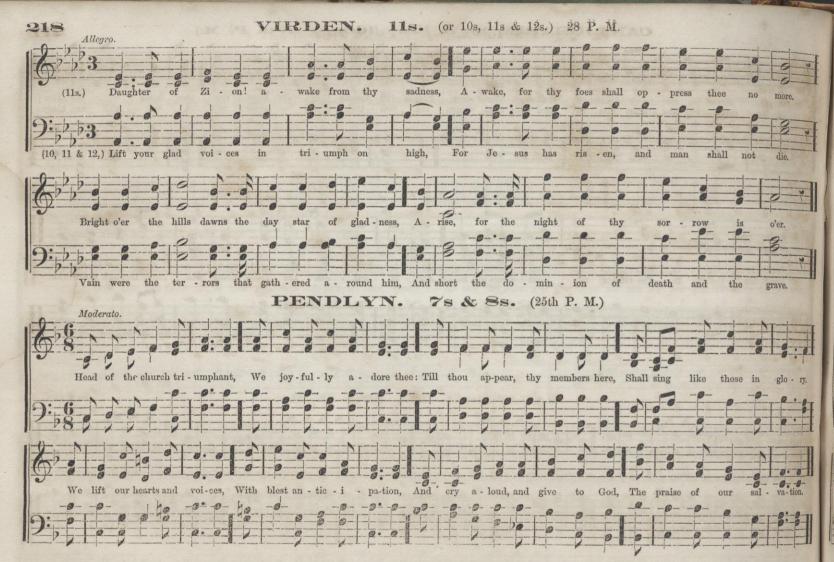


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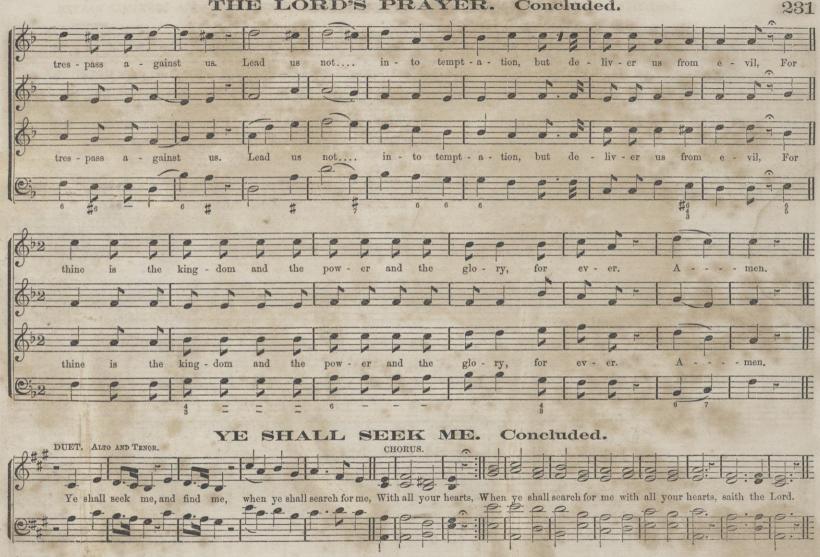
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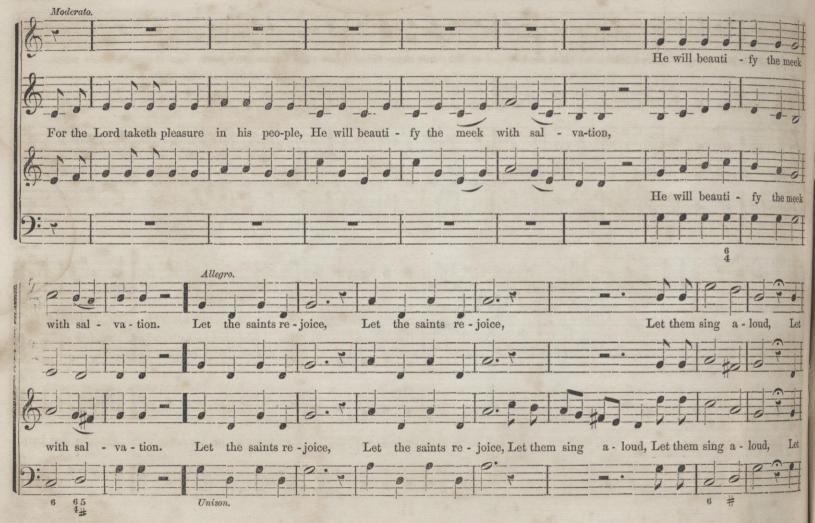
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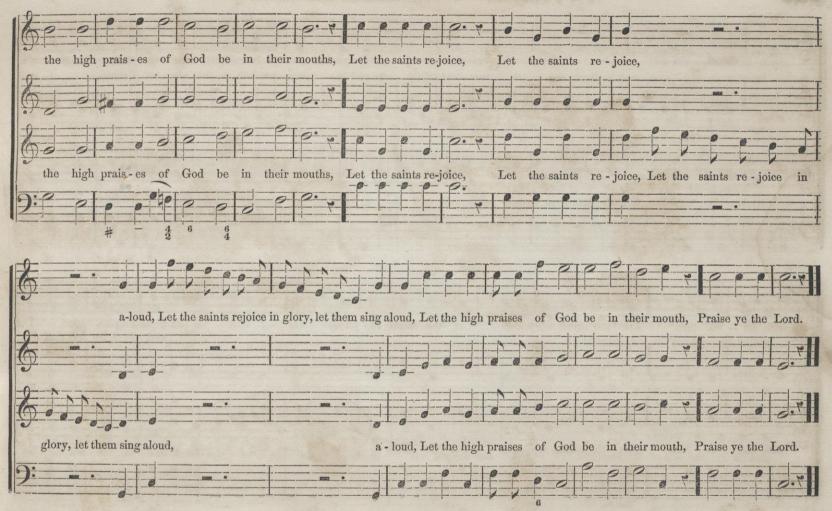


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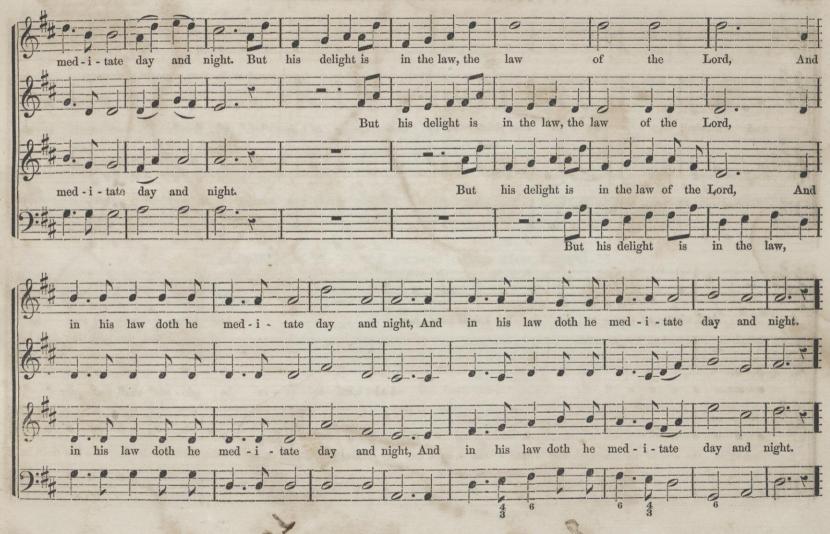


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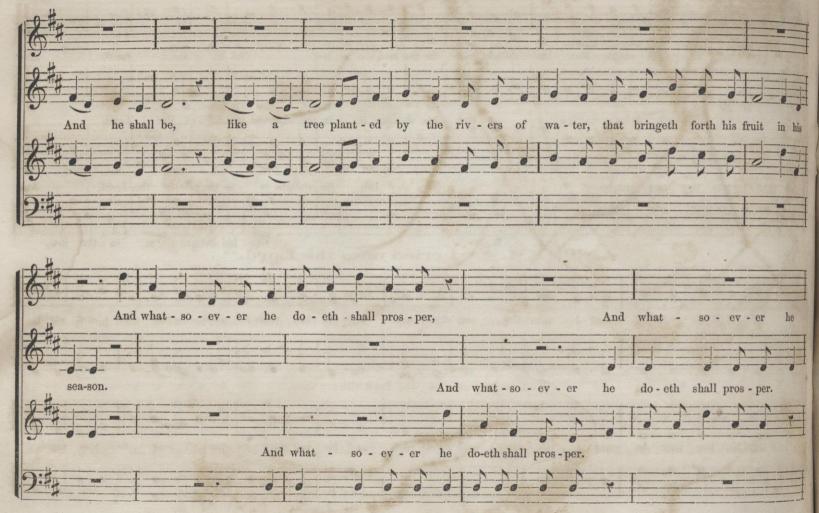
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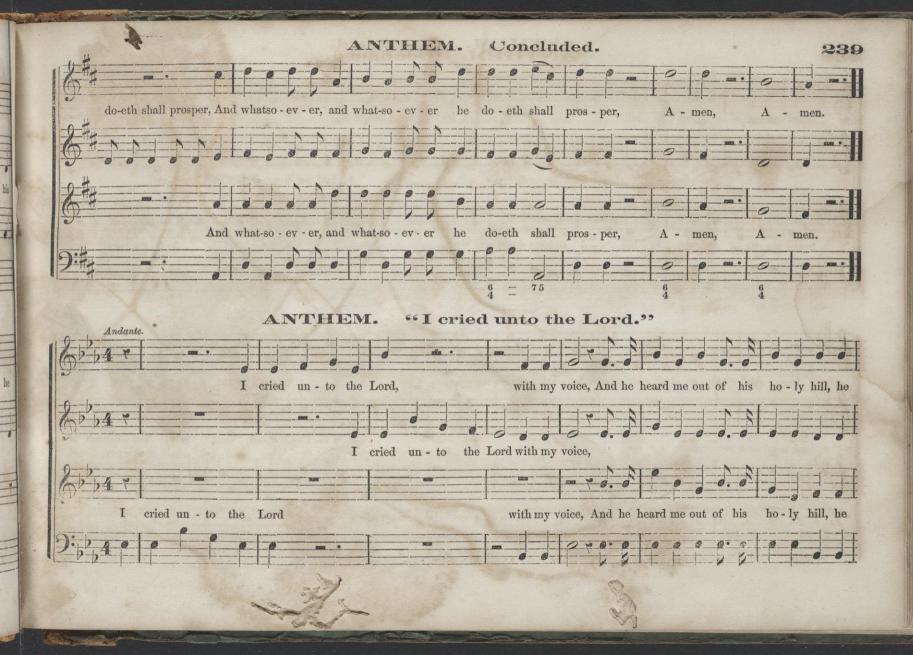
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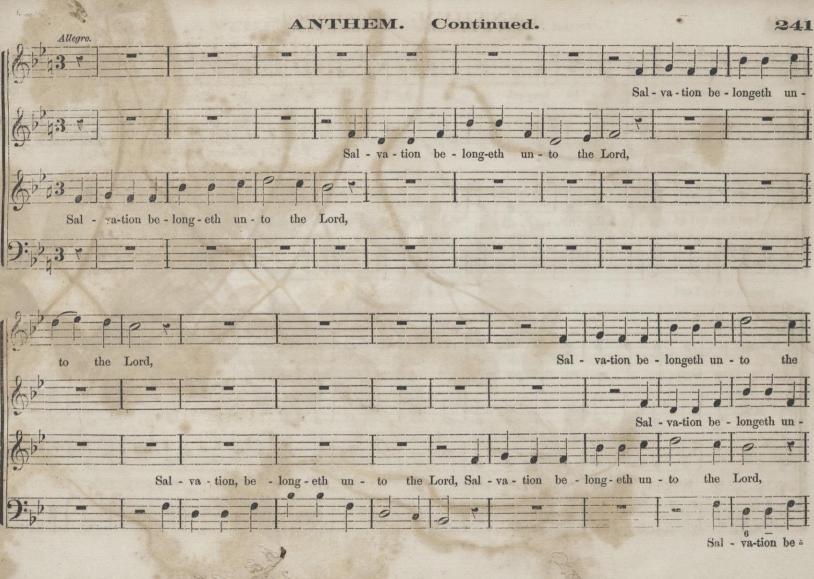








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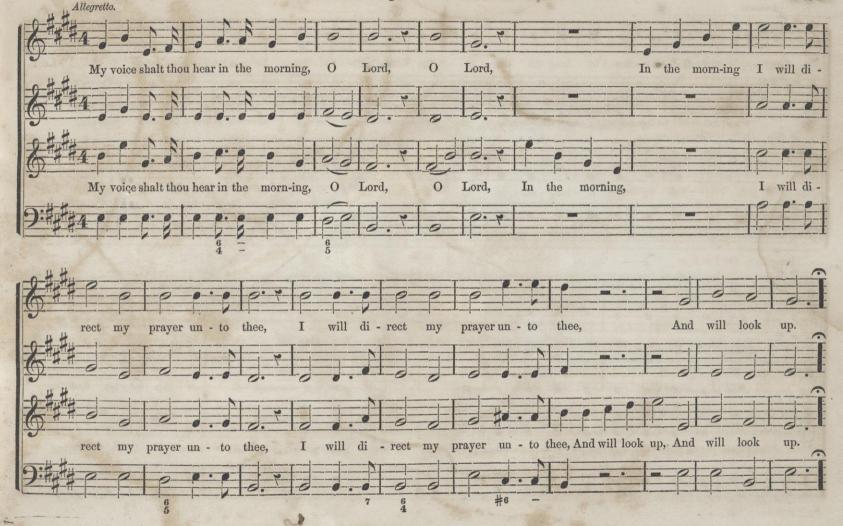
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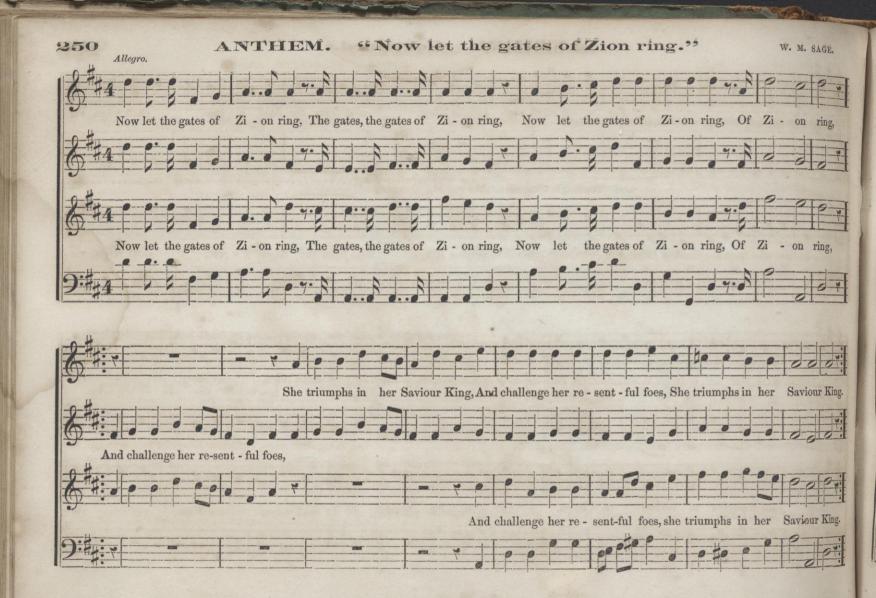
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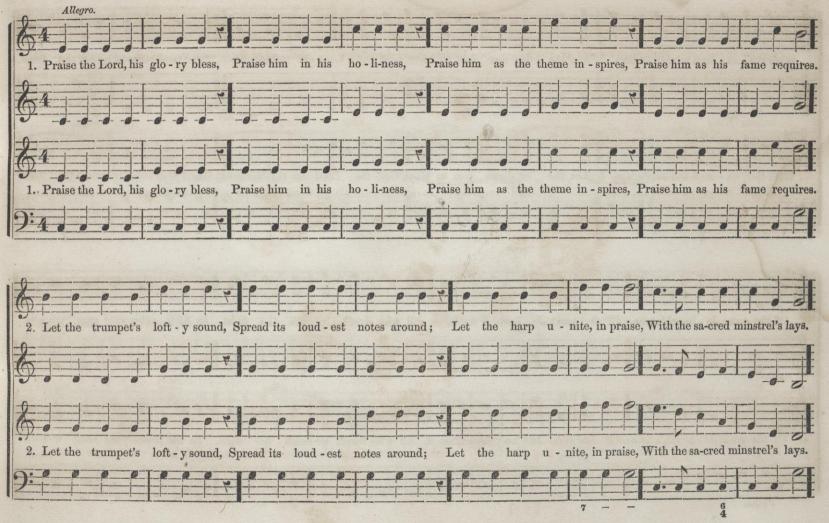




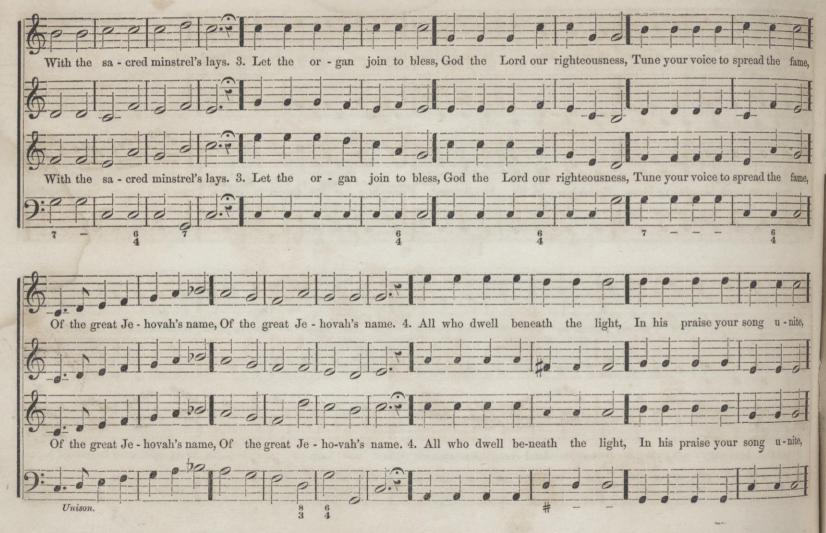


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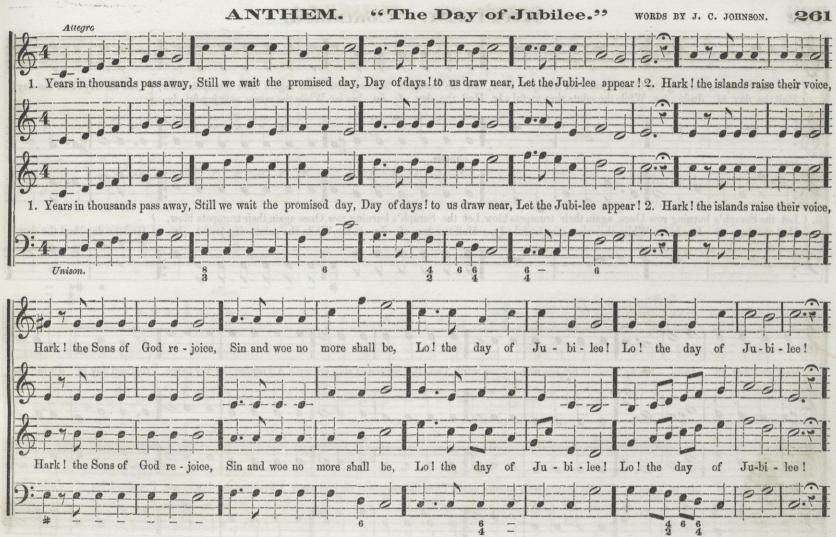
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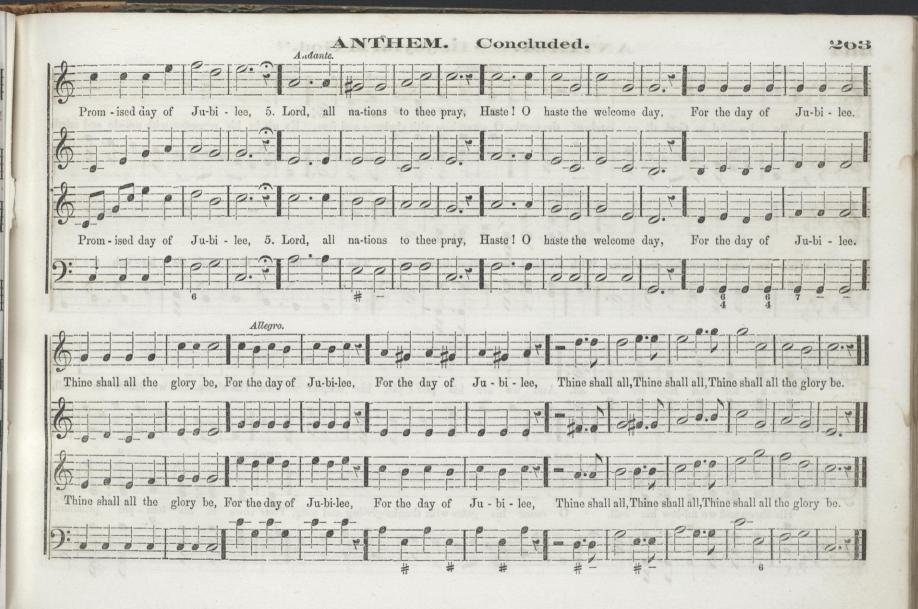




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ANTHEM. "Be joyful in God."



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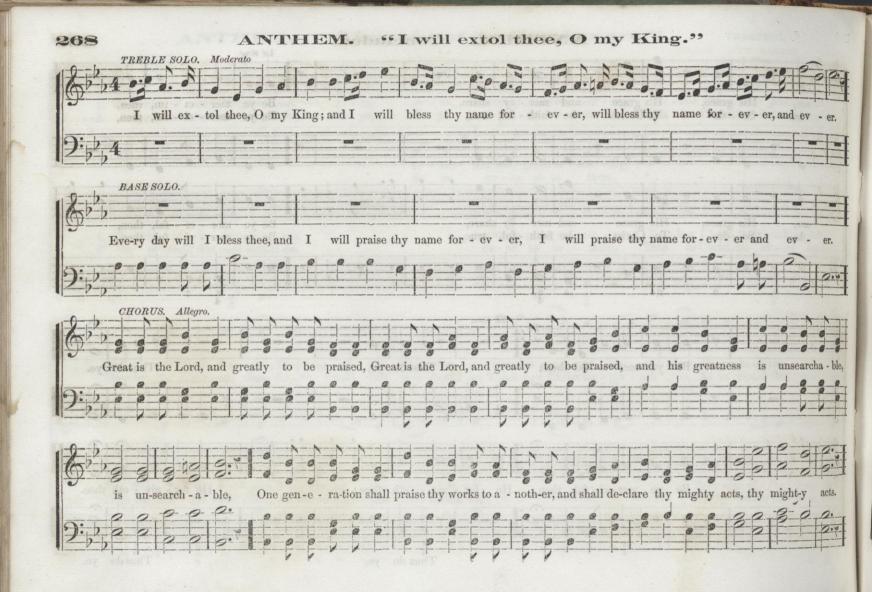
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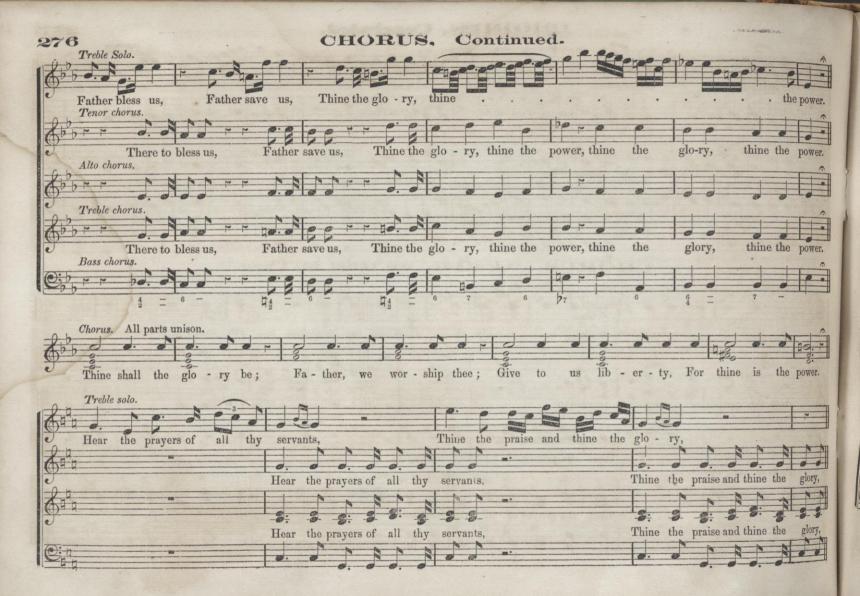


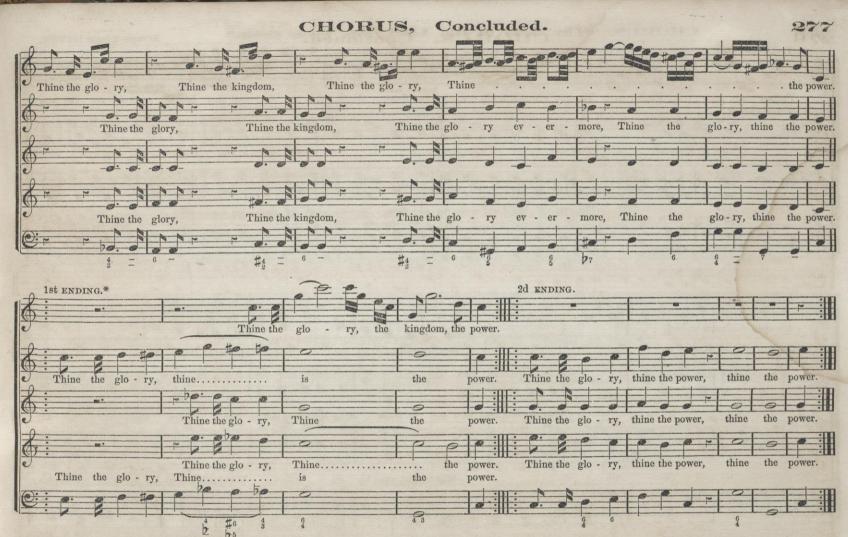
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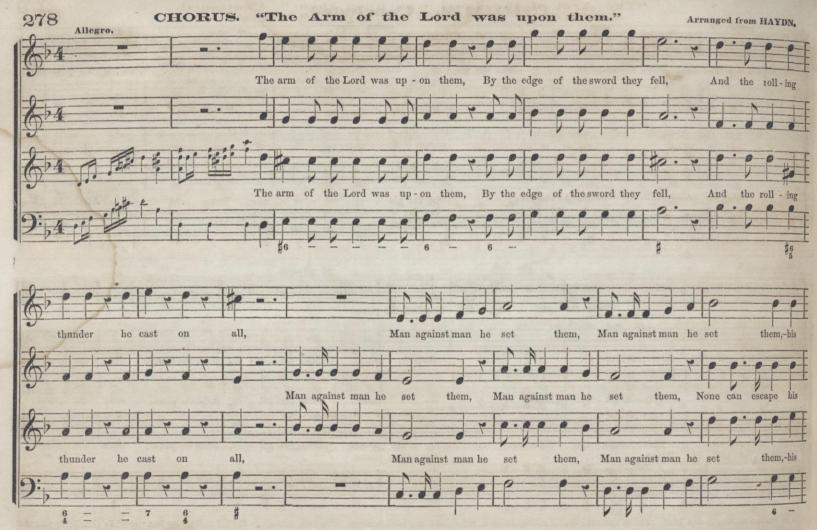
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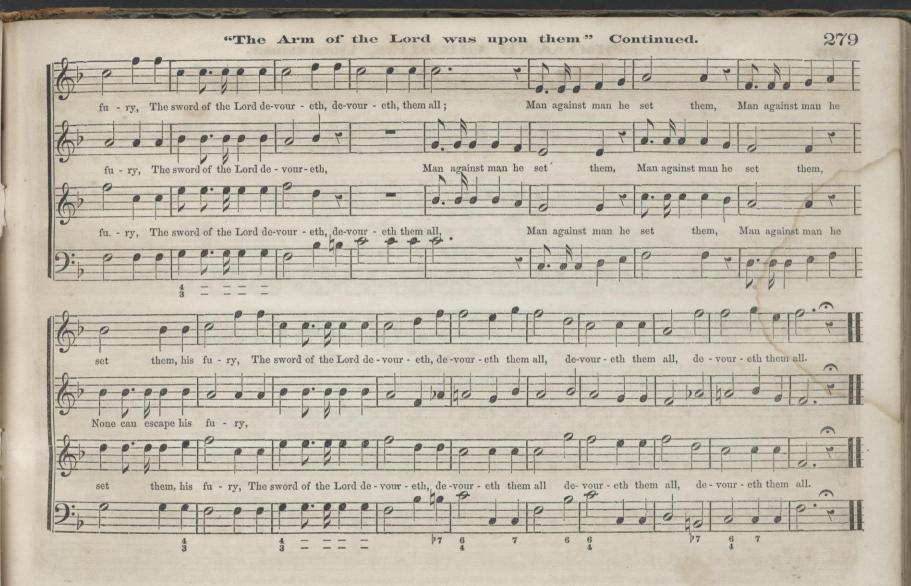


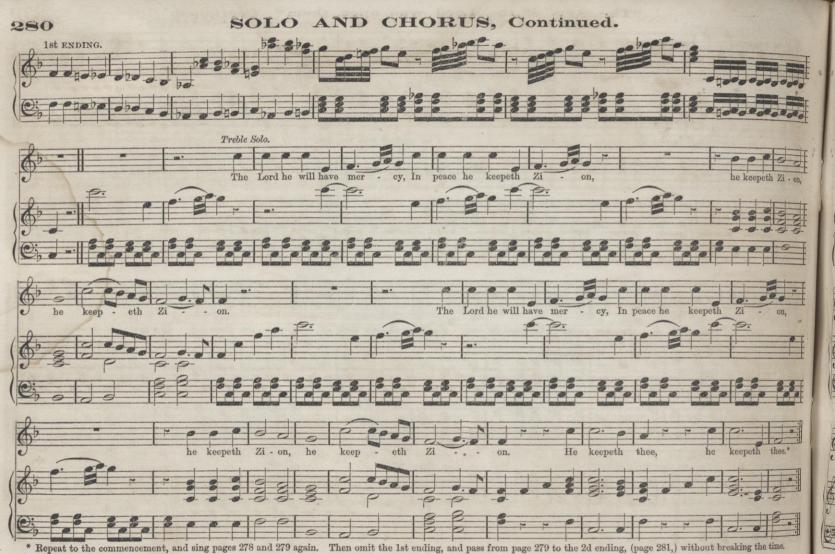




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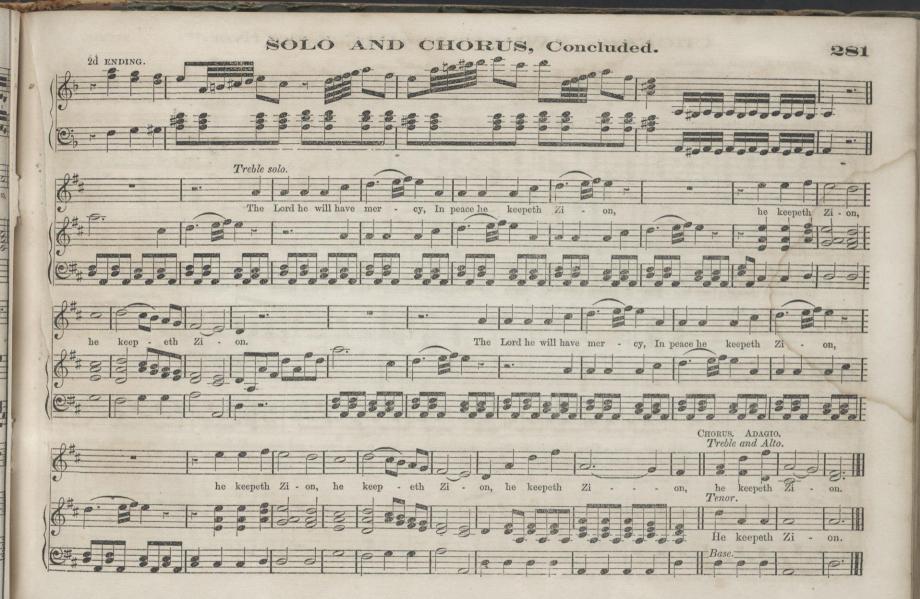


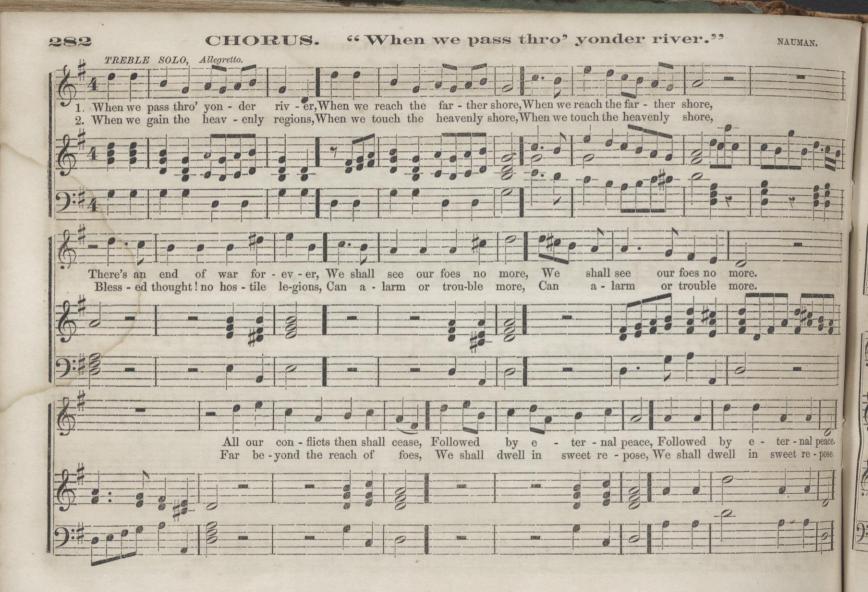


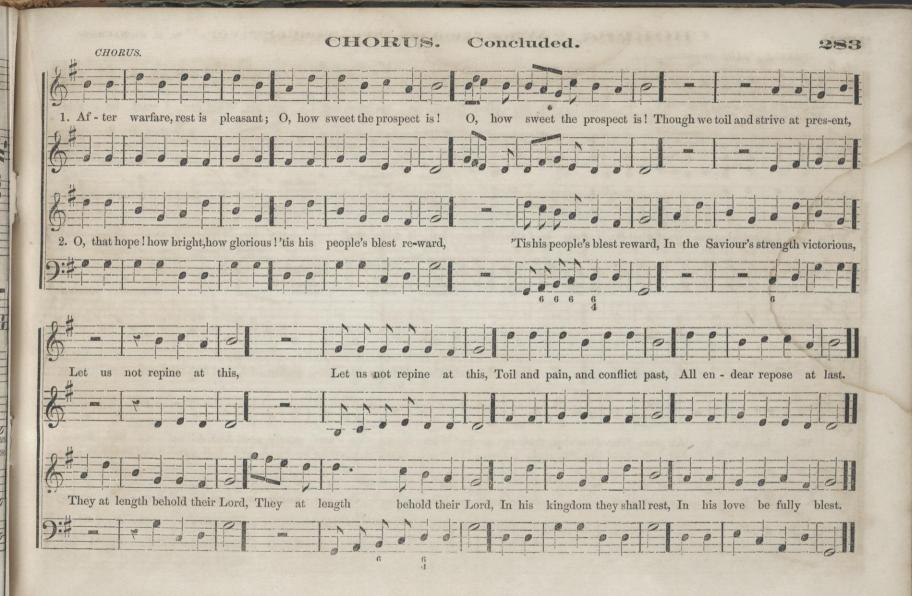


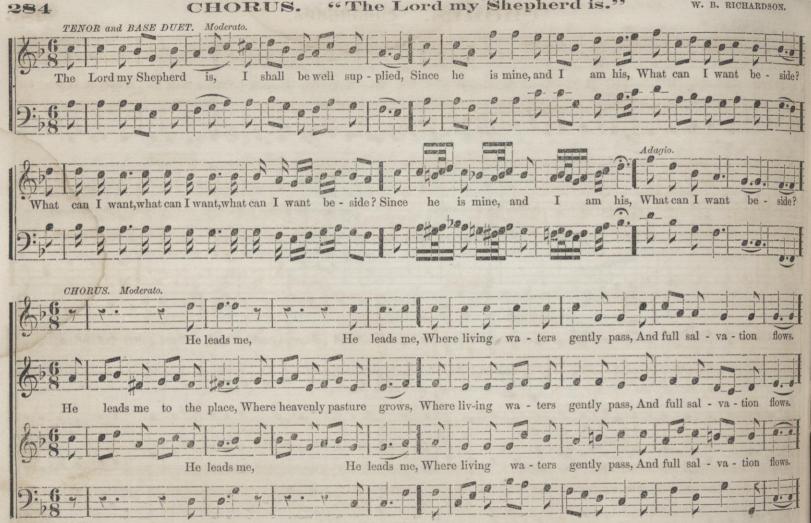
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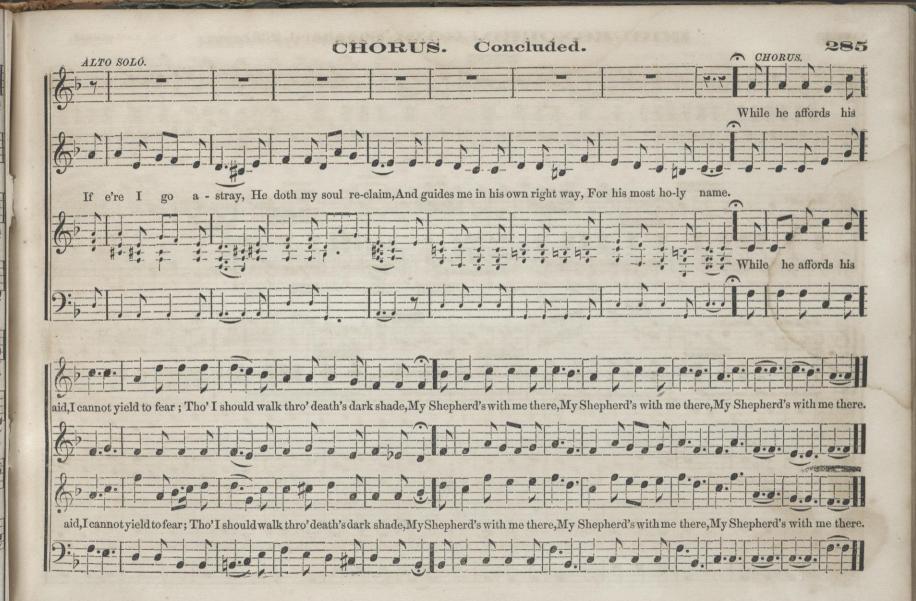






"The Lord my Shepherd is."

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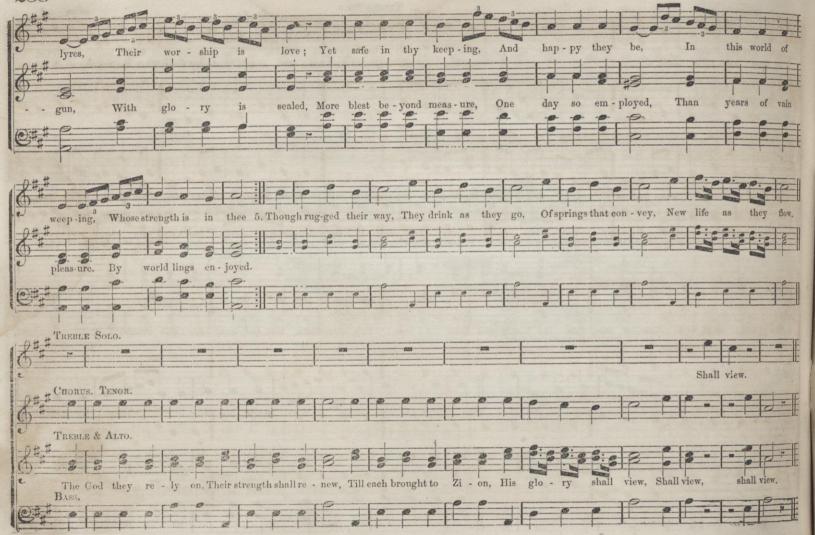




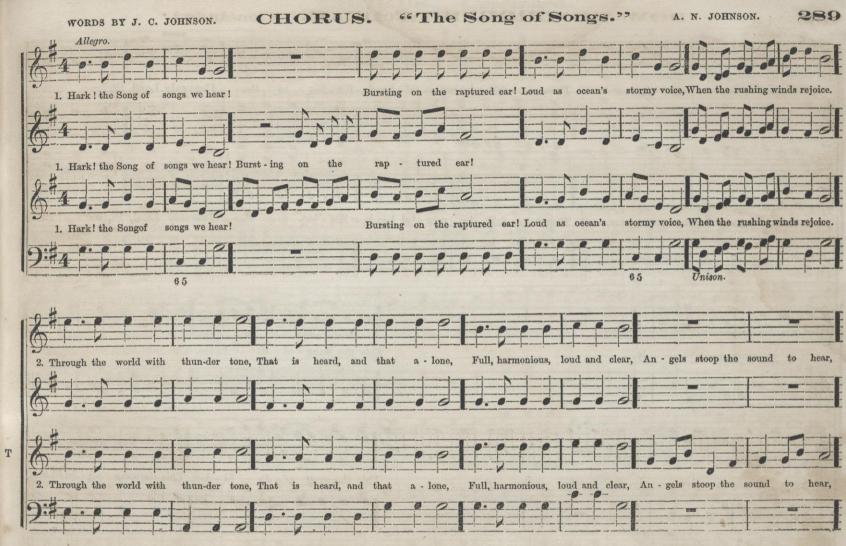




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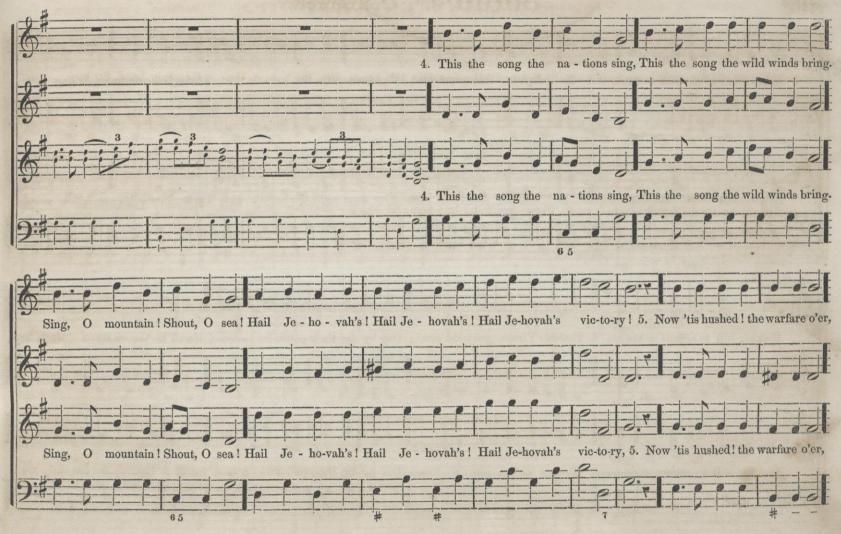


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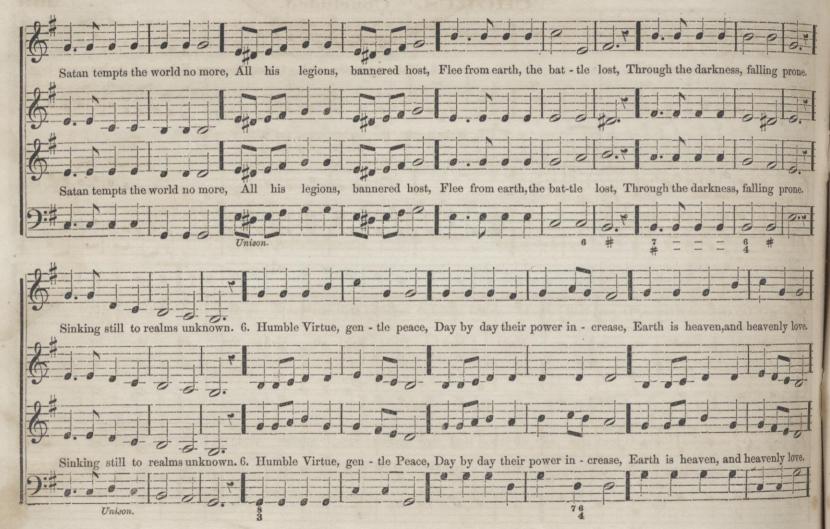
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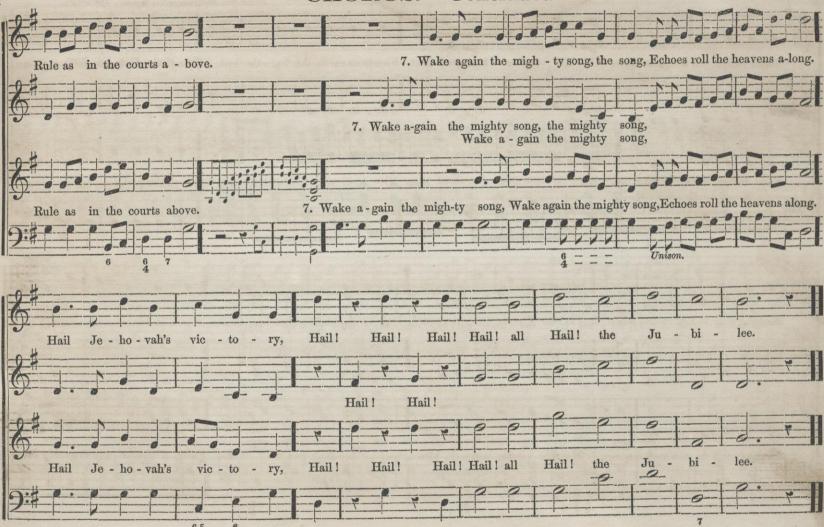


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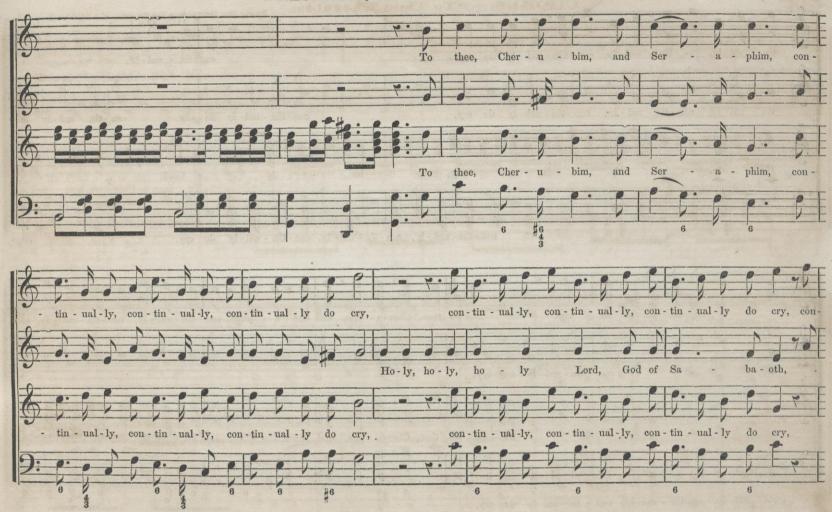


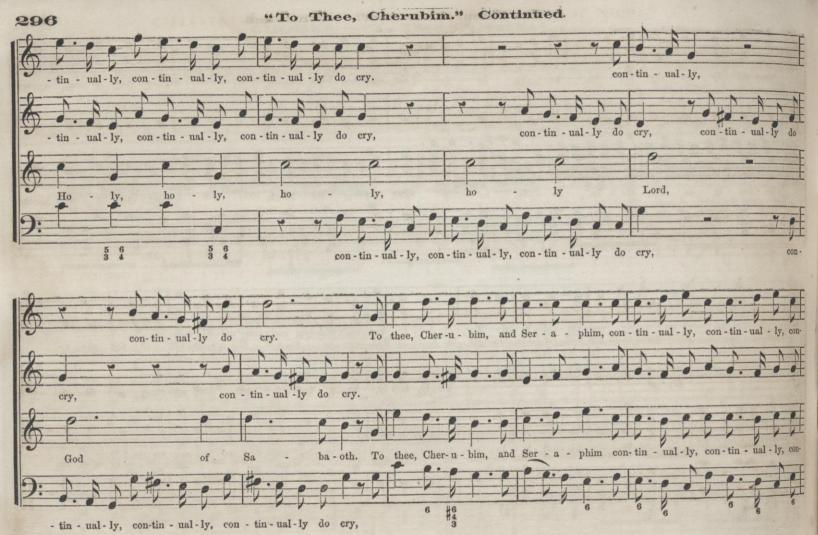
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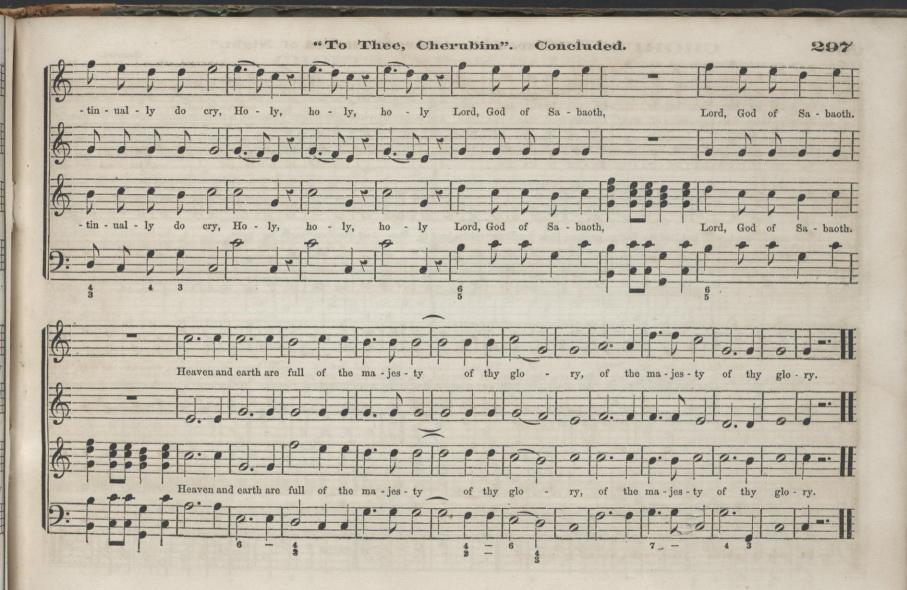
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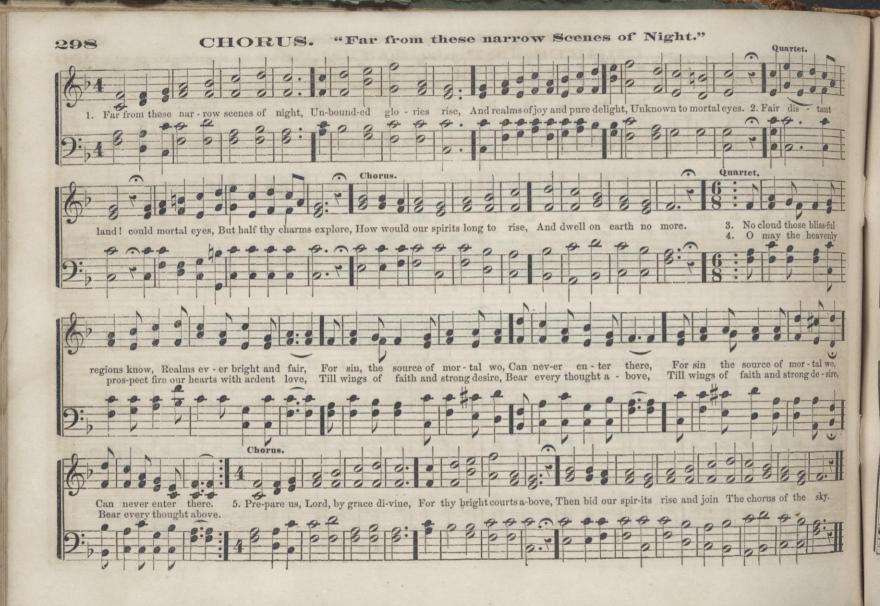


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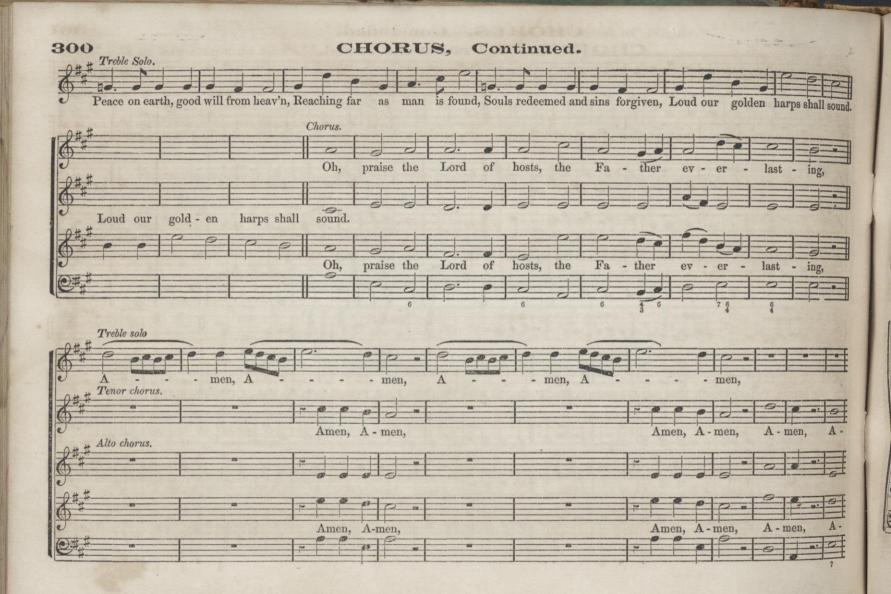






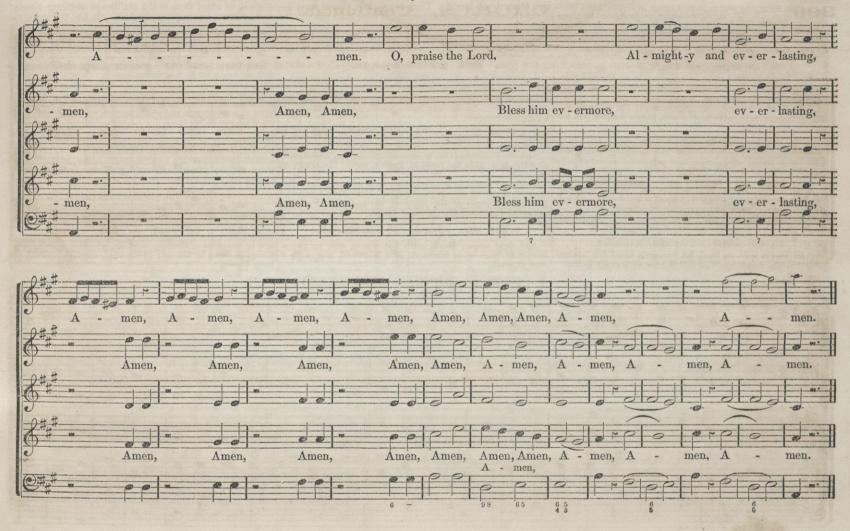
CHORUS. "Praise the Lord." FROM DE MONTI'S MASS IN B2. 299





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SCENE FROM THE ORATORIO OF "DAVID."

The following pieces form a scene in Neukomm's celebrated Oratorio of David. They are slightly altered from the original, to adapt them to the abilities of ordinary singing classes. To produce the effect which is produced by them in the Oratorio, the singers must pass from each piece to the next, without interrupting the time. In the Oratorio, the last twelve measures of the chorus, "He falls! the monster falls!" is marked to be sung *Diminuendo*, to represent a receding army, as if the singers were moving away, while the listeners remain stationary. The effect is equally good however, with these twelve measures sung loud. The following verses from the 17th Chapter, I. Samuel, describe the story which is represented in this scene. At a public performance, it will enable the audience to understand the scene better, to have these verses read by a good reader, before the scene is sune

BEHOLD THE GIANT.

DUET. DAVID AND GOLIAH.

And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side : and there was a valley between them.

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliah, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

GOLIAH'S CHALLENGE.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, why are ye come out to set your battle in array? Am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

DAVID'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHALLENGE.

And David said to Saul, let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

And David drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David.

And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

And the Philistine said unto David, am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

And the Philistine said to David, come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

SYMPHONY, REPRESENTING THE CONTEST.

And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

And David girded his sword upon his armor, and he assayed to go, for he had not proved it. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them. And David put them off. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand.

And it came to pass when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

And David put his hand in his bag, and took there a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and he fell upon his face upon the earth.

HE FALLS! THE MONSTER FALLS.

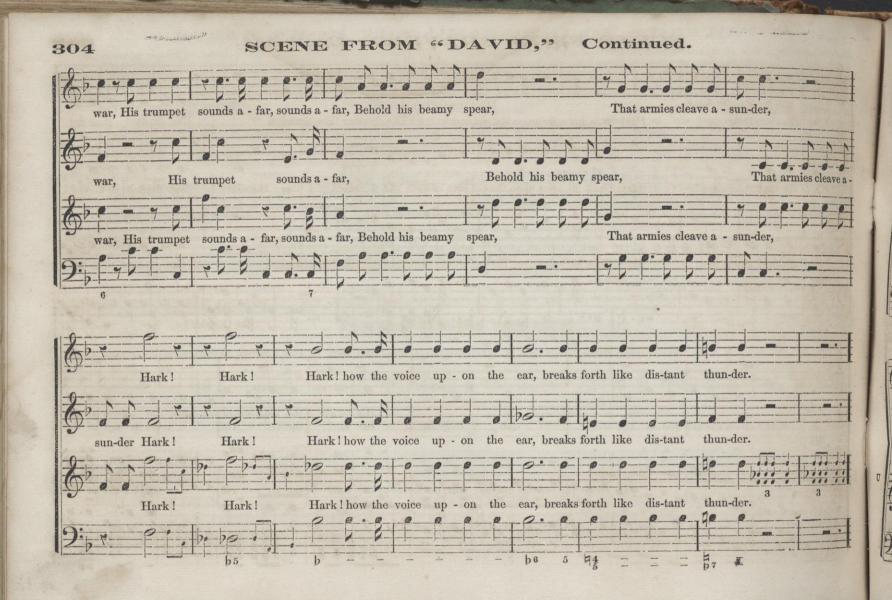
And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

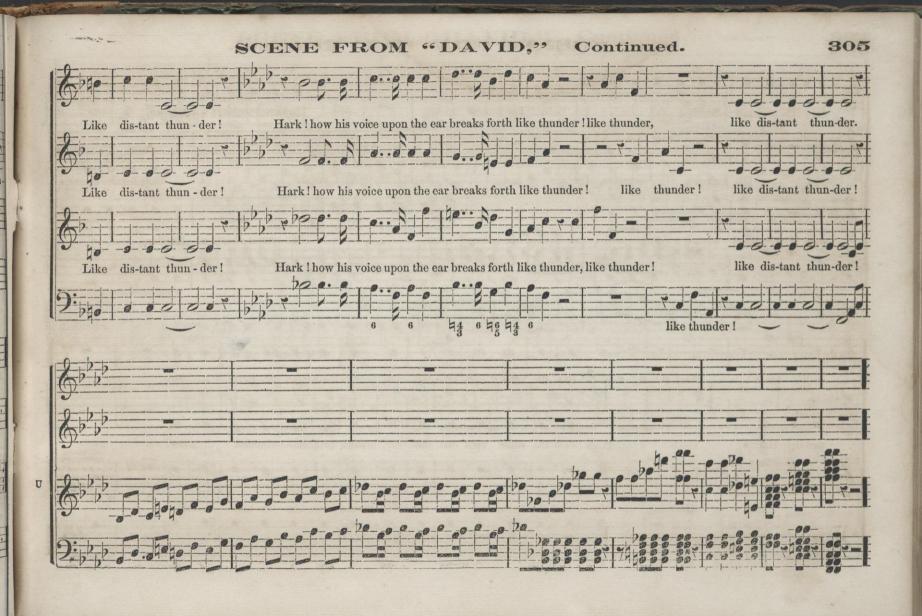
And the men of Israel and of Judah arose and should, and pursued the Philistines, until they came to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaarim, even unto Cath, and unto Ekron.

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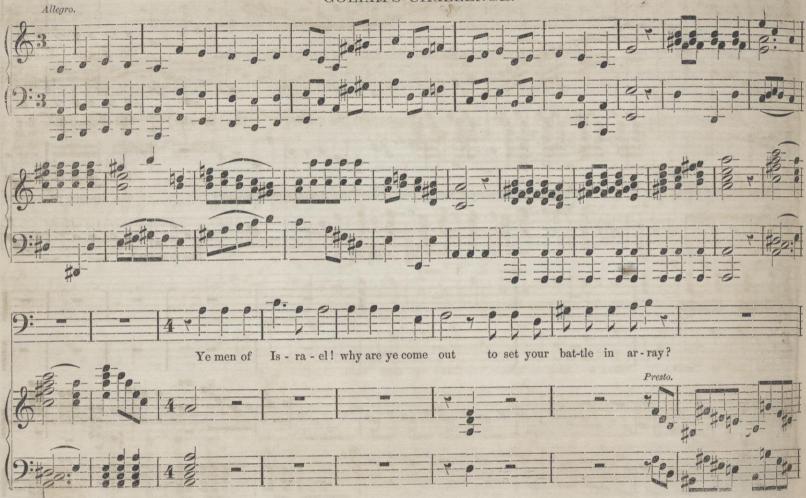






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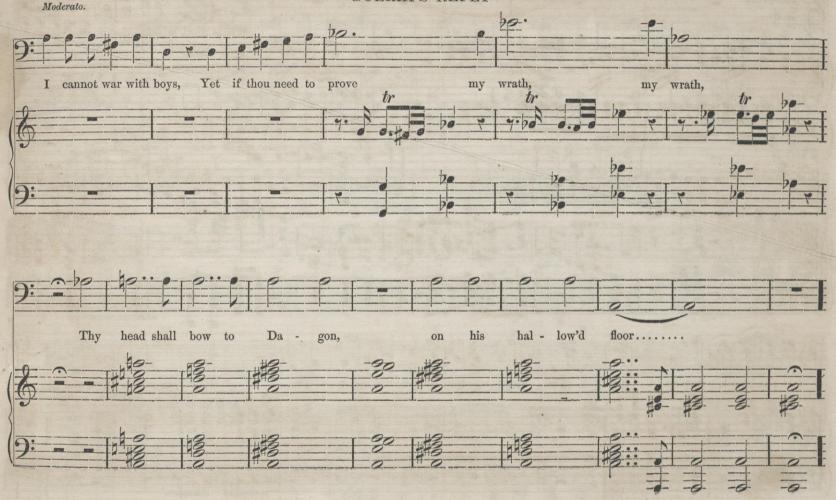


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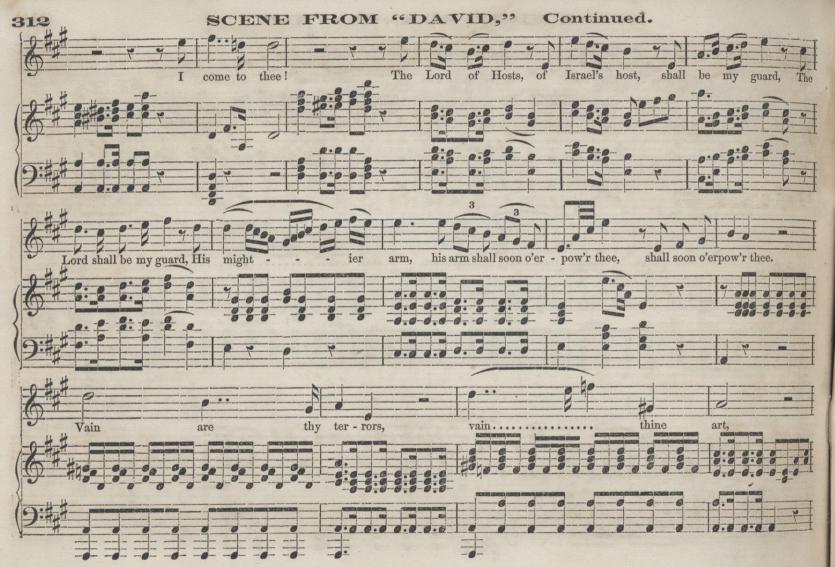
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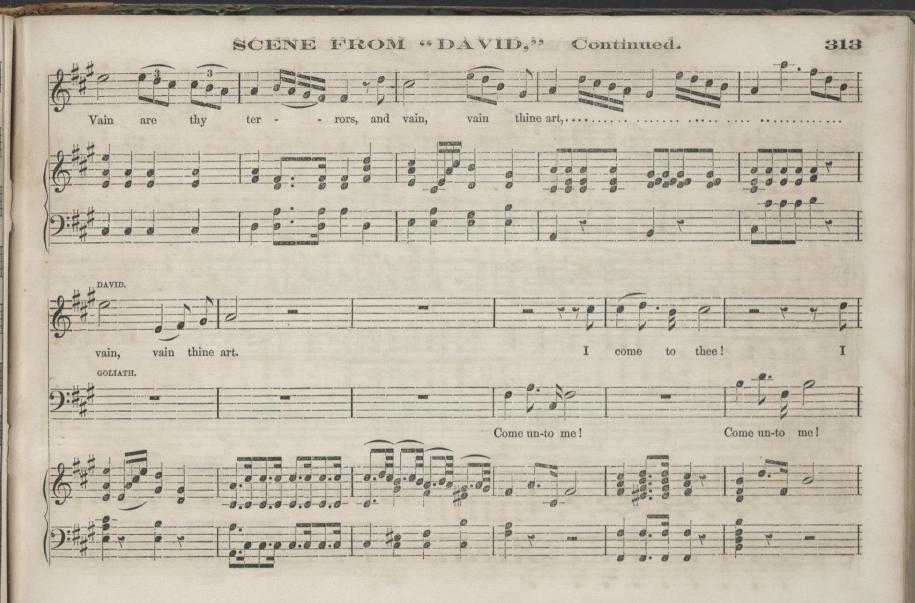
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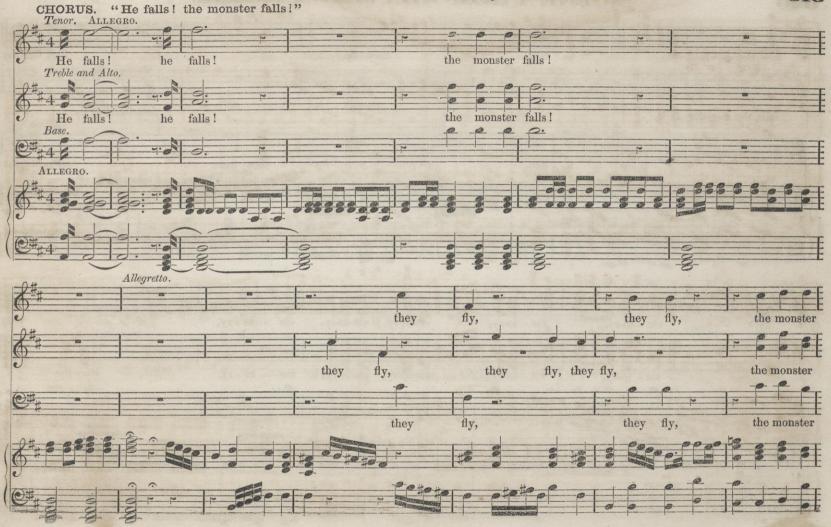
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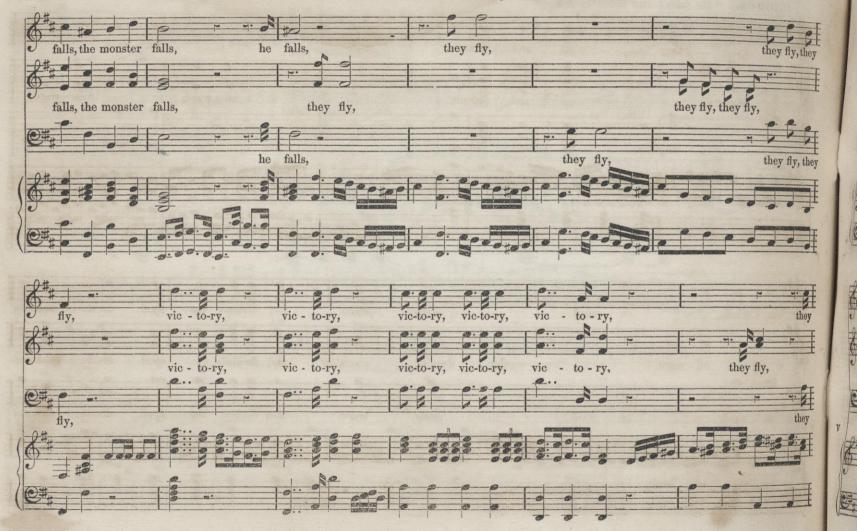
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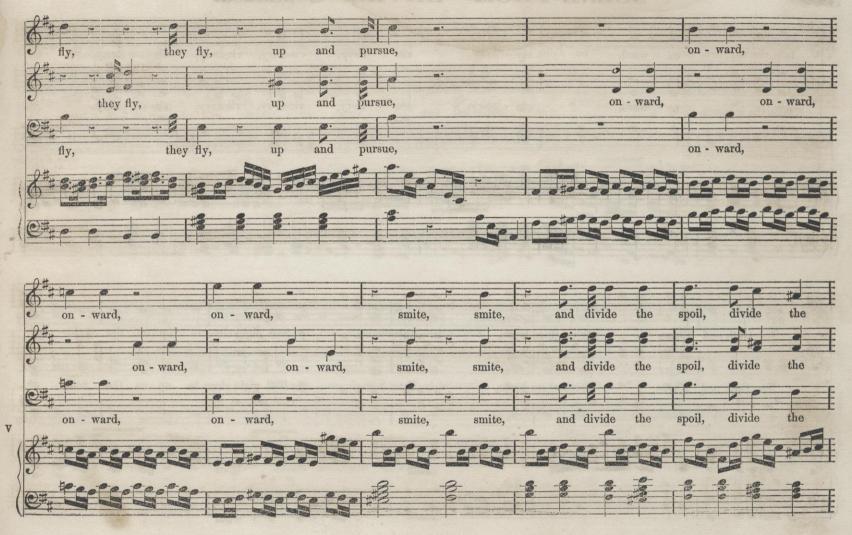
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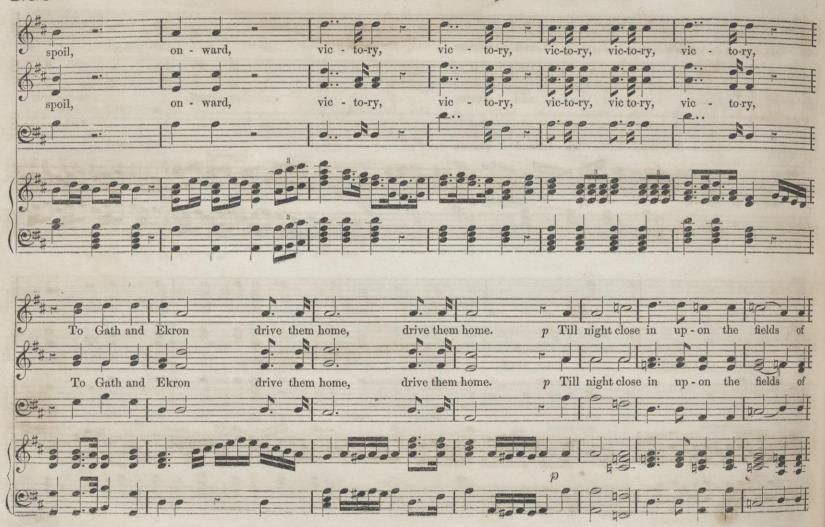
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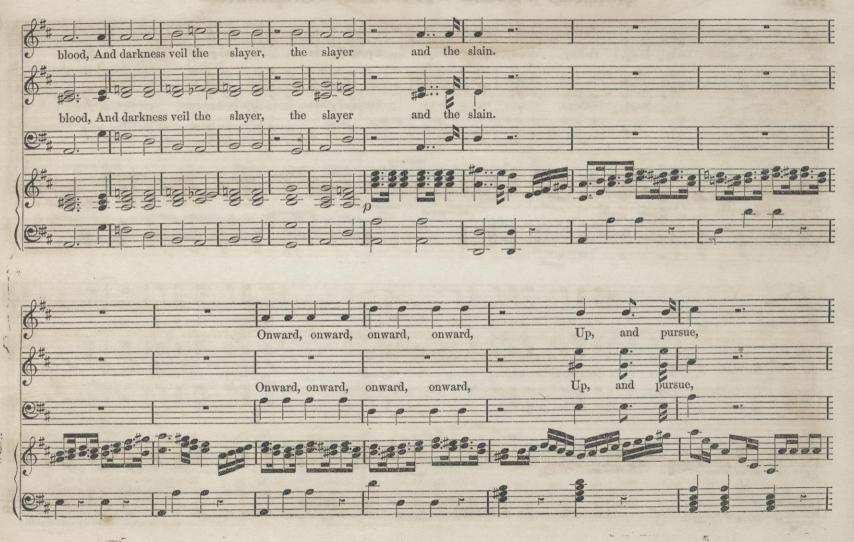
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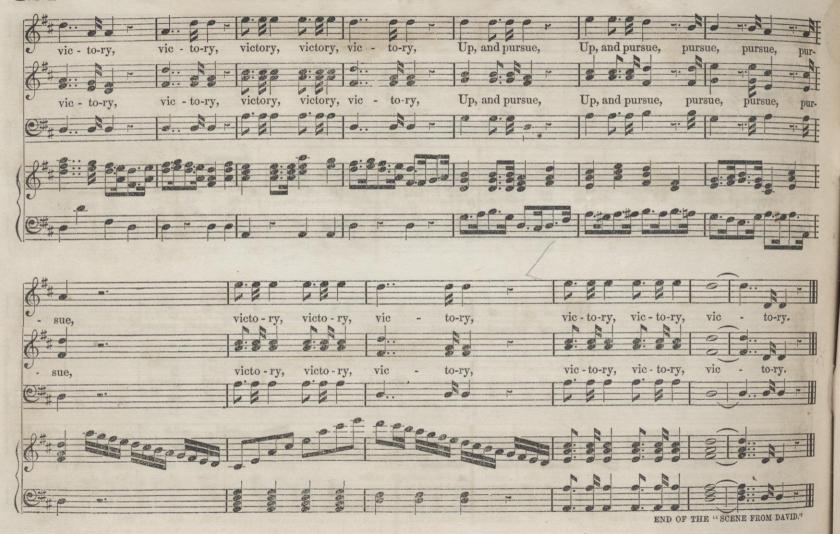


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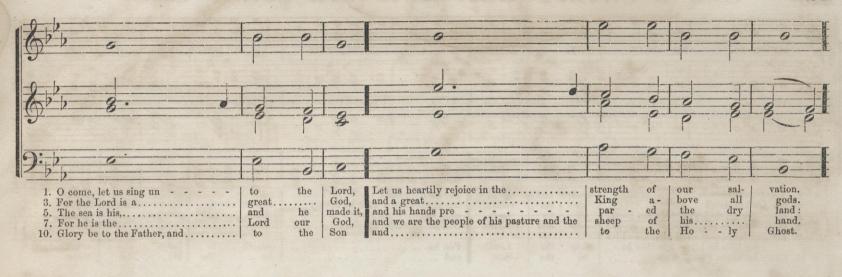
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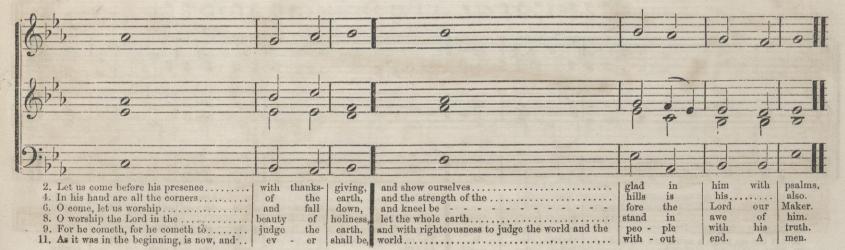


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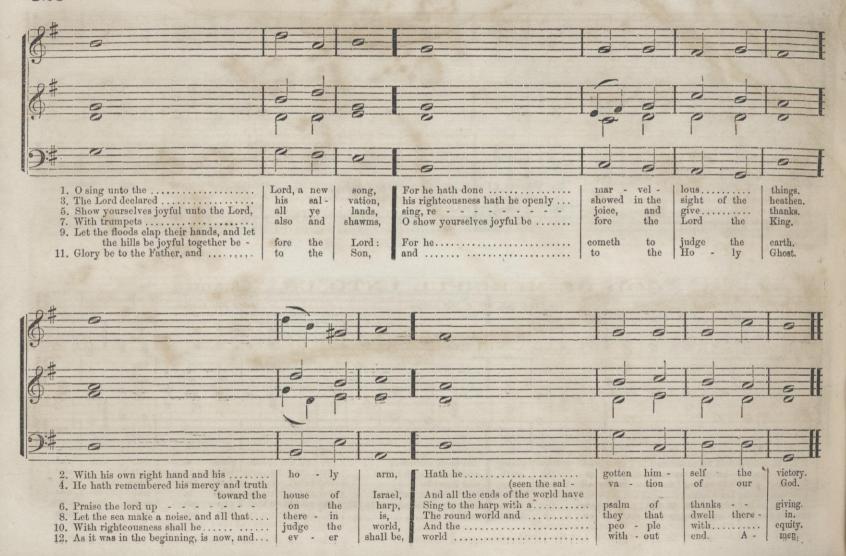


O COME LET US SING. Chant.





SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG. Chant.



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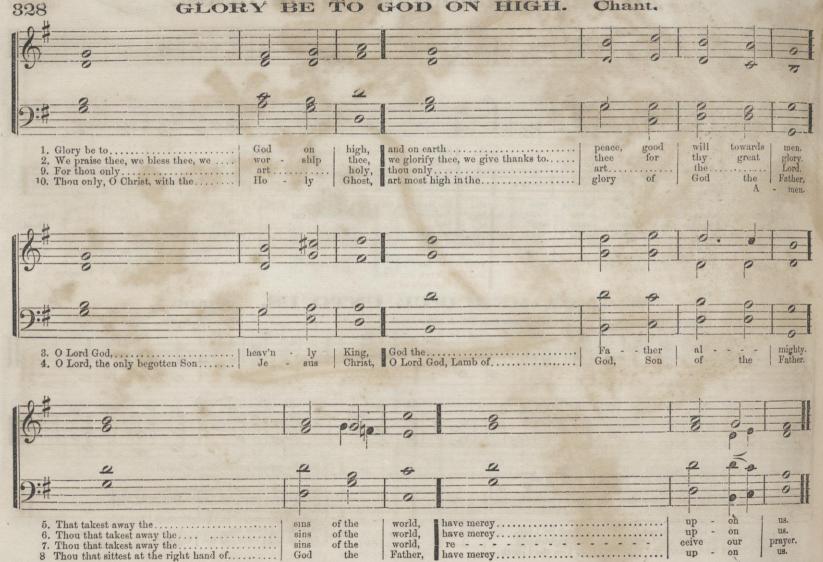
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GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US. Chant.



GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH. Chant.



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O, PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLINESS. Chant.

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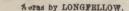
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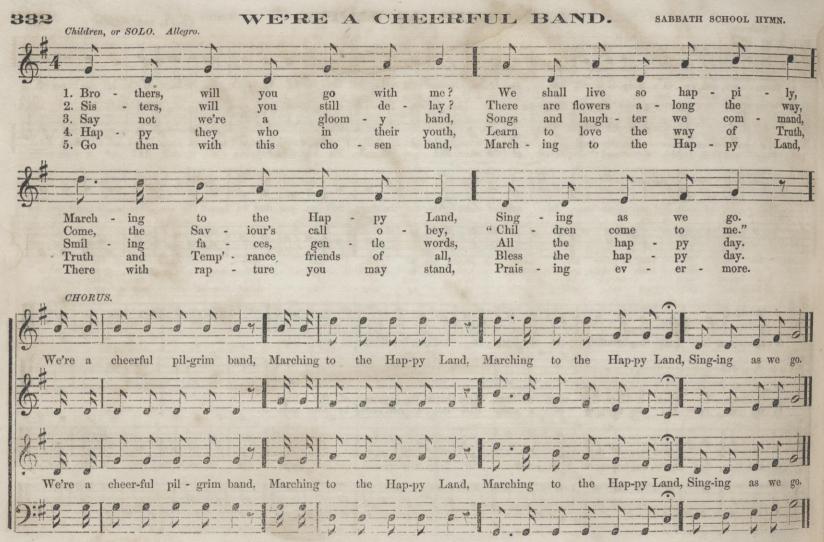
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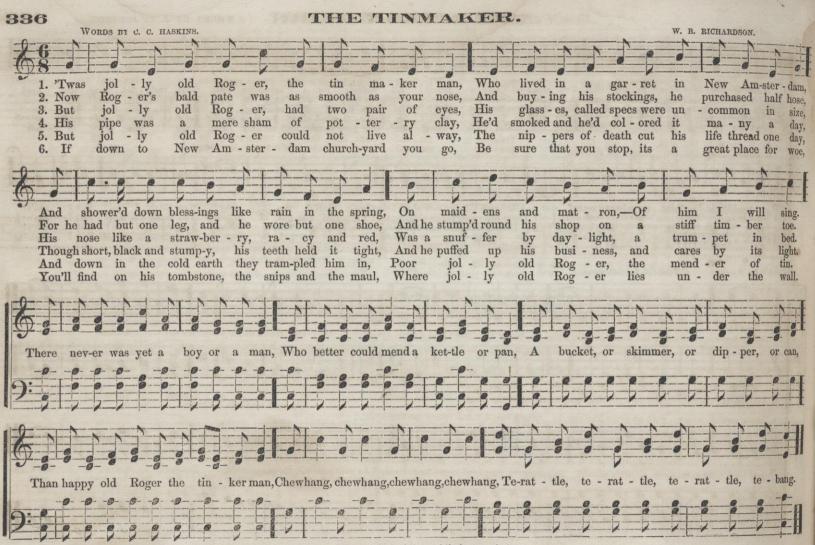
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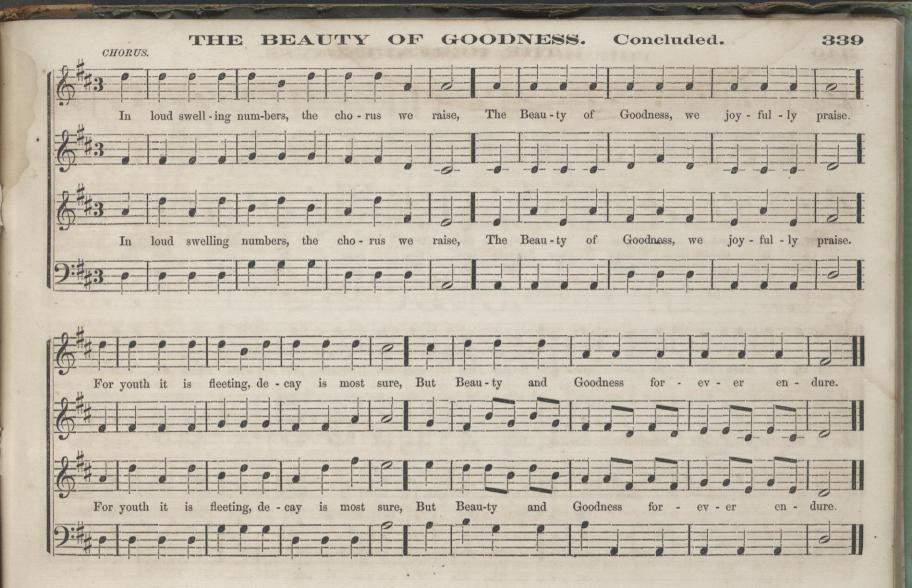


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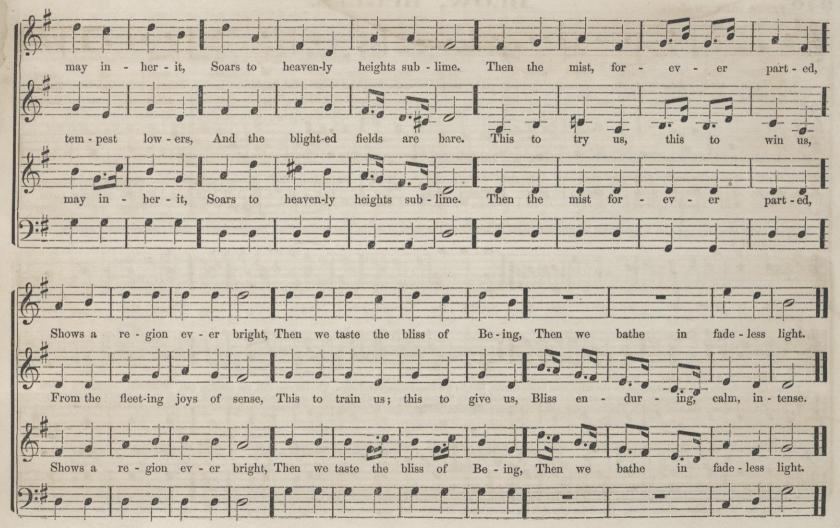




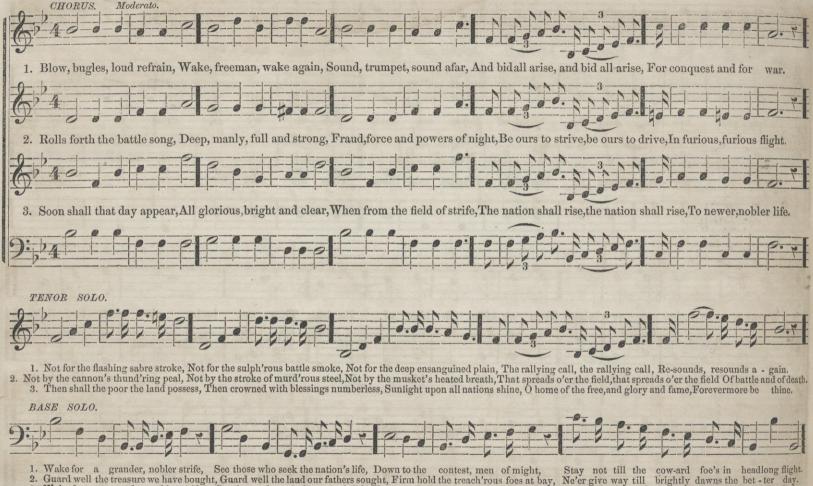
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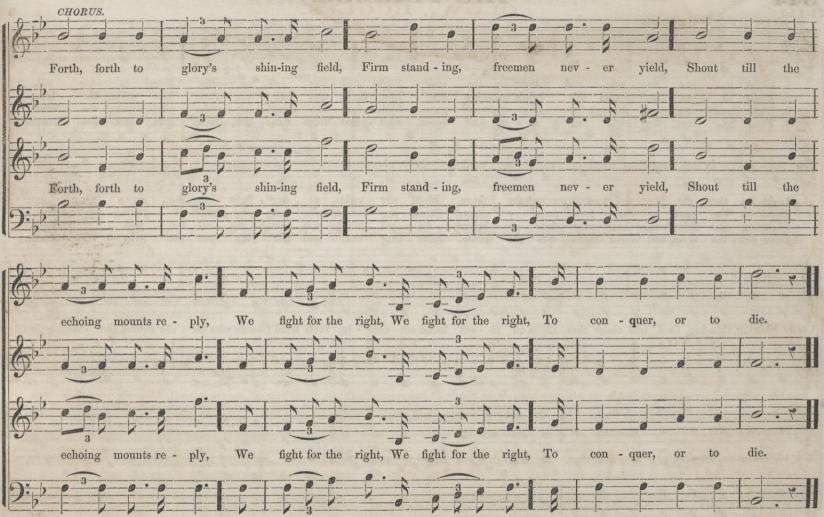
BLOW. BUGLES.



3. Wake for a grander, nobler strife, See those who seek the nation's life, Down to the contest, men of might.

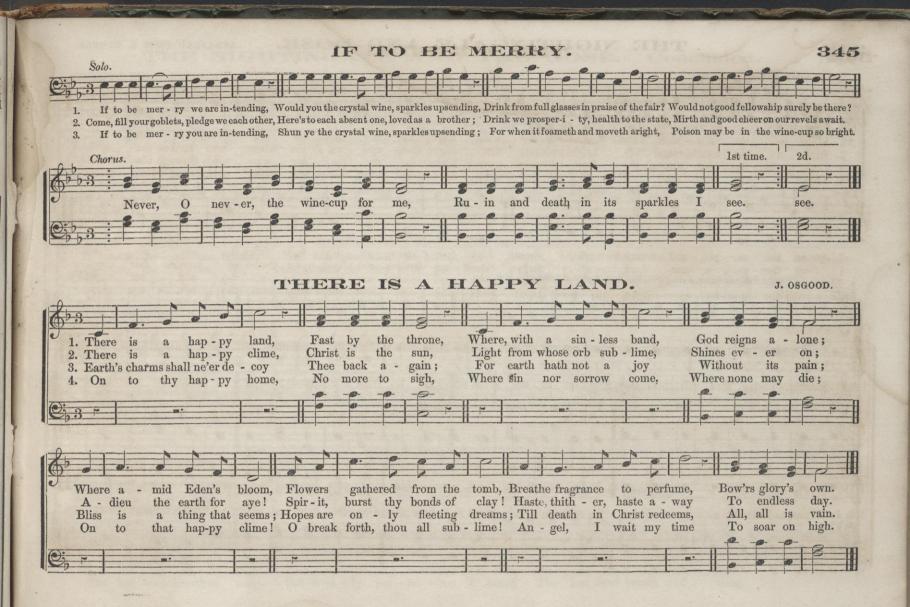
Stay not till the cow-ard foe's in headlong flight.

BLOW, BUGLES. Concluded.



THE FIRESIDE.

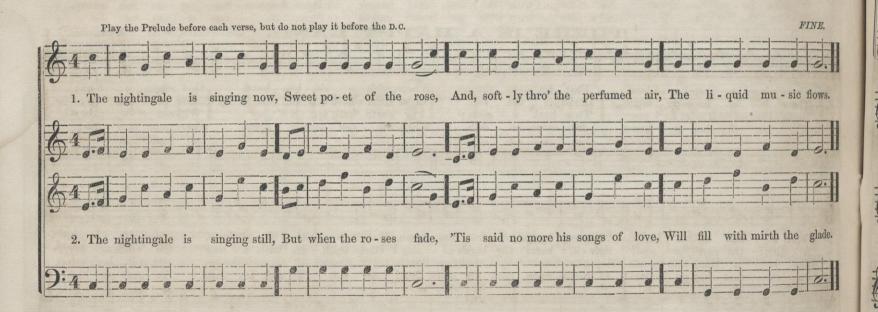
BARITONE SOLO. Allegretto. Light fall - ing loved fa - ces light on the wall, soft, on the all. 1. Light by fire - side, and the Light there and mu - sic, when love strikes the lyre. bright eve-ning hearts, round the fire. 2. Light in our trav' - ler plods through the Light for the who lane. out through the frost whitened pane. 3. Light stream - ing dan - ger, from cold, and from Shel - tered from storm. 4. Thus by fire - side SO co - sv and warm, our gloom. Light on the car - pet, and warmth through the per - vades, as day - light fades, the eve - ning Light room, youth's fair Strew - ing flowers o'er long past hours of days. Light on the past, as our fond mem' - ry stravs. bright, An - gel guards are watch - ing all the win - ter night. Light in the skies 'round those star - fires so bar - ring out the win try gloom. Love rules the hour, and warm light fills the room, Shut - ting out, and CHORUS. 1 & 2v. Shining, shin-ing, thus will cheer thee, Light on fa - ces loved sin - cere - ly, Well tried friends who cir - cle round the evening fire. 3. & 4v. Warm and friendly, ev - er near thee, Be those fa - ces loved to cheer thee, Cheerful light and hearts all bright, through winter days.



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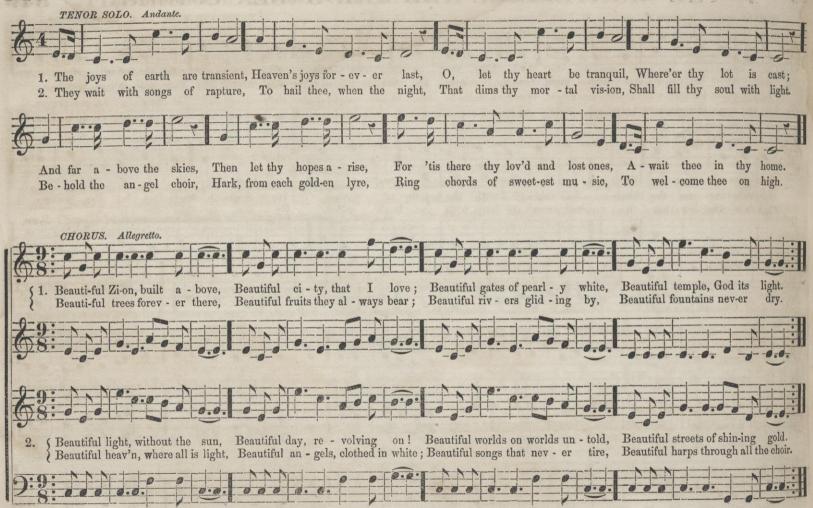




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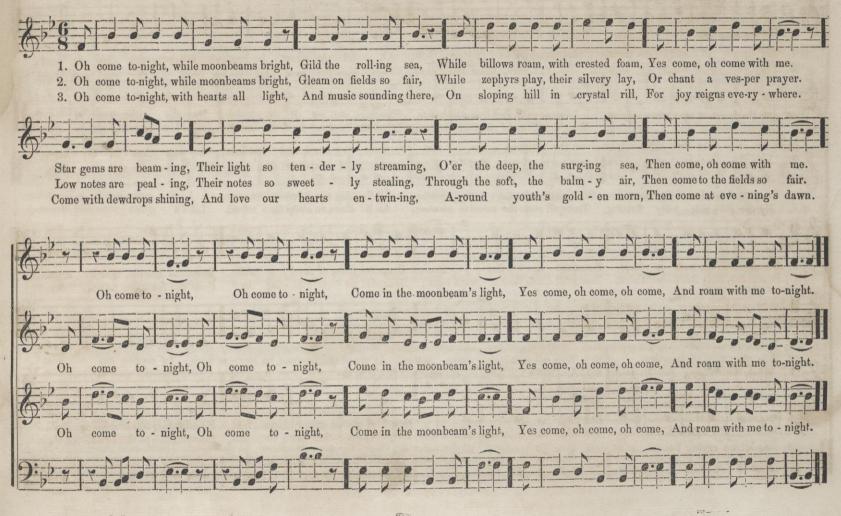
TREBLE SOLO. Moderato. As min - gled with the breath to steal, Like mag - ic thro' the trees, of flowers. 1. The sweet rose mu - sic seems with flowers, Be - neath the sum - mer sky, And wreath the harp with gar lands culled. 2. Then us min - gle let song ALTO SOLO. -0-As min - gled with the breath of flowers, It floats, it floats up - on the breeze. It floats up - on the breeze, Be - fore, be - fore the ro - ses die. And wreath the harp with gar - lands culled. Be - fore the ro - ses die. TREBLE SOLO. Andante. 0.0 nightingale, To sing all thro' the night, To fill the si - lent woods with songs, Of rapture and delight. I would be the 1. Oh, 2. Still, still I'd be the nightingale, For who would wish to stay, To sing of love when all we prized, From earth has passed away. ALTO. SOLO. my breast, And you should sing me songs of love, be the per - fumed rose, And hide you in 1. And I would But calm - ly per - ish when I heard, 2. And like the rose I would not wish, The sum - mer pro - long. to D.C. And you should sing me songs of love, To lull me in - to rest. To lull me in - to rest, But calm - ly per - ish when I heard The last faint breath of song. The last faint breath of song,

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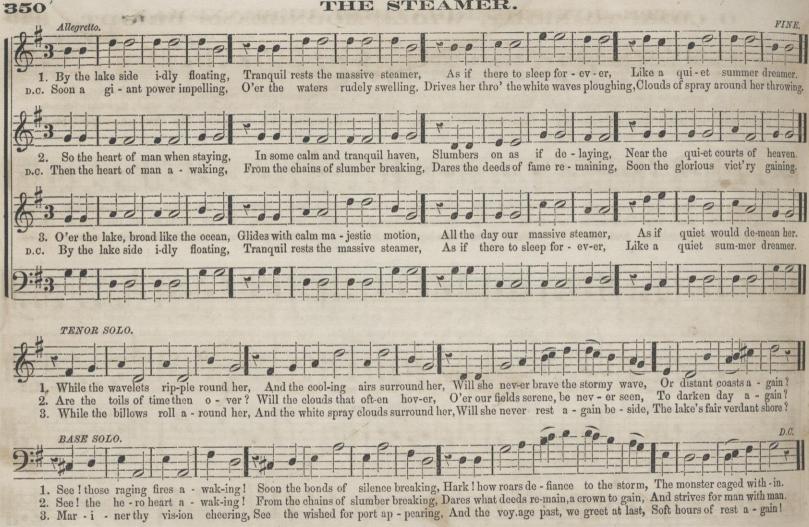


O COME TO-NIGHT, WHILE MOONBEAMS BRIGHT. 349

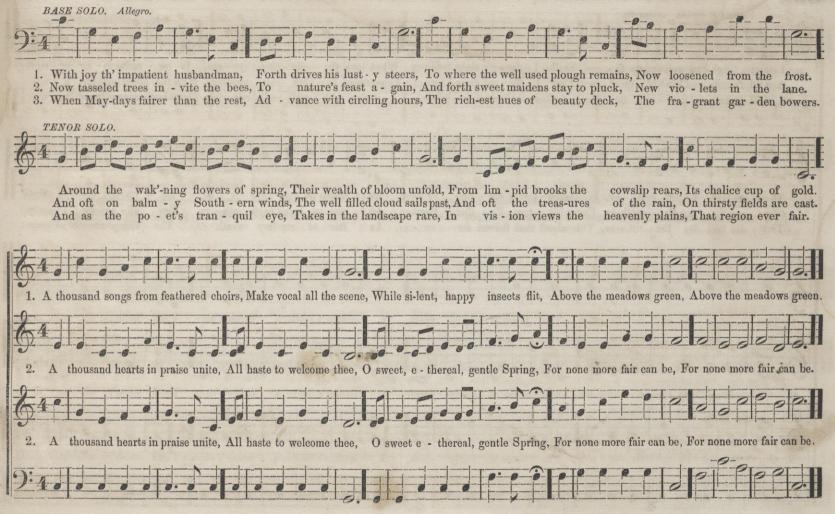
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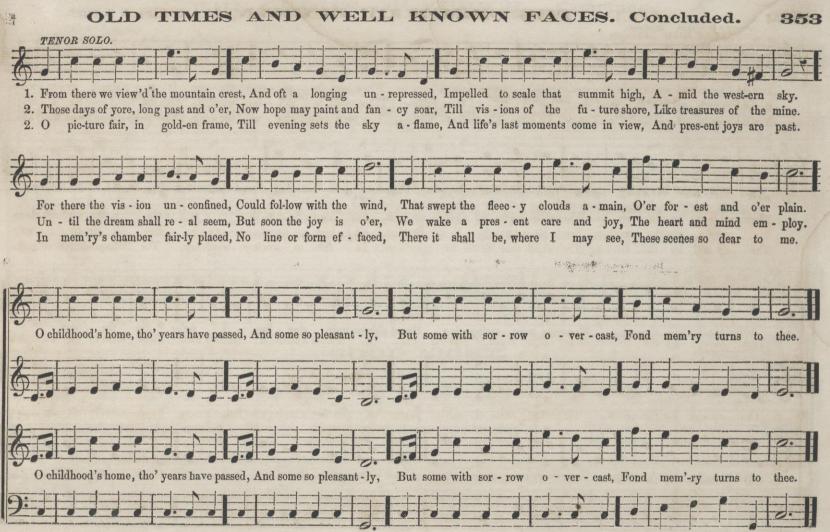
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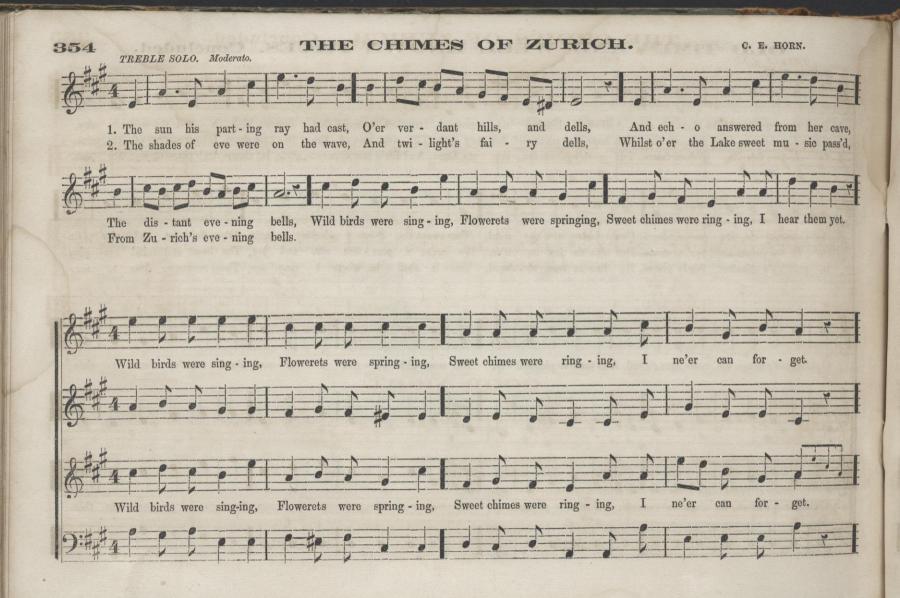
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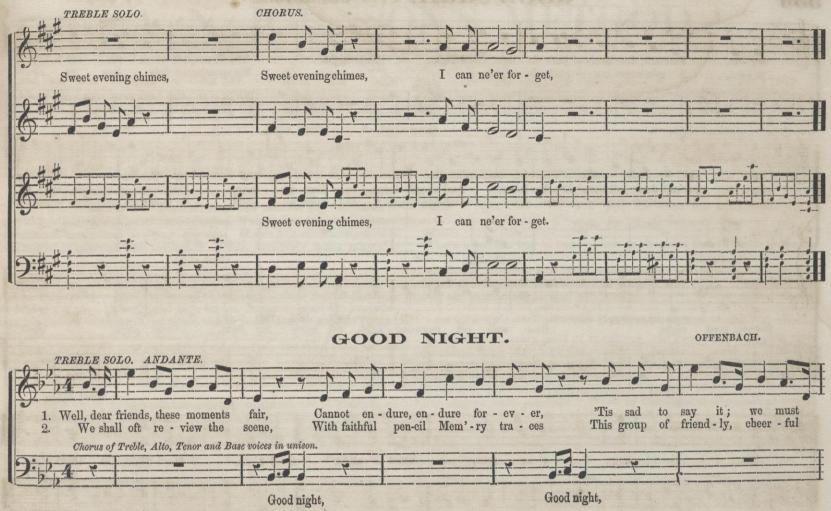


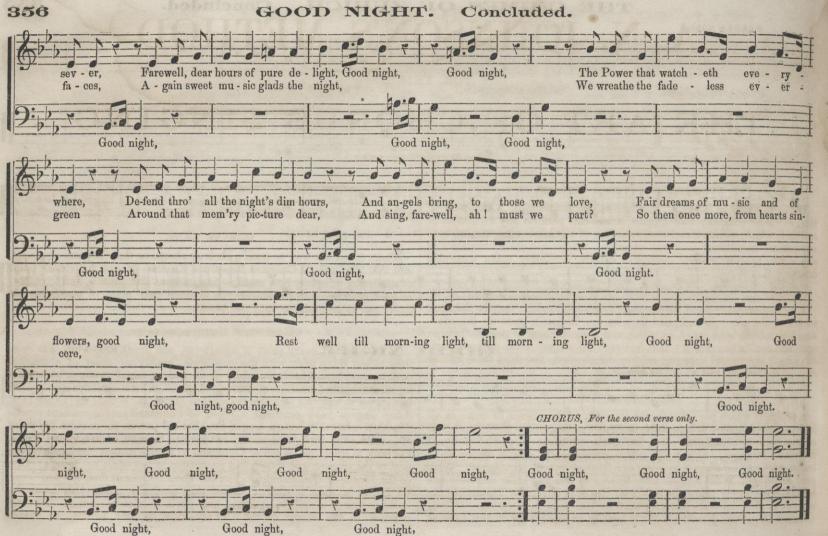


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A. N. JOHNSON'S METHOD

FOR TEACHING

THE ART OF CHORUS SINGING.

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NECESSITY FOR SUCH A METHOD.

The term "Chorus Singing," denotes the performance of a Company of Singers. No "company" of human beings can perform any evolutions or exercises, which require simultaneous action, of any kind whatever, without systematical, methodical drill and practice. Choirs and other companies of singers who practise without method or system, inevitably make miserable failures.

USELESS TO POINT OUT ERRORS.

A very common mode of conducting chorus singing, is to require the singers to sing the piece through, and then for the leader to state the imperfections which have been made, *en masse*, and request them to sing it through again and rectify the errors, which, however, the singers never do, but invariably sing it the second time just as they did the first, the third time just as they did the second, and so on, *ad infinitum*.

THE REASON WHY?

A principle which pervades the whole study of the science of music in all its departments, makes it impossible for any one to perform any point of excellence correctly, until that point has been made the subject of Constant Repetition Practice. (Page 69.) It is consequently utterly useless for a leader simply to *tell* singers to bring out these points of excellence. What good would it do to *tell* a piano forte learner to play the scale smoothly and equally, when every piano player knows that it is physically impossible for any one to play the scale correctly until he has made it the object of long Constant Repetition Practice ? It is equally impossible for singers to bring out the numerous points of excellence which produce good chorus singing, until they have made each point the subject of Constant Repetition Practice, and thus acquired the physical ability to bring out each shade of excellence.

How to do it.

There is but one way to train a choir or chorus so that they can sing well, and that is to make a Constant Repetition Exercise of each individual point of exellence, no matter how small or insignificant that point is, and to continue such practice, until the singers can produce that point of excellence as easily and as naturally as they can breathe.

How THIS METHOD DOES IT.

In this method, every point of excellence, and every item which has even the smallest thing to do with the excellence, beauty or order of a musical performance, is analyzed, placed by itself, and arranged so it can be made a separate subject of constant repetition practice. A brief sentence is then used to express it, and this sentence is called a MUSICAL WORD OF COMMAND. After singers have practised a Word of Command on the constant repetition plan, until they have acquired the physical power to produce the point of excellence as easily and readily as they can breathe, of course the leader has only to utter the Word of Command to ensure instant obedience on the part of the singers, and the perfect production of the effect he desires. One of the Words of Command is, "*Place the Vocal Organs in their best positions.*" Of course a choir or chorus cannot sing perfectly unless they place the vocal organs in their best positions, and yet it requires thorough drill and practice in the Study of the CULTIVATION OF THE VOICE, to enable

singers to obey this Word of Command. In this Method, therefore, all the some such study as that which is here called the Musical Words of Command. points of excellence, &c., are placed in the study called "The Study of the and acquire the art of placing his voice entirely under the control of a leader. Musical Words of Command,"-but, as the Words of Command which require and the ability to make his voice do exactly what all the other voices are the vocal organs to be in their best positions could not be obeyed without some knowledge of the Cultivation of the voice, enough of this study to enable the singers to obey these Words of Command, is placed in this Method.

Therefore, to learn this Method of Chorus Singing, it is necessary to study and practise both the Study of the Musical Words of Command, and the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice, as they are explained in the following pages.

THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW OF CHORUS SINGING.

Every thing which has anything whatever to do with producing effect, must be done by every singer, exactly in the same way, and precisely at the same instant.

THE LAWS OF SOLO SINGING DO NOT APPLY.

When one sings alone, he should give full scope to his feelings and exercise freely his own individual taste, but it ruins chorus singing to have any singer do anything in the smallest degree different from what all the other singers are doing. Every voice must entirely lose its own individuality, and blend with the other voices into one perfect whole. No matter how good a solo singer one is, before he can be a desirable chorus singer, he must practice until the singers have it perfectly at command.

doing, so as to wholly lose its individuality.

EVERYTHING ALIKE.

In chorus practice, no singer must do a single thing which it would do any harm for all the other singers to do. If inclined to walk across the room, they must not do so, if it would do any harm for all the other singers to do so. If inclined to talk, they must not do so, if it would do any harm for all the other singers to talk. If inclined to leave their seats and go to the fire, they must not do so, if it would do any harm for all the other singers to go to the fire. A chorus or a choir, where some of the members arrogate to themselves the privilege of doing things which would spoil the practice, if all should do, will soon become a worthless chorus association, or a worthless choir.

How TO STUDY THIS METHOD.

A chorus association or a choir, cannot sing as well as they have the physical ability to sing, until they can do everything, readily and easily, which is taught in the two following studies, viz., the Study of the Musical Words of Command, and the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice. It is not necessary, however, to learn them all at once. It will answer every purpose, to learn one Word of Command only, at one session of the choir and another at the next session, and so on, until all are learned. When one is explained, it should be made a subject of constant repetition practice, at different sessions,

THE STUDY OF THE

MUSICAL WORDS OF COMMAND.

The following is a list and description of each Word of Command. Musical Words of Command are short sentences, each of which denotes a Property of Expression, or some evolution or manœuvre which has to do with producing musical effect, or beauty and order in the appearance of a musical performance. In a work like this, room cannot be afforded to give an elaborate description of each of them, but enough is here explained to enable teachers and leaders to comprehend their meaning, with the aid of a little study and reflection. The Words of Command must be studied in this way. A tune must be selected as a "Drill Exercise" for each Word of Command, and the singers must be kept drilling upon that same tune, (on the principle described on page 69) until they can produce the point which the Word of Command is designed to develope, as easily and readily as they can repeat the alphabet. A tune is mentioned in connection with most of the words of command, which will answer the purpose for this practice, but it will be much better for the leader to select a tune which is exactly adapted to the circumstances of his class. Where no tune is mentioned, any tune will answer to develope the word of command.

STACCATO STYLE.

This word of command means that every syllable of the words must be sung with great distinctness, and that each tone must be made as short as it is possible to make it, and pronounce the syllable properly. All of the time belonging to each note, which is not required in thus singing the tone, must be passed in silence. First two lines of Riverdale, page 118.

LEGATO STYLE.

This word of command means the reverse of Staccato Style. That is, it means that there must be no silence at all between the tones, but they must, so to speak, touch each other. They must come from the mouth in one smooth, connected flow, without any break or interruption. Second two lines of Riverdale, page 118.

USUAL STYLE.

The word of command to sing in the Usual Style is not often given, except when singers have been singing in Legato or Staccato Styles. It then simply means to discontinue singing in those styles.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF REPEATED WORDS.

This word of command means that if the same words are to be sung twice, they must be sung soft the first time, and loud the second time. If the same words are to be sung three times, they must be sung soft the first time, loud the third time, and half way between, the second time. Plano, page 107. Page 66.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF REPEATED WORDS REVERSED.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Wassaic, Page 107. Page 182.

RISE.

When a tune is to be sung standing, the singers must rise exactly together, and not one after the other.



When there is an instrument, a signal, something like the foregoing, should be given on the instrument, introduced into a prelude, so that the singers will notice it, while the audience will not.

SIT.

When the singers sit down, after singing a piece, they must do it exactly together, and not one after the other. When there is an instrument, sustaining the last chord of a tune, is the signal for sitting. As long as the instrument sounds, the singers should stand perfectly still, neither moving a book or making a motion of any kind. That is, without doing anything that will lead the audience to suppose they are going to sit down. When the instrument ceases, they should sit, exactly together, and perfectly noiseless.

FIND THE PAGE.

When the leader announces the page, the singers should immediately turn over just enough of the corners of the leaves to see the figures, and when the desired page is found, turn all the leaves at once, so that there will be but one turning over of the entire leaves.

RULE OF REPEATED WORDS APPLIED TO THE WHOLE TUNE.

If the tune has two verses, the first verse must be sung soft and the second loud. If it has three verses, the first must be sung soft, the third loud, and the second half way between. Alburgh, Page 117. Mokena, Page 187.

RULE OF REPEATED WORDS REVERSED, APPLIED TO THE WHOLE TUNE.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Rantowles, Page 109. Sacramento, Page 114.

IN ALTERNATE CHOIRS.

This word of command means that the right hand half of the singers must rise and sing the first verse. As soon as they have finished the last word of the first verse, they must sit, and the left hand half of the singers must rise and sing the second verse. As soon as the last word of the second verse is finished, all must rise and sing the third verse. When a tune is sung in obedience to this word of command, the right hand half of the singers is called the right hand choir, and the left hand half, the left hand choir. If there is an aisle, or anything else, which divides the singers into nearly two equal por-

tions, those on the right hand side of the aisle or other dividing line, can be considered the right hand choir, and those on the left hand side, the left hand choir. If there is no such dividing line, an imaginary line should be drawn, Page 132. which will leave half of the singers on each side of it. Great care must be taken to have the rising and sitting both done at the same moment, so that there will be but one movement among the singers-one choir rising and the other sitting at the same moment. This moment must be the moment after the last note of the verse is finished. Then the choir whose turn it is to sit down. and the choir whose turn it is to rise, must both do it at the same moment. Wyocenna, Page 100.

IN ALTERNATE CHOIRS REVERSED.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. That is, it means that the left hand choir must sing the first verse, the right hand choir the second verse, and all the third verse. Tuscola, Page 101.

RISE DURING ONE NOTE.

This word of command is employed in a piece in which a part is sung as a solo or a quartette, and the other part by the chorus. Those who sing the solo part must be allowed to stand alone, until they have sung all of the piece which is to be sung as a solo, and then the chorus must rise while they are singing the first note of the chorus part. Page 64.

SIT DURING ONE NOTE.

This word of command is employed in a piece in which a solo or quartette ALLEGRO. have a part to sing after the chorus have got through. It requires the chorus to sit while they are singing the last note of their part, and leave the solo PRESTO. voices standing alone. Page 350.

GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION.

This word of command means that the first verse must be sung very soft, that the second verse must be sung twice as loud as the first verse, that the third verse must be sung twice as loud as the second verse, and the fourth verse must be sung twice as loud as the third verse. In other words, Geometrical Progression means that the power must be doubled, on each successive It does not mean that they must rise, however, but the singers must all stand verse. Ryland, Page 124.

GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION REVERSED.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Mendota.

IN SEMI-CHORUS.

This word of command means that when the signal for rising is given, every other singer must rise, (so there will be one seated between every two that are standing) and sing the first verse, then they must sit, and those who were seated must rise and sing the second verse, and finally all must rise and sing the third verse. The rising and sitting must be as in Alternate Choirs. Those who sing the first verse, are called the First Semi-Chorus, and those who sing the second verse, are called the Second Semi-Chorus. A good way is, as soon as the leader gives this word of command, for the singers to see what number they are from the right hand end of the row they are in, and then let those who are odd numbers form the first semichorus, and those who are even numbers form the second semi-chorus. Page 45.

> Largo means very slow. Adagio means slow. Andante means rather slow. Moderato means neither fast nor slow. Allegretto means rather fast. Allegro means fast. Presto means very fast. Singers must have a clear and definite idea of the movement which each of these words of command denotes. It will be well if they can get such a definite idea of the different movements, that they can move in exact time, when the leader gives the word of command, without the necessity of having the movement indicated by preliminary beats, or in any other way. A good way to acquire this definite idea, is to sing so that if listeners should describe the singing, they would be sure to give the definition of the word

of command. For example, if "Largo" is called for, the singers must sing so that listeners will be sure to say that they sang very slow,-if "Allegro" is called for, they must sing so that listeners will be sure to say that they sang fast,-and so on. Page 190, singing one line to each.

THE REPEAT IN ALTERNATE CHOIRS.

This word of command is only given when one or more passages in the the piece are repeated. It means that the repeated passage must be sung by the right hand choir the first time, and by the left hand choir the second time. or all sit. Page 53.

ANDANTE. MODERATO.

LARGO.

ADAGIO.

ALLEGRETTO.

THE REPEAT IN ALTERTNATE CHOIRS REVERSED.

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This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. That is, it means that the first time the repeated passage is sung, it must be sung by the left hand choir, and the second time by the right hand choir. Page 53.

THE REPEAT IN ALTERNATE CHOIRS, CHANGING THE POSITION.

This command means that the choir which sings must stand while singing, and must take their seats as soon as they cease to sing, just as they do when singing in alternate choirs. Page 53.

THE REPEAT IN SEMI-CHORUS.

This word of command is only given when there are one or more repeated passages in the piece. It means that each repeated passage must be sung the first time by the first semi-chorus, and the second time by the second semichorus. It does not mean that those who sing must rise. The singers must be all in the same position, either sitting or standing. Page 53.

REPEAT IN SEMI-CHORUS, CHANGING THE POSITION.

This word of command means that those who sing must stand, and must take their seats as soon as they cease to sing. Page 53.

· RULE OF REPEATED WORDS APPLIED TO THE REPEAT.

This word of command requires a repeated passage to be sung soft the first time, and loud the second time. Page 348.

RULE OF REPEATED WORDS REVERSED, APPLIED TO THE REPEAT. This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Page 348.

MAKE A STOP.

This word of command means that the note where the stop is required, must be sung short, (that is in staccato style,) and then the singers must remain perfectly silent, until the leader, or the instrument, gives the signal to go on. Wilhelmina, Page 176. After each of the words "costly," "free," "could," "would " and " died," —in the first verse.

MAKE A PAUSE.

This word of command means the same as "make a stop," except that the tone must be prolonged, instead of being sung in staccato style. Wauseon, Page 182.

PIANO.

PIANISSIMO.

FORTISSIMO.

MEZZO.

The first of these words of command, means very soft. The second means soft. The third means medium power, or neither loud nor soft. The fourth means loud. The fifth means very loud. The singers must have a clear and definite idea of the degree of power denoted by each of these words of command, so that when any one of them is called for, every voice will use exactly the degree of power denoted by that word of command. A good way to acquire this, is for every singer to realize that they must use such a degree of power, that listeners

if called upon to describe the degree of power with which the piece was sung, will be sure to give the definition of the word of command. For example, the definition of "Pianissimo" is "very soft," so if the singers are ordered to sing a tune "Pianissimo," they must sing it so that, if the listeners were asked, "how did they sing that tune?" they will be sure to say, "they sung it very soft." "The definition of Mezzo," is neither loud nor soft;" so if singers are ordered to sing a tune "Mezzo," they must sing it so that if the listeners were asked, "Did they sing that tune loud or soft?" they would be sure to answer, "they did not sing it loud, nor did they sing it soft; they sang it with medium power." And so on. Bridgeport, Page 195, one line to each.

AD LIBITUM.

This word of command means that the passage need not be sung in time, but may be sung slower or faster, as the singer pleases. Literally it means "At Liberty," and denotes that the performer may take such liberty with the time as he pleases.

А ТЕМРО.

This word of command means "In Time." It is used after an Ad Libitum passage, or after any passage in which strict time has been varied from, to denote that regular time must be resumed. Farmwell, Page 186. Last line but one Ad Libitum, last line A Tempo.

OBSERVE THE ACCENT.

This word of command means that the singers must observe the accent as explained on page 32. It is not usual for singers to pay any particular

attention to the accent, unless the leader gives this word of command. The first two lines of Sabina, Page 145.

OBLITERATE.

This word of command means that whatever is ordered to be obliterated, must be disregarded and treated as if it were not there. That is, it gives the leader the right to order the singers to disregard some of the notes, or to alter a part of their meaning. Page 65. Obliterate the last note of the solo. That is, let the chorus sing the first note of the chorus, at the same time that the solo voice sings the last note of the solo.—Farmwell, Page 186. Obliterate the rests. That is, sing it as if the rests were not there.—The School Room, Page 52. Obliterate half of each whole note. That is, sing the whole notes as if they were half notes.

WITH THE VOCAL ORGANS IN POSITION.

This word of command means that while singing the tune, every singer must keep the vocal organs which produce the musical tones in the positions required by the rules in Part I, of the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice.

WITH THE MOUTH IN POSITION.

This word of command means that while singing the tune, every singer must place the vocal organs which produce the words, in the positions required by the rules in Part II, of the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice.

POSITIVE PLAN.

COMPARATIVE PLAN.

These three plans might be called the positive or good plan, the comparative or better plan, and the superlative or best plan. The word of command to sing a tune on the Positive Plan, means that the

SUPERLATIVE PLAN. / singers must all keep their eyes on the book, all of the time they are singing. The word of command to sing on the Comparative Plan, means that the singers must sing without looking at the book as long as they possibly can, only taking a rapid glance at it, when unable to sing any longer without. The word of command to sing on the Superlative Plan, means that the singers must learn the piece by heart, and sing it with the book shut. In addition to these meanings, these words of command mean that the vocal organs shall be kept in the positions required by the rules of the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice. Page 331. First and second verses on the Positive Plan, third verse on the Comparative Plan, and fourth verse on the Superlative Plan

CRESCENDO.

This word of command means that the passage must commence Pianissimo, and must be sung gradually louder and louder, until the voices reach the last note, which must be sung Fortissimo. Ryland, page 124. First line.

DIMINUENDO.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Wassaic, Page 107. Last line.

RISE GRADUALLY.

Singers can sing loud standing, better than while seated, and they can sing soft sitting, better than while standing. It will produce a good effect, when a piece is to be commenced soft, and gradually increased to loud, to rise slowly as the singers commence singing louder and louder. The leader must always indicate how long a passage he wishes them to sing while they are rising. That is, he must tell them at what note they are to begin to rise, and at what note they must be standing erect. Page 79. Rise while singing the third line of the chorus.

SIT GRADUALLY.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Page 78. Sit while singing the last line.

MAKE A GRAND FINALE.

This word of command means that the singers must throw all the fire, emotion, excitement and enthusiasm into the passage, that they possibly can, making a grand climax to the piece. Page 342. Make a Grand Finale, while singing the last chorus to the last verse.

ACCELERANDO.

This word of command means that each beat must be faster than the beat before it. That is, it means that the time must be accelerated. Wapella, Page 99. Fourth line accelerando.

RITARDANDO.

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This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Leucile, Page 101. Second line ritardando.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF LONG NOTES.

This word of command requires that every note that is more than two beats long shall be sung Crescendo. Hamburgh, Page 125.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF POWER.

This word of command means that when the treble part is low, the singers must sing soft,-when the treble part is high, the singers must sing loud,when the treble part moves upwards, the singers must sing crescendo,-and when the treble part moves downwards, the singers must sing diminuendo. Cloverland, Page 122. Last two lines according to the rule of power.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF MOTION.

This word of command means that when the treble part moves upwards, the singers must sing accelerando, and when the treble part moves downwards. the singers must sing ritardando. Desplains, Page 111.

ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF EXPRESSION.

This word of command means the rule of power and the rule of motion put together. That is, it means that, when the treble part ascends, the singers light and sombre qualities. Others hold, that the breath must be controlled, as it must sing crescendo and accelerando, and when the treble part descends, the is in the Registers of the Voice, as explained in the Study of the Cultivation singers must sing diminuendo and ritardando. Ryland, Page 124. The last of the Voice. They say, that throwing the breath out of the mouth, as is two lines according to the rule of expression.

JOYFUL QUALITY OF VOICE.)

LIGHT QUALITY OF VOICE.

These qualities of the voice are the same quires considerable practice to use them ef-SOMBRE QUALITY OF VOICE. / fectively in singing. If a person says, "O, I have glorious news for you," and speaks as every one naturally does when uttering such a sentence, he will use the Joyful Quality of voice. If he says, "What a beautiful sunset," "What a lovely evening," "What a beautiful pic- Joyful Quality of Voice, they call it the Chest Register extended through the ture," or any sentence of that kind, and speaks as any one naturally does, he whole compass of the voice. Instead of calling the second one the Light will use the Light Quality of Voice. If he says, "I have sad intelligence to communicate," "What a solemn lesson this is to us," or any sentence of that whole compass of the Voice. Instead of calling the third one the Sombre kind, and speaks as every one naturally does, he will use the Sombre Quality of Voice. It is worthy of notice, that it is the quality which is used, compass of the Voice, That is, they teach that while studying the cultivawhich imparts the sentiment, and not the words that are used. The tion of the voice, in addition to learning to manage the registers properly, they Joyful Quality of Voice, always conveys the idea of joy; the Light Quality must learn to extend them through the whole compass of the voice, so that if of Voice, always conveys the idea of something beautiful, pretty or lovely; they want to express joyful sentiments, they can use the Chest Register in all and the Sombre Quality of Voice, always conveys the idea of solemnity, seri- parts of the voice ;---if they want to express ideas of beauty, loveliness, &c., ousness, or sadness, no matter what words are used. For example, if one they can use the Medium Register in all parts of the voice ;-- and if they should say, "John has just dropped down dead," and should utter it with want to express solemn emotions, they can use the Head Register in all parts the Joyful Quality of Voice, he would convey the idea to those who heard of the voice. These three qualities of voice can be produced in either way.

him, that he was glad of it. If he should utter it with the Light Quality of Voice, he would convey the idea that there was something pretty or lovely in thus dropping down dead. If he should utter it with the Sombre Quality of Voice, (as of course, every one would,) it would convey the idea that it was an awful, solemn event. In speaking, people use these qualities of voice correctly, by simply "willing" to do it, --or, perhaps, by throwing their feelings into the state which the quality of the voice denotes. That is, if they are to use the Joyful Quality of Voice, they feel joyful, and the Joyful Quality of Voice comes of itself. If they are to use the Sombre Quality of Voice, they feel serious and solemn, and the Sombre Quality of Voice comes of itself. Some teachers hold that this is all that is necessary to produce the right quality of voice in singing. They say, if you wish to produce a joyful quality of voice, force your feelings into such a state, that a thrill of joyful emotions will go through the veins and the joyful quality of singing tone will come of itself. So, also, the done in producing the Chest Register, will produce the Joyful Quality of Voice ;-directing the breath over the upper teeth, as is done in producing the medium Register, will produce the Light Quality of Voice ;---and that diboth in singing and in speaking. Every one recting the breath to the back part of the mouth, as is done in producing uses them correctly in speaking, but it re- the Head Register, will produce the Sombre Quality of Voice. Some authors even call these qualities of the voice, "the Registers extended through the whole compass of the voice." That is, instead of putting these words of command in the Study of the Musical Words of Command, they put them in the Study of the Cultivation of the Voice. Instead of calling the first one the Quality of Voice, they call it the Medium Register extended through the Quality of Voice, they call it the Head Register extended through the whole

That is, they can be produced by the feelings, or by the direction of the breath, as in the registers. Perhaps the best way is to produce them in both of these ways, throwing the feelings into the required state, and directing the breath as in the registers, both at the same time. However they are produced, there can be no doubt but that all singers ought to learn to produce them. An audience would be shocked to hear a speaker announce a solemn, serious event, with the Joyful Quality of voice. If they understood the language of music, as well as they understand other language, they would be equally shocked to hear singers thus misuse the qualities of voice. Abilene, Page 155. First verse, light quality of voice, second and third verses, sombre quality of voice, and fourth verse, joyful quality of voice.

USUAL QUALITY OF VOICE.

This word of command means that the voice shall have the quality which it has when no attempt is made to produce the foregoing qualities of voice.

WITH A SWELL.

This word of command means Crescendo and Diminuendo put together. That is, it means that the first half of the passage must be sung Crescendo, and the last half Diminuendo. The middle note of the passage must be sung the loudest, and immediately after singing it, the voices must begin to sing softer and softer. This note, which is sung the loudest, is called "the climax of the Swell. Dawkins, Page 104. Make a swell in the first two lines, and let the climax be the first note of the second line.

WITH A SWELL REVERSED.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. That is, it means that the first half of the passage must be sung Diminuendo, and the last half Crescendo. The middle note of the passage must be sung the softest, and it is called "The Climax of the Swell Reversed." Rantowles, Page 109. Make a swell reversed in the first two lines, and let the climax be the last note of the first line.

GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION BY LINES.

This word of command means that the first line must be sung as softly as possible, the second line, twice as loud as the first, the third line twice as loud as the second, and the fourth line twice as loud as the third. Tamola, Page 99.

GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION BY LINES REVERSED.

This word of command means the reverse of the foregoing. Guyton, Page 163.

EMPLOY THE EMOTIONS.

This word of command means, that every singer must feel the sentiments he is uttering. To sing in obedience to this word of command, every singer must appreciate the sentiments contained in the words, from the very bottom of his heart, and they must sound as if every singer was most intensely interested in impressing these sentiments upon the listeners. That is, they must come from the heart of every singer. Every singer must throw his whole soul into the the meaning of the words, exactly as a fine speaker throws his whole soul into the expression of the words he utters, when speaking a piece before an audience. Wilhelmina, Page 176.

TAKE CLOSE ORDER.

To make voices blend well, the rule is, that no mouth shall, at the furtherest, be more than three feet from the mouth on the right hand side of it, from the mouth on the left hand side of it, from the mouth before it, and from the mouth behind it. If the seats are such, that the singers are compelled to violate this rule, when seated, the word of command to take close order can be given, and when the singers rise, they must close up together so as to obey the above-named rule.

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EXPLOSIVE TONE.

This word of command means that the tone must be forced out of the mouth with such sudden vigor, that its energy will be almost like the explosion of a gun. Sing the last note on Page 336, with an explosive tone.

MISCELLANEOUS WORDS OF COMMAND.

All manœuvres, other than those denoted by the foregoing Words of Command, which it is necessary to have performed simultaneously by all the singers, should be expressed by a Word of Command, which the leader should form in such a way as to express the idea in the fewest possible words. For example,

March ! Make a Bow ! Break Ranks ! Clap hands !

or any other manœuvre. An interesting effect is produced, when a duett (or other piece) which is preceded by an instrumental prelude, is to be sung, to have those who are to sing it keep their seats until the instrument begins, and then "March" to the place where they intend to stand, to the time of the prelude. An example can be made by singing the piece on page 346 in this way. A good effect can be produced at the close of a musical performance, by "Making a Bow" while singing the last note on page 356, and then immediately "Breaking Ranks" and retiring. A class of children can produce a good effect with the tune, "Let us with a cheerful mind" on page 71, by "Clapping hands" every time they sing the word "glad." These examples indicate how "Miscellaneous Words of Command" can be formed and used. An ingenious leader can form an indefinite number of them.

MODIFICATION OF WORDS OF COMMAND.

After the regular Words of Command have been mastered, they can be modified in any way which ingenuity can devise, for examples,—"Staccato Style or Legato Style," excepting some of the notes. (Staatsburgh, page 110, in *Staccato Style, except the dotted notes*, will serve as an illustration.) "Crescendo" means the whole range of the powers of the voice, from Pianissimo to Fortissimo; but it can be modified by saying, "commence piano and sing crescendo up to forte," or in any other way. So can "Diminuendo," and "Swell." "Rule of Long Notes" means notes more than two beats long; but it can be modified by saying, "sing all notes more than one beat long," (or any other kind of notes,) "according to the rule of long notes;" and so on.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SIGNS FOR WORDS OF COMMAND.

Staccato Style, - P	i i	or	è	P	è	ø
Legato Style, —		N2NC Da Hau	-	-	1	1
Pianissimo,	pp.					•
Piano, -	<i>p</i> .					
Mezzo, —	m.					
Forte, — Fortissimo, —	f.					
Crescendo, Cres; or	J.					
Diminuendo, Dim, or						

Swell,	
Swell Reversed	,
Stop,	5
Pause,	6
Accelerando,	Accel.
Ritardando,	Rit.
Ad. Libitum,	Ad. Lib.

When abbreviations for the other Words of Command are required, the first letter of each word is used. For example, -- "g, p.; Geometrical Progression; r. r. w., Rule of Repeated Words; r. d. o. n., Rise during one note;" and so on.

THE WAY TO UTTER WORDS OF COMMAND.

The leader should speak the Words of Command in a very marked, distinct manner, taking care not to stumble while uttering them, and never repeating them; but requiring the singers to get into the habit of invariably hearing and understanding them, upon hearing them once spoken.

THE WAY TO OBEY WORDS OF COMMAND.

This method of Chorus Singing is wholly dependent for its value, upon the singers acquiring the habit of *invariably rendering instant obedience* to every word of command the instant it is spoken, imitating, in this particular, a thoroughly trained military company.

WHAT MUST NOT BE CALLED FOR.

As the sole design of the Words of Command is to cause all the singers to do everything alike, of course in a regular performance of music, no word of command must be given which even one singer has not the physical ability to obey; but only those which the leader knows every singer can easily obey if he chooses. For example, — "Mouths in Position" must not be called for, unless every singer is familiar with Part II. of the study of the Cultivation of the Voice; "Vocal Organs in Position" must not be called for, unless every singer is familiar with Part I. of the study of the Cultivation of the Voice; and so on.

DISCIPLINARY VALUE.

The practice of the Words of Command exercises a remarkably beneficial disciplinary influence upon a company of singers. Let a choir practice even

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one of them until they can obey it perfectly, and their superiority over choirs which have no method in their practice will be apparent to every listener. In a choir who regularly practice all, or even a part of them, all imperfections will gradually disappear.

REFINING INFLUENCE.

Any kind of drill, in which one is required to do just what a large number of other persons are doing, exercises, to a greater or less extent, a refining influence upon those who practice it. The beneficial influence which the practice of sacred music has upon the minds of those who practice it in such a manner as the Words of Command require it to be practiced, amply repays all the labor which is required to learn them.

WORDS OF COMMAND MUST NOT BE PRINTED.

What words of command will produce the best effect in the performance of

a chorus, depends upon the number of the singers, the kinds of voices which they have, the skill which they have acquired, the size of the room in which they sing, whether the singers have colds, or have voices in good condition. and all other circumstances connected with them. Of course, the author of the piece can know nothing about these things, and consequently he is wholly incompetent to decide what words of command, or shades of expression, will produce the best effects. Therefore, words of command, or marks of expression, should never be printed in a chorus; or, if printed, should be regarded merely as suggestions, to be obeyed or not, as the leader may direct. It is the business of the leader to decide what words of command will produce the best effect, taking all the circumstances of the performance into consideration. The principal qualification required to make a good leader of a chorus, is good judgment in deciding which words of command will produce the best effect. It is not at all necessary that he should be able to sing or play; but it is necessary he should be able to give such words of command as will produce a good effect in the piece which is to be performed.

THE STUDY OF THE CULTIVATION OF THE VOICE.

The fundamental law of chorus singing demands that every thing shall be done exactly in the same way by every singer. Chorus singing which is free from imperfections, of course, is singing in which a cultivated and refined ear can detect no blemish. Such an ear can always detect blemishes, when any singer does anything which has to do with the production of tones any differently from the way all the other singers are doing it. Many persons think that singing below or above the pitch at which the other singers are singing, is the only thing which will make a voice out of tune; but doing anything differently from the way the other singers are doing it, will prevent the voice from blending with the other voices, and consequently throw it out of tune, (or, rather, out of harmony,) with the other voices. For example, - the wind-pipe has to do with the production of tone. If all the singers but one, hold their heads up, and face in front, thus keeping the wind-pipe in its proper position, and that one sings with his head turned to one side, so that his windpipe will be twisted, that one's voice will not blend with the other voices, but will be out of tune with them. The mouth has to do with the production of tone. When singing the second sound of A, the rule requires that the mouth shall be wide open, and held still. Let all the singers but one sing it, holding the mouth open and still, and let that one sing it and move his mouth while he is singing, and his voice will not blend with the other voices, but will be out of tune with them. It should be distinctly noted that the result will be the same, even if the one who does differently from all the others is the best singer in the choir. Some get the queer idea into their heads, that a good musician can break the laws of music without producing bad effects; but music is like all other studies. If a good mathematician should say that twice two made five, when he is solving a problem, his result would come out wrong. just as inevitably as it would if a poor mathematician should say so. If a superior singer is singing with a chorus, and does anything connected with the production of tone differently from all the other voices, his voice will be out of tune with the rest, just as inevitably as it would if he was a poor singer. Good musicians never break any law of music, if they did, they would cease to be good musicians. The study of the Musical Words of Command imparts to chorus singers the ability to do everything exactly alike. There are two among them which require the vocal organs of all the singers to be managed alike, (viz.; "Vocal Organs in Position," and "Mouths in Position.") No one can get the vocal organs under control, without some study and practice of

A good way to learn to manage the Vocal Organs, in chorus singing, is to consider them as forming two sets, — one set producing musical tones, and the other set producing words. When we talk, we use the set which produces words. When we vocalise, we use the set which produces musical tones. When we sing hymns, we use both sets.

The Study of the Cultivation of the Voice, therefore, is naturally divided into three parts, — one part teaching the proper method of managing the set of vocal organs which produce the musical tones, one part teaching the proper method of managing the set of vocal organs which produce the words, and one part teaching the proper method of managing the breath, which is the motive power that makes the vocal machines go.

PART I.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SET OF VOCAL ORGANS WHICH PRODUCE MUSICAL TONES.

The Lungs, Wind-pipe, and Larynx, are the organs which have to do with the production of musical tones.

RULE I.

When singing, the singer must sit or stand erect, with the spinal column curved inwards, and the shoulders kept back and down.

The observance of this rule will cause the lungs to fulfil their office in singing, which is to furnish a copious supply of breath. The only thing liable to interfere with the action of the lungs, is the shoulder blades. If the singer does not observe Rule I, the shoulder blades are liable to obstruct the free action of the lungs.

RULE II.

When singing, the singer must hold his head erect, and must be careful that nothing presses upon the neck.

The observance of this rule will cause the Wind-pipe to fulfil its office,

which is to conduct the breath from the lungs into the mouth. If the head is thrown forward at all, as it is when the singer looks on a book, the free passage of the breath is more or less obstructed, and the perfect purity of the tone is more or less marred. This rule cannot be observed perfectly, while looking on a book, unless the book is held parallel with the eyes; and this is not allowed; for when a book is held in that position, it will be in front of the mouth, and the voice will strike upon the book, while the voice does not produce its best effect in a room, unless it is thrown in a straight line, from the mouth to the opposite end of the room. So the only way in which Rule II. can be observed perfectly, is by learning the tune by heart, and singing it without the book ; in other words, singing it on what is called in the study of the Musical Words of Command, "the Superlative Plan." When singers are required to observe Rule II., and are compelled to look on a book, they must hold the book up as high as they can, without getting it in front of the mouth. This will not observe the rule perfectly, but it will come as near to it as it is possible to come, except by learning the tune by heart.

RULE III.

When singing, the singer must face exactly in front.

The observance of this rule will cause the Larynx to fulfil its office. The Larynx is an apparatus placed at the top of the Wind-pipe. It is the passage of the breath through the Larynx which produces the musical tone. If the singer's neck is twisted, as it is, for example, when two sing from one book, the Larynx will not produce a perfectly pure tone. To cause the Larynx to do its part towards producing a pure tone, it is necessary to face exactly in front.

RULE IV.

When singing, every member of the body must be perfectly motionless.

It will do no good for a singer to place himself in the positions required by Rules I., II., and III., unless he remains in those positions all of the time he is singing the tune. Perfectly pure tones cannot be produced, if the singer

moves his hands, arms, feet, head, or any member of the body, while he is singing.

RULE V.

When singing, every muscle in the body must be relaxed.

To observe Rule IV., it is very natural for singers to endeavor to keep motionless by stiffening the muscles, but it injures the purity of the tone more to stiffen a muscle than it does to move. While singing, the singers should keep the muscles as much relaxed as they are when one is resting in a rocking chair.

RULE VI.

Singers must not observe Rules I., II., III., IV., and V., at any other time than when musical tones are actually coming out of the mouth.

The position which the foregoing rules require singers to be in, is a tiresome position to sit or stand in, so this rule requires them to keep some easier position, except when they are actually singing.

RULE VII.

When singing, singers must avoid fatigue, and must be in an elastic and cheerful state of mind.

The most skillful singers can not sing in tune, or with any good effect, when languid or fatigued. So singing exercises should be so conducted as to avoid exhaustion and fatigue. Not more than three-quarters of an hour, or at the most, an hour, should be allowed to elapse without an intermission, and during such recess, every singer should take enough exercise, to become perfectly rested and refreshed, by the time singing recommences.

RULE VIII.

Singers who sing together, must always be so close together while they sing, that every mouth will be not more than three feet distant from the mouth before it, the mouth behind it, the mouth on the left hand side of it, and the mouth on the right hand side of it.

Voices will not blend together as well as it is possible for them to blend, unless this rule is observed.

RULE IX.

The air must be fresh and pure in the room where the singing is performed. Perfectly pure tones cannot be produced while breathing impure air.

RULE X.

There must be no noise, of any kind whatever, in the room, when musical tones are coming from the mouths of the singers.

No singer will sing with pure tones unless his own ear can appreciate and judge of the quality of the tone. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the tones produced by singers should strike upon their own ears, wholly unmixed with any other noises or sounds. Those singers who practice much with other noises striking upon the ear with the musical tones, after a while lose the power of judging correctly in reference to the tones, and sing out of tune without knowing it themselves.

PART II.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SET OF VOCAL ORGANS WHICH PRODUCE WORDS.

1	a an in ala	p	• p as in play.
a	a as in ale.	1 - 1 - Contraction of the Contr	
a	a as in arm.	r	• r as in row.
3	a an in all	·	r as in far.
a	a as m an.	S	s as in see.
a	a as in an.	t	
b		1	
d		ū	u as in your.
1		2 U	11 os in un
e	e as in see.		a as in up.
² e	e as in end.		u as in full.
f	f as in far.	V	
g		w	
ĥ	h as in hot.	y	
1		y	j do in jor
i	i as in pine.	Z	z as in zone.
i	i as in pin.	3	
k		Z	z as in azure.
1	1 as in let.	01	
m	m as in my.	ou	
n	n as in no.	ng	as in sing.
1	1.1	sh	as in shall.
0	o as in old.	th	as in thin.
0	o as in lose.	th	as in them.
9		wh	as in when
0	o as m on:	111000000000000000000000000000000000000	

necessary, first, to learn to manage them so as to produce each letter properly, and then to combine these letters into words. The above table contains all the letters of the English language, with the different sounds of each letter, where a letter has more than one sound. C, J, Q, and X, are not recognized as letters in music, but the letter represented by "c" is considered as "s" or "k;" - that represented by "i," as "d and the second sound of z" blended together; - that represented by "q," as "k and the first sound of u " blended together; - and that represented by "x," as "the second sound of e, k and s," blended together. In some other respects, this table is different from that given in dictionaries and spelling books, but it is found to be the most convenient arrangement for singing.

The best exercise for practicing these letters, is to take the air of some slow tune. Old Hundred is as good as any; but any slow tune will answer as well. The best order in which to practice them, is to practice those letters together, which require the same position of the mouth.

The second sound of a requires the mouth to be wide open, and held still.

The fourth sound of a, the second sound of e, and the second sound of i, require the mouth to be half-way open, and held still. When the mouth is required to be wide open, it must be opened wide enough to admit two fingers placed one over the other, between the teeth. When the mouth is required to be half-way open, it must be open wide enough to admit one finger between the teeth.

RULE .- When the mouth is required to be held still, the greatest care must be taken that it does not move a hair's breadth during the continuance of the tone. When the mouth is required to move, it must move instantaneously, (as quick as a flash.)

EXERCISE .- Sing Old Hundred. In the first line, sing each tone with the second sound of a, (mouth wide open;) in the second line, sing each tone with the fourth sound of a; in the third line, sing each tone with the second sound of e; and in the fourth line, sing each tone with the second sound of i, (mouth half-way open.) In all the exercises, let the class sing the air of Old Hundred, (or whatever tune is used.) Do not have the Alto, Tenor, or Base sung.

To sing B, M, and P, the lips must be pressed together, and then be thrown violently open.

EXERCISE .- Sing Old Hundred, using the letter B with the second sound of a after it, (i. e., using the syllable "Ba,") to every tone in the first and held still.

To learn to manage the set of vocal organs which produce words, it is second lines; the letter M with the second sound of a after it, (i.e., the syllable "Ma,") to every tone in the third line; and the letter P with the second sound of a after it, (i. e., the syllable "Pa,") to every tone in the fourth line. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using B, M, and P, with the fourth sound of a after them. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using B, M, and P, with the second sound of e after them. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using B, M, and P, with the second sound of i after them.

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To sing F and V, the under lip must be placed under the upper teeth, and must then be thrown violently outwards.

EXERCISE.-Sing Old Hundred, using the letter F, with the second sound of a after it, (i. e., using the syllable "Fa,") to every tone in the first and second lines, and the letter V, with the second sound of a after it, (i.e., with the syllable "Va,") to every tone in the third and fourth lines. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using F and V, with the fourth sound of a after them, with the second sound of e after them, and with the second sound of i after them.

To sing D, L, N, and T, the tip of the tongue must be placed on the gums of the upper teeth, and must then be instantly dropped. Care must be taken that the tone is not commenced before the tongue is placed on the gums, and that the tongue is dropped the instant the tone is produced.

EXERCISE.-Sing Old Hundred, using D with the second sound of a after it, to every tone of the first line; L with the second sound of a after it, to every tone of the second line; N with the second sound of a after it, to every tone of the third line; and T with the second sound of a after it, to every tone of the fourth line. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using D, L, N, and T, with the fourth sound of a after them, with the second sound of e after them, and with the second sound of i after them.

The first sound of a is composed of two sounds, "a and e," blended together. The "a" is called the Radical Sound, and the "e" is called the Vanishing Sound. The radical sound is made with the mouth half-way open. The vanishing sound is the first sound of e, and must be made with the mouth in the position required for the first sound of e. Nearly all the length of the tone must be given to the radical sound, and only its very close, to the vanishing sound.

The third sound of a requires the lips to be protruded, and the mouth held still.

The first sound of e requires the lips to be nearly closed, and the mouth

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The first sound of i is composed of two sounds, "i and e," blended together. "I" is the radical sound, and "e" is the vanishing sound. The radical sound must be made with the mouth wide open. The vanishing sound is the first sound of e, and must be made with the mouth in the position required for the first sound of e. Nearly all the length of the tone must be given to the radical sound, and as little as possible to the vanishing sound.

EXERCISE.—Sing Old Hundred. In the first line, sing each tone with the *first sound of a*; in the second line, sing each tone with the *third sound of a*; in the third line, sing each tone with the *first sound of e*; and in the fourth line, sing each tone with the *first sound of i*.

To sing G, the tongue must be violently thrown forward. It has to be drawn back, so that the roots of the tongue will obstruct the top of the windpipe; but it will do that itself. The only thing which requires the care of the singer, is to throw the tongue quickly forward. Hard G, is the only G recognized in music. Soft G, (and J,) are considered as "d and the second sound of z," blended together.

To sing K, the tongue must be instantaneously thrown forward, as in singing G. Whatever else the tongue is required to do in singing K, it will do itself. All that requires the care of the singer, is to throw the tongue forward quickly the instant the tone is produced.

The first sound of r is called the Trilled R. The R which comes before a vowel, is always the first sound of r. It must be produced with one or more vibrations of the tongue.

The second sound of r is called the Smooth R. The R which comes after a vowel, is always the second sound of r. The smooth r is made like the second sound of a, except that to produce the smooth r, the tip of the tongue must be made to touch the roof of the mouth, while the tone is sounding, while in the second sound of a the tongue must remain passive, on the bottom of the mouth, all the time the tone is sounding.

EXERCISE.—Sing Old Hundred, in the first line, using G, with the first sound of a after it; in the second line, using K, with the first sound of a after it; in the third line, using the first sound of r, with the first sound of a after it; and in the fourth line, using the second sound of r, with the first sound of a BEFORE it. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using G, K, and the first sound of r, with the third sound of a, with the first sound of e, and with the first sound of i after them, and the second sound of r, with the first sound of a, the third sound of a, the first sound of e, and the first sound of i, BEFORE it.

To sing H, no position of the mouth is required, but the mouth must be placed in the position required for the letter which comes next to H, and then the H must be produced by throwing out the breath so forcibly, that the breath can be heard distinct from the musical tone.

To sing S, the breath must be caused to produce a hissing sound, distinct from the musical tone. S is the only letter in the English language which there is danger of producing too forcibly. The singers cannot produce the other letters too forcibly, but S should be produced as faintly, (i. e., with as little of the hissing sound,) as possible.

To sing Z, both the first sound of z, and the second sound of z, the breath must be caused to produce a buzzing sound, distinct from the musical tone.

EXERCISE.—Sing Old Hundred. In the first line, using H, with the first sound of a after it; in the second line, using S, with the first sound of a after it; in the third line, using the first sound of z, with the first sound of a after it; and in the fourth line, using the second sound of z, with the first sound of a after it. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using H, S, the first sound of z, and the second sound of z, with the third sound of a, with the first sound of e, and with the first sound of i after them.

To sing W, the mouth must be placed in the position for whistling, and must then be quickly thrown open.

To sing Y, the mouth must be managed as it is when singing W, only more open.

To sing NG, the tongue must be pressed against the roof of the mouth, and the tone must be thrown through the nasal organs, with the utmost possible quickness.

EXERCISE.—Sing Old Hundred. In the first line, using W, with the first sound of a after it; in the second line, using Y, with the first sound of a after it; and in the third and fourth lines, using NG, with the first sound of a BEFORE it. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using W and Y, with the third sound of a, with the first sound of e, and with the first sound of i after them; and NG, with the third sound of a, the first sound of e, and the first sound of e is a first so

To sing Sh, the teeth must be closed, and the tongue tightly pressed against the roof of the mouth. As in singing with "s," as little of the sound of "sh" must be produced as possible.

To sing Th as in thin, the tip of the tongue must be placed against the gums of the upper teeth. This is called the soft Th.

To sing Th as in then, the end of the tongue must be pressed against the front part of the roof of the mouth. This is called the hard Th.

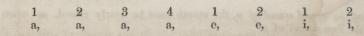
To sing Wh, the mouth must be in the positions that it is when singing W and H.

EXERCISE.—Sing Old Hundred, using Sh, with the first sound of a after it, in the first line; Th soft, with the first sound of a after it, in the second line; Th hard, with the first sound of a after it, in the third line; and Wh, with the first sound of a after it, in the fourth line. In the same manner, sing Old Hundred, using Sh, Th soft, Th hard, and Wh, with the third sound of a, the first sound of e, and the first sound of i after them.

VOWELS AND CONSONANTS.

A, E, I, O and U, are Vowels. All of the other letters are Consonants. It is not possible to produce a singing tone with a consonant. The singing tones are all produced with vowels. The tones which are produced with Consonants are speaking tones. That is, they are the kind of tones which are produced when people talk, not the kind they produce when they sing. When words are sung, singing and speaking tones are produced together, for the vowels produce singing tones, and the consonants produce speaking tones. All of the consonants are produced by motions of the mouth. The rule requires that when the mouth is to move in singing, it must move as quick as a flash. This quick movement makes the consonant very distinct, and gets it out of the way in the twinkling of an eye. Unless the consonants are made very distinct, no one can tell what words are sung, and as they do not produce musical tones, but tones which are decidedly unmusical, unless they are disposed of very quickly, they seriously mar the musical effect. In - music, those consonants which are produced by the same, or nearly the same motion of the mouth are said to belong to the same class. B, M and P, are called two-lip consonants, because they are made with both lips. F and V are called one lip consonants, because they are made with one lip. D, L, N and T, are called tip of the tongue consonants. G and K are called guttural consonants, because the sound is formed deep in the throat. H, S, and the two sounds of Z, are called in music, aspirated consonants, because the breath is required to produce a distinct noise, before the musical tone is produced. W and Y are called whistling consonants, because the mouth must be in a whistling position, while producing them.

In the foregoing exercises, all of the consonants have been practised in classes, with the vowels A, E and I. Before learning the other vowels, let the class practise Old Hundred, using all the sounds of A, E and I in each line, thus:



This will be using a different vowel on each tone, for there are eight tones in each line of Old Hundred, and here are eight vowels to use in each line. This will require the mouth to change its position on every tone, instead of keeping one position of the mouth through a line.

Then use these eight vowels in each line of Old Hundred, and practise the consonants in classes. That is, use these eight vowels in each line, using the two-lip consonant before them; then using the one lip consonant before them; then using the tip of the tongue consonants before them, and so on. Finally, use these eight vowels in each line of Old Hundred, and practise the consonants in Alphabetical Order. That is, use the eight vowels in each line, and use B before them in the first line, D before them in the second line, F before them in the third line, and G before them in the fourth line. Then sing it again, and use M, P and trilled R, before the eight vowels, and smooth R after the eight vowels. Then sing it again, and use S, T, V and W, before the eight vowels. Then sing it again, and use Y, the *first sound* of Z, and the second sound of Z, before the eight vowels, and NG after them. Finally, sing it again, and sing Sh, Th soft, Th hard, and Wh, before the eight vowels.

THE VOWELS O AND U.

The first sound of o is composed of a radical and a vanishing sound. The radical sound is "o," and to produce it, the mouth must be in the position for whistling, but more open. The vanishing sound is the second sound of o. The vanishing sound must not be made longer than the radical sound, but with that exception, it is no matter whether it is long or short.

To sing the second sound of o, the mouth must be in the position for whistling. To sing the third sound of o, the mouth must be managed as it is when singing the third sound of a.

The first sound of u, is composed of the first sound of e, and the second sound of o, very closely blended together. The last sound must be made a little longer than the first.

EXERCISE. Sing Old Hundred, using the first sound of o in the first line, the second sound $\bar{o}f$ o in the second line, the third sound of o in the third line, and the first sound of u in the fourth line. It is also well to practise these vowels in connection with some or all of the consonants, in classes, or in alphabetical order, or both.

To sing the second sound of u, the mouth must be nearly closed, as when singing the first sound of e.

To sing the third sound of u, the mouth must be nearly in the position which it takes when singing the second sound of o, but not quite so much opened.

To sing oi, the mouth must be managed as if singing the third sound of o and the second sound of i, but must blend these sounds closely together.

To sing ou, the mouth must be managed as it is when singing the first sound of i.

EXERCISE. Sing Old Hundred, using the second sound of u in the first line, the third sound of u in the second line, "oi," in the third line, and "ou" in the fourth line. It will also be well to practise these vowels in connection with some or all of the consonants, in classes, or in alphabetical order, or both.

FINALLY.

Practise Old Hundred with one of these vowels to each tone in each line, thus:

	1	2	3	1	2	3		
	0,	0,	0,	u,	u,	u,	oi,	ou,
This	makes	eight.	vowels, and	28	there are	eight tones	in each	line

of Old Hundred, it makes one vowel to each tone. Practise them also in connection with all the consonants, both in classes and in alphabetical order.

APPLICATION.

After the singers have practised the foregoing exercises sufficiently to become perfectly at home with all of the positions which the mouth must take in forming the letters of the alphabet, the next thing is to practise combining the letters into words, until whenever they sing words, they can use the same positions of the mouth with the letters which form the words, which they use when singing letters singly. To be able to do this, it will be necessary for them to practise many tunes as follows. For example, take the first tune in this book, (on page 97.) The first line is,

"Be thou, O God! exalted high."

Let the class speak all together, (just as they are directed to do on page 6, when reading notes,) and tell the vowel sounds in each syllable. This will make a story like this; viz.: "the vowel sound in "be" is the first sound of e," "the vowel sound in thou is ou," "the vowel sound in "O" is the first sound of o,"-and so on. After going through the tune in this way, sing the tune with vowels only, as carefully putting the mouth into the position required for each vowel, as when practising the letters in the foregoing exercises. After | mouth are said to belong to the Chest Register. Those tones which are pro-

practising the tune with vowels alone, sufficiently to make it certain the class will frame them correctly, let them speak the consonants, as follows, viz., " the consonant in "be" is b," "the consonant in thou is th hard," "the consonants in "God" are g and b,"-and so on.

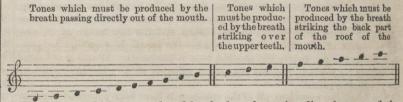
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After thus speaking the names of the consonants enough to be perfectly familiar with them, let them sing the verse, using both consonants and vowels. very carefully forming every consonant and vowel, with the position of the mouth with which they have been formed in the foregoing exercises. This is the consummation of the study of the management of the set of vocal organs which produce the words. When the singer has made himself so familiar with all of the positions required to produce pure tones with all the vowels and consonants, that he can sing any words, and form the positions correctly, he will have mastered this study, but of course, many tunes will have to be practised in the manner which has been described, before this can be accomplished.

The learner must bear constantly in mind, that he must decide what position to place the mouth in, by the way a word sounds, and not by the way it looks. The English language is a strange language in this respect, for it contains a great many words that are spelled very differently from the way they are pronounced, and consequently it is a very much more difficult language to sing with, than those languages in which the words are always spelled as they are pronounced. For example, "of" looks as if it had an "f" in it, but it sounds as if it had a "v;"-" is "looks as if it had an "s" in it, but it sounds as if it had a "z;"-" reign" looks as if it had an "eig" in it, but it sounds as if it had an "a:"-and so on. In all cases, of course, the position of the mouth must be decided by the sound, and not by the looks, so it requires great care when singing words, not to be mislead by the way the letters look.

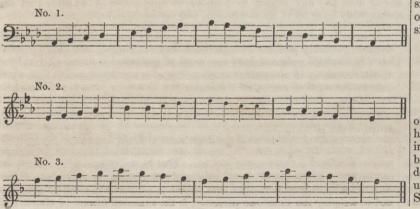
PART III.

MANAGEMENT OF THE BREATH,



Those tones which are produced by the breath passing directly out of the

duced by the breath being directed against the front part of the roof of the mouth, are said to belong to the Medium Register. Those tones which must be produced by the breath being directed to the back part of the roof of the mouth, are said to belong to the Head Register. There is a vowel which is produced in each of these three ways. The second sound of A is produced by the breath passing directly out of the mouth, without striking against either the teeth or lips. Whenever musical tones, therefore, are sung with the second sound of A, the breath will manage itself, as it ought to be managed when singing the tones which belong to the Chest Register. The second sound of E is produced by the breath striking over the upper teeth. Whenever musical tones, therefore, are sung with the second sound of E, the breath will manage itself, as it ought to be managed, when singing the tones which belong to the Medium Register. The second sound of U is produced by the breath striking the back part of the mouth. Whenever musical tones, therefore, are sung with the second sound of U, the breath will manage itself as it ought to be managed when singing the tones which belong to the Head Register. The best way for learners to acquire a control of the Registers, is, for a long time to use these three vowels only, whenever they practise, and not to attempt to control the registers while singing words, until by long practice with the second sounds of A, E, and U, they have acquired definite control of the breath.



EXERCISE No. 1, contains only tones of the Chest Register. It must be practised, using the second sound of A. In Exercise No. 2, the small notes belong to the Medium Register, and the large notes to the Chest Register. The small notes must be sung with the second sound of E, and the large notes with the second sound of A. Exercise No. 3, contains only tones of the Head Register. It must be practised using the second sound of U.

REMARK IN REFERENCE TO THE REGISTERS.

Many instruction books and treatises upon the subject of the Cultivation of the Voice, are in existence, and they all agree in the necessity of singers going through some such practice as that required in Part I and Part II of the foregoing instructions. Scarcely two of them, however, agree with reference to Part III. The view which the larger number of writers take with regard to the Registers, is given in this Part III, leaving the leader to his option whether to treat them in this way, in some other way, or to ignore them entirely, and say nothing about them to the singers. Only the principles which apply to chorus singing are mentioned in this book, and whatever explanation of the Registers is made, the above three exercises will afford sufficient practice to develope the Registers enough for use in chorus practice. If there are singers in the chorus who find it difficult to produce the tones of the Medium or Head Registers, it may be well to practise them. If there are no such singers in the chorus, it will hardly be worth while to practise them at all.

DEEP BREATHING.

To produce pure and vigorous tones, it is desirable to enlarge the capacity of the lungs. This can be accomplished by the learner inhaling all the breath his lungs will hold, retaining it in the lungs as long as he can, and then allowing it to escape as slowly as it would if he was singing a long passage in one breath. He should thus inhale the breath about half a dozen times a day, and do it out of doors, or only where the air is perfectly pure. He should continue the practice, until his lungs will hold breath enough to sing such a tune as Sprague, on page 159, in one breath,

MUSICAL THERMOMETER.

- * A company of singers like Zero, in which every singer perfectly Employs the Emotions, and in which every word of command is used, which can add anything to the interest or effectiveness of the tune.
- 6. A company of singers like Zero, in which every singer Employs the Emotions, and in which three or four other words of command are used.
- 5. A company of singers like Zero, in which every singer Employs the Emotions, and in which one other word of command is used.
- 4. A company of singers like Zero, in which every singer Employs the Emotions, but in which no other word of command is used.
- 3. A company of singers like Zero, who do not Employ the Emotions, but who use every other word of command which can add anything to the interest or effectiveness of the tune.
- 2. A company of singers like Zero, who do not Employ the Emotions, but who use three or four other words of command.
- 1. A company of singers like Zero, who do not Employ the Emotions, but who use one other word of command.
- O. A company of singers, in which every singer understands the simple rules of music, seated close together, managing their vocal organs alike, (in accordance with the rules of the Cultivation of the Voice,) and in which every singer is perfectly familiar with the tune they are singing.
- 1. A company of singers like Zero, in which a part of the singers are not familiar with the tune they are singing. Also, a company of singers like Zero, in which the singers do not manage the vocal organs alike.
- 2. A company of singers like Zero, except that they are scattered around a church or hall, instead of being seated close together, as is required in the rules of the Cultivation of the Voice.
- 3. A company of singers seated close together, in which every singer is familiar with the tune, but in which the singers pay no particular regard to the laws of music, but each sings just as it happens.
- 4. Like Three, but in which a part of the singers are not familiar with the tune.
- 5. Like Three, but scattered around a church or hall, instead of being close together.
- 6. Like Four, but scattered around a church or hall, instead of being close together.
- 7. A straggling lot of singers scattered around a church or hall, in which few or none pay any regard to the laws of music, and in which a part are familiar with the tune, while a part are not, and those who are not, sluggishly hang on to those who are, and endeavor to follow them.

EXPLANATION.

This Thermometer will serve to indicate the different processes which chorus practice can be carried through, and the different degrees of excellence which may be attained by practice and study, or the different degrees of deficiency which may exist, from the omission of such study and practice. Of course, many other degrees might be made, and the same degrees might be applied to many other conditions of the singing. The words "the performance of" should be understood as preceding the descriptions of each degree, as for example, "the performance of a company of singers like Zero," &c.

Fahrenheit, the inventor of the thermometer, considered that he had placed "Zero" where it indicated a total absence of heat. In this Musical Thermometer, Zero is placed where it indicates a total absence of excellence, but without the presence of any apparent defect. Each degree above Zero indicates greater and greater positive excellence, and each degree below Zero, indicates greater and greater defects and blemishes.

It may be noticed that no excellence at all is acknowledged unless every singer is perfectly familiar with the tune they are singing, and that no excellence is admitted unless at least one word of command is introduced to break up the monotony of the performance. It is also worthy of notice that obedience to the word of command, "Employ the Emotions" alone, produces great excellence. Perfect obedience to that word of command, would produce quite a high degree of excellence, even if most of the rules of music were disregarded in the performance, and one of the degrees of the thermometer would have been made to denote a performance, in which the emotions are fully employed, while the other rules of music are disregarded, but that experience proves that such a thing never can be. That is, no company of singers can employ the emotions, until they study and practice all the other laws of music. Finally, it may be noticed that ability to obey all the words of command and to Employ the Emotions perfectly, is the *summum bonum* of chorus singing.

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MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND REMARKS.

The study of the musical words of command and the cultivation of the voice, will make all who have mastered them able to perform chorus singing well. in all its varieties. The musical thermometer indicates the most prominent degrees of excellence to which the quality of chorus singing may be raised, or to which it may be suffered to fall; and a little reflection upon each of these degrees will make the process by which each degree of excellence may be reached apparent. The following items form a series of instructions and remarks which are disconnected, (so that each can be considered alone by itself, or be omitted altogether,) because many of them will appear to many persons, as Paul's preaching did to the Greeks, "foolishness," while others will regard them as possessed of more or less "wisdom."

NEED OF RECREATION.

Those who have made such matters a subject of investigation, tell us that human beings require recreation, both mental and physical, as much as they require food. Experience proves that if people cannot find innocent recreation, they will take such as is not innocent. Among the most refreshing and invigorating recreations of the description which are innocent and refining, may company, than to have a committee command a company of singers. Combe classed well conducted chorus associations. It may be questioned if any other organization affords so great an amount of innocent social enjoyment. ness affairs of a musical association, but the moment more than one mind The fact that young voices, middle aged voices, and elderly voices, mingled has aught to do with giving directions about singing, the days of the associaand blended together, produces the most gratifying musical effect of which tion are numbered. Singers who have been educated on such a method as is the natural musical ear is cognizant; and that female voices produce the treble contained in this book, will never dream of doing anything else than to render and alto, and male voices the tenor and base of the grand common chord of instantaneous obedience to every word of command which the one who fills nature, may well be taken as proof that social chorus singing is a beautiful recreation provided by Him who made recreation needful for the human frame and mind.

WHO CAN FORM A CHORUS ASSOCIATION?

Any one familiar with the principles which are explained in this art of chorus singing, is perfectly competent to form such an association. The process words of command which will cause the piece under performance to produce is simply to get those who have voices to sing, to become members, and to in- a fine effect. Any one who can do this, according to the laws of music, is a duce them to spend one evening in every week in practising according to the finished leader. If any one is the best singer or player in the county, if he rules and directions laid down in this method. A desire to confer a benefit cannot thus employ the words of command, he is utterly unfit for the position upon one's fellow men, ought to be a sufficient inducement for undertaking of leader. On the other hand, if any one can give those words of command such an enterprise, for whoever does take upon himself the labor of forming which will cause the piece under performance to produce a fine effect, he is such an association, is conferring a benefit upon his fellow men, just as truly as a thoroughly competent leader, even if he cannot sing or play at all. if one formed a sabbath school, or any other association for doing good. How It is a positive fact, even if it is an unfortunate one, that there is not a it would relieve the tedium of a hard working farmer's life to spend one eve- shadow of a chance for a chorus association to succeed, without a qualified ning a week in practising with an orderly, refined, well disciplined chorus asso- leader. It would be as easy to get a steamboat down the Mississippi without ciation! How it would refresh and revivify a weary business man or a me- a pilot. In organizing a chorus association or a choir, therefore, the appointchanic, to spend one evening a week in such delightful recreation ! Who can ment of a leader is of the first importance. Those who are not thoroughly

THE OFFICE OF A LEADER.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of singers, that everything which has anything whatever to do with the actual production of singing and musical effects, must of necessity be under the sole control of one mind. It would be easier to have a committee command a ship or a military mittees and boards of directors are valuable in the management of the busithe office of leader, utters, but those who have not been educated upon such a method, frequently conduct themselves in as verdant a manner as a soldier would, who should act as if it was perfectly proper for a member of a military company to obey the word of command or not, just as he chanced to feel.

According to the strict rules of music, a leader's sole duty is to utter those

doubt that whoever provides such a means of relaxation is a public benefactor? versed in the rules of music, seem, naturally, to make choice of the best singer

playing is no part of a leader's duty, and the best singer or player may be the least qual- his gestures and inflections of the voice, the audience would at once conclude that the ified person for the office of leader in the association. Who would think of choosing the teacher had failed to give proper instructions. If a company of singers cannot sing best marksman in a military company, captain, if shooting was his only qualification.

most important qualifications is given. He must be a good critic with regard to the quality of the singing. He must have good taste and judgment with reference to what words of command to call for, in order to produce a good effect in the piece under performance. Whoever possesses these qualifications, is a well qualified leader, no matter how poor a singer he may be. Many a person possesses these qualities who does not excel as a singer or player, and it is to be regretted that such persons are usually so diffident, and feel so humble in regard to their abilities as performers, that it is very difficult to induce them to assume the office of leader, and yet it would prove that however poor they might rank as singers or players, they might excel as leaders.

One who wishes to excel in the art of leading, should be courteous in all his communications to the singers; should have perfect control of his temper; should treat all the members exactly alike, not on any account showing particular attention to some and neglecting others; and should never enter the practising room without having first thoroughly "studied his lesson," so that he will have the work of the evening definitely fixed in his own mind, and never for a moment be obliged to present the impression to the singers that he does not know what directions to give. He should carefully avoid hurting the feelings of the singers, and should remember that whenever he loses his temper, he sinks below the level of a gentleman in the estimation of his auditors, however much he may be exalted in his or otherwise to keep it out of the view of the audience. The programme would be on this own eyes. A definite, distinct, clear utterance of the word of command which indicates what the leader wishes the singers to do, with the idea always pervading the "atmosphere" of the practising room, that instantaneous obedience to every word of command is expected from every singer, will do more towards raising the degree of excellence in the performance of a piece, than a month of scolding. The fact that a man who can command the respect of a company of singers, who has tact in the management of large assemblages of ladies and gentlemen, and who is a correct critic and judge of the quality of a performance of a tune, will make a superior leader, even if he is no performer, has been made prominent in this article. It is not designed to intimate that a superior singer or player cannot also be a superior leader. The fact is that playing and singing have nothing to do with the official duties of a leader any way. There is no reason whatever why a lady cannot be a superior leader, for ladies as frequently possess the qualifications necessary in a leader as gentlemen.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.

A musical association could not prosper, without occasional public performances to serve as standards of excellence to which the singers must be made ambitious to arrive. Even a singing school will make much greater proficiency, if it is understood that they are singers have had time to be perfect in their parts, why then they must be prompted and asto give a public performance exhibiting their proficiency, at the end of their course. In a public performance of a company of singers who have been trained on the method contained in this book, a leader has, officially, nothing to do. His labors are over before the public performance is reached. In the view taken of singing in this method, a public performance of singing is like a public performance of speaking. If, in a public exhibition of declamation, the teacher should stand before the speaker with his back to the audience, and ostenta- | much from the merit of the leader, as a trainer and teacher.

or the best player, for this position, but it must be distinctly understood that singing and | tiously prompt the speaker every now and then, and visibly indicate where he must make simple choruses, anthems and tunes effectively, without having a leader between them and As the selection of a leader is of so much consequence, the following list of some of his the audience, ostentationsly prompting them, both singers and leader ought to be ashamed of themselves. It is true, that where there is a complicated performance in which sincers and orchestra are engaged, where the instrumental players have only their own part and cannot see what the other performers are about, it is necessary to have some one to beat time, and visibly conduct the performance. Or rather, it would require such an immense amount of practice for such a company of performers to acquire such a familiarity with the piece that they could do without a conductor, that such prompting is excusable. But the case is widely different when the piece is no more difficult that those which ordinary choirs and chorus associations practice, and where each part has all the other parts printed and before them. It the leader has fully performed his duty in training the singers for a public performance on the method contained in this book, no assistance will be required from him at the performance, and it will go off just as well if he sits with the audience, or if he stays at home. Some of the most successful professional leaders in the United States use this method, and make it a special point in a public performance, to prove how industriously they have done their work in training the singers, by taking a seat among the audience, and requiring the singers to go through the whole programme alone. They decide on the piece to be sung and the words of command to be used in each piece, and require the singers to write them off on a sheet of letter paper and pin the sheet to the fly leaf of the book. plan; viz.,

Page 159. Sprague. Page 95. r, d, o, n. Page 213. Pendleton. g, p. &c., &c. The singers would understand that the first piece in the performance is Sprague, and that it is to be sung without any particular effort or expression. The second piece is the tune on the 95th page, in which the singers are to rise during one note. The third piece is Pendleton, which they are to sing in geometrical progression. And so on, through the whole programme. The singers find out what piece is to be sung and how it is to be performed by taking a sly peep at their programme, and it appears to the audience as if each singer knew everything about it, without being obliged to have any aid, hint, or prompting what ever. The impression made upon the audience, is as far superior to that made by a system of nudging and prompting, as it would be if the performance was an exhibition of speaking instead of singing.

A performance like this, provided the singers did it well, would be the highest compliment which could be paid to a leader, and educated musicians would at once assign him the highest rank among leaders. But if he shouldered the chorus himself by singing louder than all the other singers put together, or by otherwise pushing and pulling the singers along, they would assign him the lowest rank.

On this method, as well as on any other, if a public performance must be given before the sisted, but such aid is a defect, no matter what system the singers are trained on. If the singers are not advanced enough to be trusted to get their directions from the programme which has been mentioned, the leader can announce the page and word of command audibly, before each piece is sung. This will give a leader a chance to display his knowledge before the audience, but it will take just so much credit from the singers, and will detract just so highly proper for him to take part in the public performance as a singer or as a player, but be allowed to consult their ease, merely taking care to get the tune and time right, but not that is a very different thing from singing and playing at such a performance for the pur- using the mental effort necessary to produce the higher grades of excellence. The best way pose of leading the singers.

his own ideas are of no consequence in comparison with this. That is, if he thinks a manner excellence. To sing perfectly, requires immense mental effort, and human beings cannot of performing a piece is superior, and the audience are indifferent to it, he is mistaken. It endure this effort long at a time. It is a blessed quality of music, that if singers once acshould form a very prominent part of a leader's aim, to carefully study the effect which the performance of each piece, produces on the audience.

EVERY ONE HIS OWN TASTE.

The principle is fully recognized in this method, that every leader has the fullest right to have everything done according to his own taste. It is claimed that after a company of singers have studied and practised the words of command and the cultivation of the voice. as contained in this book, the leader can have his own taste brought out in the performance of a piece, far better than he can on any other method, by simply uttering the words of command which denote the expression he wants. Every item in this method has been made the subject of repeated experiments at musical conventions in all parts of the United States, where the author has patiently studied the effects produced, and the views of different persons upon each point. After a beautiful concert of a musical convention, in which the singers executed almost every word of command with perfect precision and without the least prompting, the following conversation took place between the author and a leader who was one of the audience. A. The singers have done well. L. Yes, they have done well, but I don't like the style. A. Will you be so kind as to specify the points which you don't like? as I should like to discover all the imperfections of the method before I publish it. L. O, I don't know that I can specify anything, but I don't like the style. A. They all rose and took their seats exactly together, do you prefer to have them pop up and down heterogeniously? L. No, I approve of their rising and sitting all together, but then I don't like the style. A. They sang some places loud and some places soft, do you think it ought to have been with the same power of voice all of the time? L. No, I like to hear a contrast very valuable addition to the cheerfulness of a practising meeting. of loud and soft, but then I don't like the style. And so on, ad infinitum. This circumstance is introduced here to call marked attention to the fact, that this claims to be a method for disciplining singers so they will do anything the leader wishes them to do, and not a method which advocates any particular style of singing, whatever. It cannot be true that any one will not like the style, for it allows every style that can possibly be thought of.

LITTLE THINGS.

When music is thoroughly analyzed, it is found to consist of a great number of principles, each of which, taken alone by itself, is a very little thing, and that there is no great thing in it. The only possible way to perform it perfectly, is to give the most careful attention to every point which can have any influence upon the quality of the performance, no matter how insignificant, in itself considered, that point is.

NOT ALWAYS PERFECT.

course, be devoted to making the singers thoroughly familiar with the pieces which form children would find in the Iliad of Homer or the Idyls of Theocrifes. These latter works the subject of their practice, for no shade of excellence is possible in the performance of a are for colleges. Children would progress faster by reading stories like Jack the Giant

If the one who fills the office of leader excels as a singer, or as a player, it would be piece, which the singers do not know. While attending to this practice, the singers should is to require each word of command, once only, at each practising meeting. For example, Finally, one who desires to excel as a leader must bear in mind, that the effect which is once sing a verse with the vocal organs in position, but all the rest of the time let the singproduced on the audience who listen to the performance is the all important thing, and that ers keep their vocal organs in any position they please. So with all the other points of quire the ability to execute a point of excellence, ever after, they can produce that point whenever they try, so if they can execute a word of command perfectly in one tune, they can execute it in any other tune whenever they try. At a public performance, it is not difficult for singers to do every thing perfectly which they know how to do, but at all other times, one perfect point at a time is all that should be required. That is, in one tune request the singers to give obedience to one word of command, and in another tune to another, taking the utmost care to execute that word of command perfectly, but allowing the singers to do everything else in the tune, as they please. In a course of such practice, the singers would acquire the physical ability to execute every point of excellence perfectly whenever they try, but they should not be required to try any oftener than is here recommended except at a public performance, where the excitement of being in the presence of an audience, and the desire to do everything perfectly, renders it easy for singers to execute every point of excellence which they know how to execute.

DO NOT BE TEDIOUS.

The best singer in the world cannot sing well when fatigued, exhausted, or wearied from any cause. To sing well, the spirits of the singers must be in a cheerful, elastic state, and it should be a careful study on the part of the leader to so conduct the exercises as to keep the singers in a cheerful, wide awake condition all of the time they are practising. A leader can do this by "studying his lesson" before hand, and arranging so that the dry, hard parts of the practice, shall be "in small doses," and be immediately succeeded by practice which is not dry and hard. Humorous remarks, and jokes, original and selected, make a

DIFFICULT MUSIC.

Of all the strange ideas that those who have a "desultory" knowledge of music, imbibe, the idea that there is something derogatory in the practice of simple music is the strangest. Every one likes to hear simple music. No one likes to hear difficult music. "That piece is exceedingly difficult," said the officer of a musical association, to a distinguished statesman, who was patiently listening to a performance of the association. "I wish it was impossible," was the sensible reply. To get up an excitement, organize a musical association, and raise the anticipations of the members to the expectation of a high degree of pleasure; and then to meet those anticipations by adopting the Oratorio of the Creation, Mozart's twelfth Mass, or some similar work which is very far above their reach, is of very common occurrence. Of course, the anticipations of pleasure are disappointed. The members of a musical association at its first organization, are never farther advanced in singing, than a class of children who can with difficulty read words of two syllables, are in reading; and The larger portion of the time which a chorus association spend in practice, must, of requiring them to attack classical oratorios affords them as much pleasure as such a class of Killer. Classical Oratorios are for musical colleges. A musical college in which all the students are qualifying themselves for music teachers, by practising one of these classical oratorios an hour a day for a year, would not get it much above the Zero degree of excellence in the musical thermometer. What chance, then, is there for such a musical association, to derive satisfaction from such practice? It is a thousand times more credit to such an association to sing such a piece as the Ship of State (page 331) seven degrees above Zero, than it would be to sing the Oratorio of the Messiah, seven degrees below, and it would afford far more pleasure. When a musical association is first organized, they should study and practise only simple music, making it the object of their ambition to sing simple music miserably, and then when they have progressed far enough, more difficult music can be introduced, if desired.

ERRORS OF OLD AMERICAN TEACHERS.

Fifty years ago, music in America was in as crude a state, as society is in a newly settled township. Only two or three teachers and authors attained notoriety, and they may be said to have "set the fashion" for many things which have continued the fashion ever since. Some of these fashions were good, and some were bad. These old teachers had scarcely any advantages, and knew but little about the art, and there is no excuse for continuing the bad fashions which they introduced. The exercise of a little pure common sense will enable singers to avoid all of them. One of their bad fashions was the habit of quarrelling, so that they set the fashion of causing people to think that it is impossible for two music teachers to agree. To this day, it is no uncommon thing to hear the disciples of one teacher aver that the disciples of another teacher do not know how to sing or how to play, when every body can hear that they do. This is all very silly. Teachers and students in other branches of learning acknowledge each others merits, and it will be infinitely more advantageous to the cause of the general cultivation of music, for music teachers and students to do likewise. The laws of music make it right that every one should have their own taste. We have a right to say that we do not like a person's taste in such a performance, but we have no right to say that such a performance is wrong. Admitting that other people have exactly the same right to their taste that we have to ours, and not seeking to compel other folks to conform to our ideas, will do away with most of this bad fashion of musical quarrelling which these old teachers introduced.

How to FORM A CHORUS ASSOCIATION OR CHOIR.

Any one who can sing one tune by rote possesses the musical ability to make a valuable member. Any one not younger than ten years of age, and not much older than seventy, is of exactly the right age for a member. The way to form such a company of singers, is to solicit every such person to become a member. There is no congregation that cannot furnish enough such persons to form an admirable choir. There is no village or neighborhood that cannot furnish enough such persons to form an admirable chorus association. At the first meeting of such a company, perhaps they can only sing well enough to sing Old Hundred by rote, in a very indifferent manner, but the fact of their being able to sing it at all, is positive proof that they possess the physical ability to be trained to any degrees of excellence, and all that is necessary is that a competent leader shall lead them from one is to try and organize choirs and musical associations from finished singers. This cannot be done any where. In what community can a company of finished soldiers be organized? Those who wish to organize new military companies, only-require that applicants for membership shall be able to walk and hold a gun, and from that point, they can be

trained and disciplined up to any degree of excellence. They can find men enough with these qualifications any where. So can a sufficient number of persons with qualifications enough to begin a choir or musical association, be found in any church or community.

How the Author Formed a Choir.

The author once heard some of the prominent members of a church deplore the wretched condition of their singing, and he volunteered to form a large choir for them, out of their own congregation, and agreed to do it in one evening, as an illustration of the utter need. lessness of the complaints churches are so much in the habit of making. He had his views stated to the congregation, and had all who possessed the physical ability to sing Old Humdred by rote, and who cared enough about the welfare of the church to be willing to join a choir, if their services were needed, invited to meet on a given evening in the session room. Ninety-three came. The singing gallery was so constructed that it would only hold fifty. Fifty of the best voices were selected, leaving forty-three who would willingly have joined the choir, but who could not get into the gallery. Duke St., Old Hundred, Arlington, Balerma, Olmutz, and Greenville, all of which most of the singers knew or had often heard, were practised at this first choir meeting, and sung in church on the succeeding Sabbath, and the church pronounced it as good a choir as any church could ask, although only eight of the fifty knew one note from another. All that was requisite to make it one of the best of choirs, was a competent leader and teacher to make them gradually familiar with thernles of music. Any one who will make himself familiar with the method in this book, can do for any church what the author did for this church, and after organizing such a choir can train them up to any desired degree of excellence.

CHOIR OR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING ?

A church who desire to settle this question by considerations of musical excellence alone, can decide it by the Musical Thermometer. If they determine that the poorest kind of singing is good enough for their kind of worship, seven degrees below Zero ought to be poor enough to meet their approbation. If they hold that they have enough to be thankful for to make it worth the trouble to raise their singing to such a degree of excellence that it will be free from glaring blemishes, Zero will produce that degree of excellence. If they think no singing can be too good for the praise of Him "from whom all blessings flow," seven degrees above Zero produces the best quality of chorus singing of which human voices are capable.

WHAT IT WILL NOT DETERMINE.

If it is one of the articles in the creed of a church, that only the worst quality of singing must be allowed in their worship: if the desire to make a sale of a congregational hymn book to each member of the congregation is to determine the question; if a church desire to avoid the labor or expense necessary to maintain a good choir; or if the question of choir or congregational singing is to be determined on any other basis than that of musical excellence, the Musical Thermometer cannot decide it.

ARTISTIC SINGING.

Old Hundred, Greenville, or the simplest tune which was ever written, sung with the degree of excellence denoted by seven degrees above Zero, is the very highest style of artistic singing known in the art of music. The idea that artistic singing is a lacksidaisical, sickly, sentimental, chromatic, difficult composition, which must be sung with silly grimaces of the the countenance, and which is so hard that few or none among the listeners can underst nd it, has had much to do with creating a prejudice against the art in the minds of church

members who are not acquainted with the laws of music. The performance of such a piece is no more an artistic performance of singing, than a speech full of jaw breaking words which no one among the auditors knows the meaning of, is an artistic display of eloquence.

NATURE'S LAWS.

The laws which nature has impressed upon music, are, of course, as fixed and unalterable as the laws of gravitation, or any other law of nature. Nature has decreed that to produce chorus singing, even of that degree of excellence denoted by zero in the musical thermometer, (which is assuredly the lowest degree which can make the very slightest pretensions to the name of good singing,) the singers must be close together, and must do everything exactly alike. That is, even to produce a quality of singing devoid of all excellence, and merely free from glaring defects, there must be an organized choir, and they must have regular meetings for drill and practice. The unanimous vote of all the ecclesiastical bodies in the world could not alter this fact, not one whit more than such a vote can alter the law of gravitation. If the singers *must* be scattered all over the church, then the singing *must* be bad. Such singing never was anything else than bad. Such singing never will be anything else than bad. Such singing never can be anything but bad, until God alters the laws he has impressed upon music. The only thing which can make such singing tolerable, is to have a large choir to lead the congregation. That is, to have a large number observe the laws of music, and let the rest violate them.

A PROFESSOR OF MUSIC'S DUTY.

A professor of music's duty to a church bears a close resemblance to that of a professional architect. It may be presumed that an architect who is au fait at his profession, can give plans for any kind of a building which may be desired. As the sole use of a church building is to speak or hear in, common sense dictates that every church building should be constructed on perfect accoustic principles, so that it will be the best possible place to speak in, and the best possible place to hear in, and that after these qualities are secured, the building should exhibit as much of architectural beauty, as the plan and cost will admit. An architect who is master of his profession, of course can furnish such a building. It is a fact that three out of four of the church buildings in the United States are not erected with regard to accoustic principles, and do not display architectural beauty. The presumption is that their architects did not erect them according to their own ideas, but merely carried out the orders of the churches, or their building committees. A professor of music who is au fait at his profession, can furnish a church with singing, seven degrees above zero, or any other of the degrees of excellence, denoted by the musical thermometer. The responsibility of the degree of excellence, however, does not rest with him, but with the church. If the church insist on a low degree of excellence, a professional teacher or leader is as much justified in giving it to them, as is a professional architect. If a professional teacher or architect is himself a member of the church, it is a part of his duty as a church member, to induce the church to adopt the best possible mode. If a church leaves the whole matter entirely to him, he can have no excuse for not furnishing the best his professional skill renders possible.

DUTY TO BELONG TO THE CHOIR.

An intelligent, *impartial* investigation of the subject, would undoubtedly cause any church to decide that a large volunteer choir, (it cannot be too large,) either to sustain the singing, or to lead the congregation, is the best of all modes for sustaining this service. If it is a duty to have a church at all, it must be the duty of those who attend it to sustain its ordinances. Those who have abilities which qualify them to discharge the duties of a Sabbath school teacher, must be willing to teach in the Sabbath school, if their services

are needed, or the church cannot sustain a Sabbath school. Those who have abilities which fit them to discharge the duties of a choir member, must be willing to sing in the choir if their services are needed, or the church cannot sustain a choir. When the services of members of a congregation are needed for anything connected with a church, many "with one consent begin to make excuses." Among the excuses common among good singers who wish to avoid the duty of singing in a choir, is the assertion that it injures the voice to sing in a chorus. The students in the Allegany Academy of Music spend as much time in singing in a large chorus every day for a year in succession, as it is usual to spend in a choir meeting, and instead of injuring their voices, the voices grow better and better. If such practice engaged in every day, benefits a voice, how can such practice engaged in once a week injure it? In a Normal music school the singers spend not less than four hours a day for six weeks in chorus practice, with benefit to their voices. That is, they do as much chorus practice in six consecutive weeks, as a choir, meeting for practice once a week, does in two years. True if a chorus singer tries to sing louder than all the rest, or unnaturally strains his voice in any other way, it will injure the voice, but it wind do that if the voice is strained when singing in a parlor. Too lazy, too proud, too aristocratic, and several similar things may be truthful excuses for not wishing to sing in a choir, but any necessity for injuring the voice cannot be. Perhaps proud, aristocratic people are as little qualified for choir members as they are for the kingdom of heaven, but few ordinary members of a congregation would object to becoming members of a choir trained upon the method contained in this book, if convinced that their services were needed.

DUTY OF CHOIR MEMBERS.

It would be utterly impossible for a choir to become well trained and well disciplined, unless it has weekly practising meetings, and unless every member is always present at these meetings, when it is within the bounds of possibility for them to be present. Of course, it is as much the duty for every member to be present every sabbath, as it is the sabbath school teacher's or even the minister's. Choirs in which the members drop in and drop out, ad libitum, are worse than none.

VALUE OF A CHOIR TO A CHURCH.

Imagine an organized, thoroughly disciplined company of fifty or more ladies and gentlemen, always in their places at every public service, never late, but every one in his seat before the minister is in his, always present, rain or shine; and beside all this, all deeply interested in the welfare of the church in all its other departments besides the choir, and who that is free from prejudice can help acknowledging, that a well organized, well disciplined choir, is of immense value to any church, without any reference whatever to the subject of singing. Fancy the influence of such organized bodies, upon the hundreds of weak, feeble, struggling churches which abound in every part of the country, realize that it would be a comparatively easy thing to organize such a choir in connection with every such church, and then imagine, if possible, what motive sincere church members can possibly find for objecting to choirs. Add to this that such a choir will increase the effectiveness of the singing in any church a hundred fold, that it will throw influences for good of the greatest value around its members, and that such singing will draw within the influences of the sanctuary many who otherwise would never go there, and then determine if any objection within the bounds of common sense can be made by any honest church goer against such a choir. It might not have been easy to form such choirs while the rules of music were so little understood in this country, but with instructions like those given in this book, such a choir can be formed in any church.

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