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STANZAS of Eights and Sixes, to fing the Pfalm-tunes by.

The heart, by Music's force inspir'd, With facred warmth to glow, Is with each gen'rous passion fir'd, And tastes a heav'n below.

As night eternal and profound,
Those bosoms dark remain,
On which the charms of melting sound
Their raptures pour in vain.

Deep on the tender mind imprest,
'The foster passions play,
When Music melts the infant breast,
And lights fair Virtue's ray.

O'er each young voice and infant hand Let Music early reign; No pow'r like hers can Vice withstand, Or Virtue's bliss attain.

STANZAS of Eights.

The man, whose dull internal sense By Music here untouch'd remains, In heav'n shall find full recompense, And join the seraphs' lostiest strains.

Who would not join the facred lays, And fing th' Eternal's endless praise? On earth below, in heav'n above, The noblest tasks are PRAISE and LOVE. The Author's most humble Address to THOSE IN POWER.

If Y Anxiety for the Success of Mufic, especially as it is employed in praising the Creator of all Things, has induced me to leave no Method untried to promote an Affair of such Confequence. And though, in the following Treatise, the Rock on which it split is pointed out, and a simple Method laid down for reviving and conducting it properly; yet this, or any other Scheme, is of no Consequence, so long as it is in the Power of every Organist or Church-clerk to introduce what Tunes he pleases.

WERE the Pfalms altered every Month, it would be no Bar to public Worship, there being few that cannot read Print; but the Loss occasioned by altering the Music is irreparable. For though People are taught a few Pfalm-tunes when

at School in a most regular Manner, yet their Knowledge in Music reaches no further; and their giving no Attention to it afterwards renders them incapable of joining in any new Compositions without going to School again, which cannot be expected.

IT must be allowed, that an Organist or Church-clerk, with a few trained Boys around him, may, in time, teach the tractable Part of a Congregation the Tenor of a Church-tune; but there will be many whose Genius or Desire of Novelty is fo backward, that they will not take the Trouble to learn any thing they think there is little Use for; and should they all endeavour to learn this Tenor, and also become Masters of it, there would be little gained by the Acquifition, as it will be next to an Impoffibility to introduce the other Parts by this Method. But should an Organist or Church-clerk, even with Length of

Days

Days and indefatigable Labour, produce the whole Parts, and make the Congregation fing a fuitable Number of Tunes in the most finished Manner, what availeth it? For how foon he dies, or leaves the Place, his Successor, out of a View of Gain, or to be thought of Consequence, despises the former Tunes as old and ridiculous, and compiles or composes a Set of his own. These he holds forth as the finest that have yet appeared; and after procuring the Confent of the Minister and a few leading People, (who probably know little of Music, but look on him as an infallible Judge of those Matters), he next introduces them, full of Hopes they will give universal Satisfaction, and that the whole Congregation will be equally fond of them with himself. But how dismal is the Consequence? Those who were in use to praise God skilfully, and with a loud Voice, are at once struck dumb. A beautiful Fabric is cast down, and it

is a thousand to one if ever the Fellow of it be reared again in that Corner; for People advanced in Life, who were probably more than once used in this Way, are immediately incensed, and apprehending there will be no End to these Innovations, they turn obstinate, and determine, from that Time forward, either to be silent altogether, or to sing according to their own Fancy. It is likely that from this arose that common Phrase, which is to be heard in the Mouth of every one that opposes Improvements

To remedy this, it is most humbly suggested, that a select Number of Psalmtunes should be appointed by the Legislature for the established Churches in Great Britain. Were this the Case, what delightful Consequences would arise from it? The Public would have no Fear of being bassled or distracted with

in Church-music, viz. That every Man

ought to praise God in his own Way.

with Novelty; and therefore would judge it as necessary to have their Children taught to praise GoD in a decent and becoming Manner as to read his Word; fo that harmonious Praise would prevail every where. The Mufic being univerfally the fame, would enable Members of different Congregations, when met together, to join with Skill and Alacrity in that Part of Worship. The Harmony of united Parts, when performed regularly by a numerous Congregation, strikes the Soul with Awe and Reverence, and greatly heightens Devotion. The Grandeur of the Mufic alone might induce fome to go to Church, who are otherwise indifferent about it.

IT may be objected, that fuch a Law might discourage Men of Knowledge and Genius to attempt finer Compositions of this kind than have hitherto appeared. What may happen, cannot presently h

presently be foreseen; only it will be evident to any impartial Judge, that the Church-tunes composed two hundred Years ago, are nothing inferior to any that have been produced since.

If the Legislature had not excluded different Versions of the Psalms in Metre, by appointing one for the Use of Churches, it is more than probable that every Church would have their own peculiar Set, as they have at present of Church-tunes; for the same Motives which incite Men of Genius to the one, would equally incite them to the other.

This therefore being the only Part of public Worship that is vague and uncontrolled by Law, it is most earnestly hoped, that these, and many other Reasons, will induce those invested with Church-government to take an Affair of such Importance into their serious Consideration.

To the Church-Clerks of Precentors in general.

GENTLEMEN,

S it is in your Power either to frustrate or to affish the Intention of the following Treatife, the former of which I have no Fear of your doing defignedly, I beg Leave to give a few Hints for the better conducting this high Act of Devotion.

And,

First, Let it be your particular Care, in giving out the Psalm-tune; to begin the Note as soft as possible, and increase the Sound as you go on, or, in other Words, to swell the Note; and this do at least at the Beginning of every Line; the Consequence of which will be, that the whole Congregation will endeavour to imitate you; and when they can do it, what a striking Effect must a Swell of probably a thousand Voices have? On the contrary, if you begin in a bawling Manner, how shocking must the Bawl of such a Multitude be?

The next Thing recommended is, that you introduce no Graces, even where they would be agreeable, otherwise they will in like manner copy your Example, and probably go much farther. If the Fancy is once set to work, it is uncertain where it will end.

It is evident, that when these Tunes were first composed, they were performed in the Churches b 2 simply fimply as they are fet; for Graces of any kind would have destroyed the Harmony *; but either for want of proper Teachers, or Care in Churchgovernors, the Parts were in process of Time entirely forgot, so that there remained only the Tenor. This being the Case, few or none at last thought of learning Church-music; and both the Art and Excellency of it was fo much forgot, that when a Precentor was wanted, the principal Qualifications requifite were Poverty and a loud Voicefor reading the Line, it being a Matter of no Consequence whether he knew a Note of Music or not; for the Tenor, which was the only Part attempted, and which was conveyed only by the Ear from one Generation to another, was now fo corrupted by Graces and Quavers, as they called them, that the Tune was entirely defaced, and the original Note (which they knew nothing about) had no more Share of the Performance than the Nonsense they thought proper to add to it +.

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^{*} Graces are allowable only in Solos, or finging alone, and are never introduced in any Chorus, whether vocal or instrumental, by the most regular bred Musicians.

[†] Endeavouring once to convince an old Man, who was Precentor in a Country-church, how abfurd he rendered the Music, by allotting so many different Sounds to one Syllable, when there was only one intended; he replied, with a good deal of Briskness, that he did not value what any Man intended, and that he believed the People of the present Generation knew nothing of the Matter; for his Master was allowed to understand that Assair thoroughly, and he told him, there ought to be eight Quavers in the first Note of the Elgin

Had these nonsensical Graces been the same every where, it would have been the less Matter; but, on the contrary, every Congregation, nay, every Individual, had different Graces to the same Note, which were dragged by many to such an immoderate Length, that one Corner of the Church, or the People in one Seat, had sung out the Line before another had half done; and from the whole there arose such a Mass of Confusion and Discord as quite debased this the noblest Part of divine Worship. This they called the old Way of singing, for which there were many Advocates, though in fact it was the new, or rather no Way at all.

Many of you will remember that this was the Situation of Church-music in most Places of the Country until the Year 1756, when the Improvements in a neighbouring County opened the Eyes of those in Power here; upon which there was a Committee appointed, confishing of a Number of the Ministers, Lords of Session, Barons of Exchequer, Musical Society, and the whole Town-council. The first Step this Honourable Committee took, was to appoint a proper Number of Churchtunes; and after they were carefully examined by the best Masters, I was appointed to print them, and are the same you have in this little Book. They were no fooner published, than an universal Spirit diffused through all Ranks. Men of seventy and Boys of feven Years old were at School together, and equally keen of Instruction. Their Diligence enabled.

enabled the Teachers to produce very fine Concerts in a few Weeks, there being no Piece of Education a Teacher can furprise the Public with so soon as Church-music. The same Emulation ran through our Churches: For those that were not taught, being ftruck with the Grandeur of the Harmony, were either filent, or went alongst with any whose Knowledge they could depend on, fo that in a few Months the former erroneous Manner of finging was entirely forgot; and happy had it continued fo; but with Grief I hear many of you are falling into the same Error with your Predecessors; and depend upon it, the Consequence will be, that in a few Years Church-music will be as ridiculous as ever. The Graces you are introducing have already prevented many from finging different Parts; and when they are once dropped, the whole Congregation will (as formerly observed) invent numberless Graces of their own, thinking themselves at liberty, by your Example, to embellish, or rather confound, the Music as their Fancy directs.

I know the Argument you use is, that in giving out the Tune you are allowed to sing some Time alone, till the Congregation know what Tune you are singing, and therefore you grace these sew Notes, to make them the more agreeable to yourself and the Audience, but that after they join, you grace no more.

This is a very groundless Reason; for would you only take the Trouble to name the Tune you are

to fing before you begin, the Congregation would

strike in at the very first Note.

If you are the Schoolmaster of the Parish, which is generally the Case in the Country, you have all you could wish for, as your own Scholars (every one of which ought to be taught Church-music along with the other Branches of their Education) will furnish a Band of regular Singers, upon whose Affishance you can always depend; and the Order and Harmony of their Performance will not only be a Bar against Irregularity, but will also induce others to follow their Example.

It was observed just now, that Church-music ought to be given along with other Education. This, upon Confideration, will be found to be the proper Time; for when Youth are put to School, it is to be supposed they will attend it for some Years; so that if you would only allot for Church-music ten Minutes every Day before the School is difmiffed at Twelve o'Clock, or in the Evening, it would be Instruction sufficient for that Branch of Education. You will probably think it hard to work for nothing; but this will feldom be the Cafe, for those that can pay, will; and if you receive no other Return than the Delight their Performance will give, it is enough; for if they are properly trained, it will be the happiest ten Minutes you spend in the Day: Add to this, that, in process of Time, the Bulk of the Parish will have been your Scholars, and confequently good Singers.

If the Line is not read, (which is by far the better Way), take care you do not croud the Music too fast on the Congregation. When one Line is fung, make a proper Paule, that they all may be ready to begin the next along with you. The whole Beauty and Perfection of Music depends on keeping Time, i.e. to begin and end every Note together. If more than fixteen Lines are fung at once, the Congregation will be apt to tire, and turn careless both of Tune and Time.

Be careful to chuse such Tunes as are best adapted to the Subject. If the Subject is joyful and elevating, the Tune you are to fing should be spirited and lively; if it is a mournful and humbling Subject, the Tune should be grave and solemn. Tunes of the first kind are those with the sharp or greater Third, as the Stilt, French, Dunfermline, &c. and those of the second kind are characterised by the flat or leffer Third, as the Dundee, Elgin, Fedburgh, Briftol, &c.

R E A D E R.

A S fo many Authors of Note have writ-ten upon Music, I might justly be charged with Presumption, should I either attempt to make new Discoveries in this Science, or pretend to offer any thing better to the World than has already been pu-blished in their Writings. My sole Aim is to render their superior Skill more generally useful, by a short and easy Treatise on that Subject. They wrote for the Information and Improvement of those who make Music their Profession, or who chuse it for a Science which they incline to study in its full Extent: I write chiefly for the Instruction of those who are yet to learn. And if the few following Sheets shall serve to make the first Principles of this Science fo plain and intelligible, that any attentive Reader of ordinary Capacity may understand as much of the Theory as is necessary for Practice, I have gained my End.

This Defire of being understood even by People of the lowest Rank and Education, has obliged me to avoid every thing that might tend to perplex Readers who are at a

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Distance from Help, and to write in such a familiar Manner as may appear mean to those who are Masters of Style; but I hope they will excuse me, when they consider that Things are chiefly to be valued by their Tendency to attain the End they are designed for.

Though the Music-master can receive no Instruction from this little Treatise, yet, if he chuses to recommend it to his Scholars, it may fave him fome Trouble, as it will inform them of many Things necessary for them to know.

A Number of these Tunes are taken from an Edition published in the Reign of King James VI. when Church-music appears to have been more regularly performed than it has been among us for many Years past. I should have been highly to blame if I had prefumed to alter one Note of them, except where it evidently appeared to be an Error formerly in the Press, and not many of these occurred. They have certainly been composed by very great Masters; for when the tour Parts are sung, there is a Fulness and Grandeur in their Harmony, which makes them far preferable to most modern Compositions of this kind; and I am defired by the best Masters and Judges in this Part of the Kingdom, (by whom they have been revised), to observe, that whoever takes upon him to alter a Note of them, does a real Injury to the Public; because, were they to be altered at the Pleasure of every Composer, it is more than probable that every Town, perhaps every Church, would have different Sets of the same Tunes; so that the Members of different Congregations, should they happen to meet in one Place, instead of harmonious Praise, would debase the highest Act of divine Worship with Confusion and Discord.

The Basses are figured for the Benefit of

those who are learning thorough Bass.

When the Reader peruses the Chapter on Transposition, I beg, that, before he proceeds, he may provide himself with a Set of the Papers there described, and apply them as he goes along; otherwise that Part of the Work will appear useless and unintelligible, even to the learned in Music.

I have nothing further to crave, but that the Public will receive with Indulgence and Candour what was certainly well-meant, and is now humbly submitted to their Judgment.

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TREATISE

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Of the SCALE.

T is the End and Office of the Scale to shew the Degrees of Sound, by which a Voice may melodiously either ascend or descend to any harmonical Distance.

These Degrees are in Number seven, and are distinguished by the first seven Letters of the Alphabet; and though there are many Intervals of Sound within the Compass of a Voice or Instrument, yet, strictly speaking, the Scale is comprehended in an Ostave; that is, from any one Letter to its Eighth; as from C to C, D to D, &c.;

whatever is above or below, being but a Repetition of the fame Letters, and a Return of the fame Sounds.

I have fet down the Scale at large in Plate first, not with a View to be sung, as it exceeds the Compass of most Voices, but because whatever may be said of it afterwards, will be better understood from seeing the whole than a Part.

It must be observed, that there are two Staves, each containing five Lines. The upper comprehends the Treble, the lower the Bass; but as Music sometimes exceeds these five Lines, both above and below, there are others added, (see the first and three last Notes of the Treble), which are called Leger-lines.

Before the Learner proceeds further, he ought to learn to name the Notes of the Treble readily at Sight, as C on the first Leger-line below, D under the first of the five, E on the first, F above the first, G on the fecond, A above the fecond, and so on.

—As the Notes of the Bass are not named by the same Letters with those on the same Lines and Spaces in the Treble, the

Bass ought therefore to be referred till the Learner is well acquainted with the other, and can fing the Trebles of most Tunes; and as it will be necessary to refer often to the Scale, let the Treble be only viewed on these Occasions.

The next Thing to be considered, is the different *Characters* in Music, which shall be treated of as they lie in Order in the *Plate*.

Of Notes, their Names and Proportions.

The Notes made use of in either vocal or instrumental Music, are of fix Sorts, namely, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiquaver, and Demi-semi-quaver. As to their Lengths and Proportions, a Semibreve is equal to two Minims, sour Crotchets, &c. as in the Plate. The Length that a Semibreve ought to be in Church-music, shall be hereafter treated of.

Of RESTS.

These are Characters which denote Silence, or an Intermission of Sound, and are equal, as to Measure of Time, with the Notes after

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which they are placed. They are likewise called by the same Names, as a Semibreve Rest, Minim Rest, Crotchet Rest, &c.

Of a Dot or Point.

A Dot or Point placed after any Note, makes that Note longer by a Half. For Instance, a Semibreve alone is equal to two Minims, but, by a Dot after it, it is made equal to three; a Minim again is equal to two Crotchets, but with a Dot is equal to three, and so of the others.

Of CLIFFS.

There is one or other of them fet at the Beginning of every Tune, because otherwise the Music would have no Meaning, nor could it be known how to name a Note in any Space or Line without such. The first is the G Cliff, placed on the second Line, and signifies the Treble, or highest Part. The next is the C Cliff, and is set on the first, second, third, or sourth Line, as the Compass of the Music requires: whatever Line it is set on, the Note on any such Line is C; and the

the other Letters take their Places accordingly, as D above it, B below it, and so on: it serves for all *inner Parts*, and is called the *Tenor Cliff*. The last is the F *Cliff*, which is placed on the *fourth Line*, and is peculiar to the *Bass* or Ground Part.

Of BARS.

There are Lines which cross the five Lines, and which, together with the Spaces betwixt them, are called Bars. Of these there are two Kinds, namely, fingle and double. The fingle Bars ferve to divide the Time, according to its Measure, whether common or triple; the double ones ferve to divide every Strain of a Tune. There is a Character or Arch, in this Example, placed over the first double Bar, and is called a Close: it serves to shew, that whatever Note it is placed over, is to be the last Note of the Piece; and fometimes it denotes, that the Note over which it is placed, may be lengthened at pleasure. There is another Character placed over the fecond double Bar, called a Repeat, which shews, that the Music

is to be performed over again from the Note over which it is placed: and Dots being placed by the double Bar, ferve the fame Purpose. The other Character at the End of the five Lines resembling a W, is called a Direct; and is placed at the End of a Stave, in order to shew on what Line or Space the first Note in the next Stave is placed.

Of TIME.

The Characters which denote Time, are always placed at the Beginning of a Piece of Music; and though they are many in Number, yet there are but two Sorts of Time, namely, common Time and triple Time.

The first of the Characters in common Time denotes the Music to be flow, and shews that there is a Semibreve, or as many other Notes or Rests as are equal to its Length in a Bar. The second denotes the Music's being quick, and answers for either one or two Semibreves in a Bar.

Triple Time is known, by having either $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{3}{6}$, $\mathfrak{S}c$. at the Beginning of the Tune. The first of these shews, that there are three Minims

Minims in a Bar, and is the flowest of all triple Times. The fecond 3 flews, that there are three Crotchets in a Bar, and is fometimes quicker than the former. But, that these and all other kinds of Time may be rightly understood, let it be observed, that the Semibreve is the Source of all Times; for the Figure below being either 2, 4, or 8, fignifies Minims, Crotchets, or Quavers, contained in a Semibreve, and the Figure above shews how many of either of these are in a Bar. For Example, if 3 is placed before a Piece of Music, the Figure below tells the Number of Parts into which the Semibreve is divided, namely, two, which fignifies Minims; for there are no other Notes whereof two are equal to a Semibreve: Then the Figure 3 above, shews, that there are three of these Minims in a Bar, and so of the rest.

Of Tones and SEMITONES.

Though these are not Characters, yet it is necessary to explain them here, the better to understand what follows.

A Tone then is a full Degree of Sound, above

above any given Sound. A Half or Semitone is but the Half of that Degree. The natural Tones are represented in the Scale, by being put at a Distance from each other, as D is from C, and E from D. The natural Semitones are distinguished, by being put close to the former Tones, as F is to E, and C to B.

Each Tone is divided by a Semitone, which answers for the Sharp of the Note below, and the Flat of the Note above it. As for Instance, from C to D is a Tone; but there is a Semitone betwixt them, which answers for C sharp, or D slat; and so of all other Tones. This is best to be seen on the Keys of an Organ, Harpsichord, or Spinnet.

Of SHARPS, FLATS, and NATURALS.

As Music consists of Tones and Semitones, it is the Office of Sharps and Flats to make Tones Semitones, and Semitones Tones, where-ever they are introduced; for if a Sharp is placed before a Note, it causes that Note to be sung a Semitone higher, or more acute than its natural Pitch. A

Flat

Flat has the contrary Effect; for it takes away a Semitone from any Note before which it is placed, in order to make it more flat or grave. If either of them is fet on the Lines or Spaces at the Beginning of a Piece of Music, they affect the Notes on such Lines or Spaces throughout the whole Tune, according to their different Natures. A Natural serves to restore any Note before which it is placed, to its former natural Sound.

Of SOL-FA-ING.

I know Sol-fa-ing to be much used, and little understood; nor is this to be wondered at, as its Intricacy is very great. Before any thing can be said, to make it rightly comprehended, the Key or Tone must be sirst treated of, then slat and sharp Harmony, and after that Transposition; all which are of the utmost Consequence to those who intend to make any Proficiency in Music.

Of the KEY or TONE.

There is in every regular Piece of Music

B one

one Sound or Tone predominant, to which all other Sounds in the Composition do refer. This Sound or Tone is called the Key, in which Key the Bass never fails to conclude. Both Tenor and Bass conclude with the Key-note in all the Tunes in the following Collection.

Of FLAT and SHARP HARMONY.

There are only two Kinds of Harmony, namely, flat and fharp. The Difference is not to be understood by the Sharps or Flats at the Beginning of any Piece of Music, but by the third Note above the Key; for if the third is flat, the Harmony is flat; and if sharp, the Harmony is sharp also.

Now, to find out whether the third above the Key be flat or sharp, or, in other Words, the leffer or greater Third, it must be observed, that if there be two Tones from the Key to the third, as in the Scale from C to E, from F to A, and from G to B, then the Third is sharp, and so is the Harmony: But if there is but a Tone and a half, as from D to F, from E to G, from A to C,

and from B to D, then the third is flat, and likewise the Harmony.

The Tunes in sharp Harmony being more gay and airy, are most proper for Thanks-givings, &c. and those in slat Harmony, being of a grave or melancholy Nature, for mournful Occasions, such as Funerals, Fasts, and the like.

Of TRANSPOSITION.

If Music happens to be set on a Key too high, or too low, for a particular Instrument, or a Voice accompanied with an Instrument, then to bring this Music, with its proper Sharps or Flats, to a Key within the Compass of such Voice and Instrument, is called Transposition.

There is in every OEtave throughout the Scale two Semitones, though differently disposed; for reckoning C the first Note, then by counting upwards, (which must be always done in Music), the Semitones are the fourth and eighth; reckoning D the first, the Semitones are the third and seventh; reckoning E the first, the Semitones are the

fecond and fixth, and thus their Situations differ, till C is the first again, which begins afresh as formerly. Now, to dispose of these Semitones properly, into whatever Key the music is to be transposed, is the right understanding of Transposition.

Let it be observed then, that the Series or Order of the Tones and Semitones in sharp Harmony, of which we shall first treat, is in the Scale from C to C, where the Semitones are naturally the 4th and 8th. So that when Music is in the Key C, with the greater third, (see St Anne's Tune), then there are no Sharps or Flats at the Beginning; but was that, or any other Tune on the Key C, to be transposed to some other Key in which the Semitones are not the fourth and eighth, as above, then Flats or Sharps must be used, to bring them to their proper Places. And to prove this by Example, let there be fifteen Pieces of Paper or Cards provided, which are equal to the Number of Notes in the Seale; on each of these let there be a Letter marked, as the Notes in the Scale are lettered, which Notes they are to represent, as on the first C, on the next D, and so on. This done.

done, place them in a straight Line progressively, as the Tones and Semitones are placed in the Scale. As from C, place D at a little Distance, to represent a Tone; and, in like manner, E from D, being another Tone; then let F be put close to E, to represent a Semitone, and so on till the whole are placed. Of this Order of the Papers there is a Representation in Miniature under the Scale. N. B. When a Paper is hereafter moved forwards, it signifies, that the Note which it represents is become sharp, and when backwards, slat.

The Papers being now placed, let it be fupposed that the same Tune, namely, St Anne's, is too low, and is therefore wanted to be transposed a Note higher, viz. to D. For this Purpose let all the Papers be put away, except the two D's, and those betwixt them, and then there remain only those that represent the Otlave from D to D, in which Octave the Semitones are naturally the 3d and 7th; therefore to make them the 4th and 8th, F the third must be moved forward close to G the fourth, which shows that F must be sharp, and then the fourth becomes

the Semitone: Again, move C the 7th forward close to D the 8th, by which means it is likewise made sharp, and the 8th becomes the other Semitone. So that by making F and C sharp, the Semitones take their proper Places, namely, the 4th and 8th: And if Sharps are placed on F and C, at the Beginning of the Tune so transposed, as in Newton Tune, it will sing or play as well as when on C.

Let it be again supposed, that the Tune is still too low, and requires to be transposed a Note bigher, namely to E; then the Papers must be placed agreeable to the Scale, as formerly; and having done this, let all be put away except those that represent the Octave from E to E, in which the natural Semitones are the 2d and 6th. But to bring them to their respective Places, F the second must be moved forward, to make it a Tone from the 1st, and G the third must be likewife moved forward, to make it a Tone from the 2d, by which means the 4th becomes the Semitone. The 5th is naturally right, being a Tone from the 4th: The 6th is not right, and therefore must be moved forward;

nor is the 7th right, but must likewise be moved forward, which makes the 8th become the other Semitone. Now, these four Notes, F, G, C, and D, by being moved forward from their natural Places, are made sharp; so that if any Tune, with the Sharp or greater Third, is transposed to E, these Notes must be marked sharp at the Beginning.

It may be once more supposed, that the Tune is too low, and therefore must be carried a Note higher still, namely, to F. Place the Papers again according to the Scale as before, and put away all except those that represent the Octave from F to F, where the natural Semitones are the 5th and 8th. Then the 2d and 3d are right; but the fourth, viz. B, is not right, being a Tone from the third, and therefore must be put backwards to make it the Semitone, which represents its becoming flat. All the rest are right; so that if the Tune is transposed to F, a Flat must be marked on B, at the Beginning, as in the French Tune. And yet it is evident, that it is no flatter than when in E with four Sharps, as the Tones and Semitones are the same Way situated in both.

It is needless to give more Examples in sharp Harmony, as any one, who understands what has been faid, will with Ease find out the proper Sharps or Flats, when carried to any other Key: As if to G, F sharp; if to A, F, C, and G sharp; and if to B, (which seldom happens), C, D, F, G,

and A sharp.

It now follows to give an Example of the other Kind of Harmony, namely, that with the Flat or lesser Third, where the Order of the Tones and Semitones is to be feen in the Scale, from A to A, the Semitones being naturally the 3d and 6th. —Let it then be supposed, that the Dundee Tune (being on the natural Key A with the leffer Third, where no Sharps or Flats are required) is fix Notes too high, and therefore must be transposed to C. Then let the Papers be placed by the Scale, as formerly; this done, put away all except those which represent the Octave from C to C, and the natural Semitones are the 4th and 8th. But to make them the 3d and 6th, E, A, and B must be moved backward, and are thereby made flat; and they must likewise bc

be marked so before any Tune on C, with the leffer Third.

To give more Examples would be idle, as any one who chuses may find, by applying the Papers as formerly, what Sharps or Flats are requisite when carried to any other Key: As if to D, B must be flat; if to E, F must be sharp; if to F, (which rarely happens), A, B, D, and E must be flat; if to G, B and E must be flat; and if to B, F and C must be sharp. From what has been said on the two different Kinds of Harmony, it will readily appear, that the Difference betwixt them is not to be distinguished by the Sharps or Flats at the Beginning, but by either Third being above the Key.

It often happens, that some one or other of these Flats or Sharps is the Key or fundamental Note, and Music may be transposed to any one of them at Pleasure: And though the Papers only represent the natural Tones and Semitones; yet by placing them according to the Scale, as formerly, and moving any one designed for a Key, backwards or forwards, to represent its being either slat or sharp, then by moving the rest as either C

Third directs, they will likewife shew what Flats or Sharps are requisite for any such Key. Example, If any Tune, with the sharp or greater Third, is wanted to be transposed to B flat, then let the Papers be placed as formerly. This done, let B the Key be moved backwards, to represent its being flat; afterwards let them all be put away, except the Octave from B to B; and by comparing them with the sharp Series in the Scale, it will be found, that the 2d and 3d are right; the 4th is not right, and therefore must be put backwards; the 5th, 6th, and 7th are right; the 8th being the same with the Key, must be also flat. And let it be observed, that whatever has been faid of these Intervals of Sound within an Octave, is to be understood as meant also of their Octaves; so that if Notes are marked flat or sharp at the Beginning of any Tune, their Octaves above or below are also flat or sharp.

Having I hope sufficiently explained Transposition, it now follows to make Sol-fa-ing

understood by it.

At present there are only four Syllables used, namely, fa, sol, la, mi, though there

were more formerly; and their Order or Series is, Fa, sol, la, fa, sol, la, mi: Fa, &c. as above the Scale. So that above mi, whereever it is placed, stands fa, fol, la, and below it, the same reversed, la, sol, fa; and one mi is always an Octave distant from another *. Now, in order to shew how these Syllables are applied to finging, I have only to obferve, that the 7th is always mi in any Tune with the sharp or greater Third, whatever Key the Tune is on; and the 2d is always mi in Tunes with the leffer Third, whatever Keys they are on. As, for Example, if a Tune is on C with the greater Third, the natural B, being the 7th, is mi; but if transposed to D, C sharp is mi; and thus its place will change with the Key throughout the Octave; and in Tunes with the leffer Third, the mi goes along with the fecond, whatever the Key be; fo that as the Place of mi rules the Places of the other Syllables, the Note or Letter that is called fa in one Tune, is called fol in another,

This is an evident Defect; for as there are two Semitones within the Compass of an Octave, there ought to be two mi's to introduce these Semitones.

la in a third, and mi in a fourth. From thence it will readily appear, what Difficulty attends Sol-fa-ing.

It may be asked, May not all Music be set on the natural Keys, viz. the Tunes with the sharp or greater Third on C, and those with the flat or leffer Third on A, by which means B would be always mi, and consefequently the Difficulty that must attend Solfa-ing, by placing Tunes on different Keys, be entirely removed? I answer, it is imposfible; and were it otherwise, yet the Difficulty would still remain, because, in the Course of the Harmony of any Pfalm or Song, the Variety fo necessary to please and entertain, requires the introducing other Keys than the peculiar one of the Piece. For Instance, St Anne's Tune is on C with the greater 3d, by which means B the 7th is mi; but in the fecond Measure F sharp is introduced, which is a certain Sign the Key is changed; for nothing can enter into the Harmony while it continues in C, except the seven natural Notes, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. But to shew how the Modulation from one Key to another, in both flat and sharp Harmony, is at

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all Times performed, would fwell this Treatife to too great a Bulk; however, that the Learner may know fomething of the Matter, let it be observed, that it is chiefly performed by the great Seventh of that Key into which the Music is going. Thus, if a sharp or natural is introduced, that has no Connection with the Harmony, the Semitone above any fuch becomes the Key, so that F sharp being introduced in St Anne's Tune, makes G the Key; consequently B is now no more mi, as it is not a 7th, but a 3d to the new Key G; and therefore the 7th must be looked for, and will be found to be F sharp, which is the Seat of mi, while G continues the Key.

To enumerate Examples of this Kind would be needless, as what has been faid is fufficient to shew, that there is more Intricacy in Sol-fa-ing, and more Time required to perform it exactly, than the whole of Mufic besides. Nor can these Syllables be of any real Use either to Teacher or Scholar; for, as Malcolm observes, it is impossible to express the Distance betwixt any Degrees of Sound by them with any Certainty. As for Example, if it is asked, What Distance is

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between fa and sol? the Question has two different Answers; for it is either a 2d or a 5th: And with respect to their distinguishing the Tones or Semitones, is likewise impossible, as Music sometimes changes so often from one Key to another, and so sudden, that no Master will at all Times immediately discover the Transition.

As Sol-fa-ing therefore feems difficult, and not at all necessary, it now follows to constitute something in its Place, that will be more useful and easier attained to. In this there is no Difficulty, as we have already the seven Letters of the Alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, which are all as musical, when applied to Sounds, as the other, only F excepted, for which let sa be pronounced. That they are more useful, is plain, as by them the whole of Music is chiefly communicated; and that they are easier learned, is evident, as their Places are unalterably fixed, whatever Key the Music is on, according to whatever Cliff is set at the Beginning.

But if any Teacher will still use Sol-fa-ing, as thinking these Syllables more musical than the Letters, let him lay no Stress on his mi,

as it may probably leave him when he is not aware of it. Nor need he regard whether a Pupil calls fa, fol, or fol, fa; that is, gives the Name of one Note to another, providing he gives it its proper Sound, as it is not the Name of a Note, but the Justness of its Sound, that is to be considered; for Names are only given, to shew the Relation one Sound has to another. And was only the Letter A to be used for some time in teaching to fing, it would tend much better to make a good Singer than any other Letter or Syllable whatever, as, by pronouncing A, the Mouth is accustomed to be open when singing, without which none can fing well. If any chuse to make the Experiment, let them found any Note A with a Mouth pretty much open, then found the same Note mi, and it will be immediately discovered, that the one Sound is much more fonorous than the other.

Of TIME.

Having formerly been at a good deal of Trouble convening Judges to afcertain the proper proper Length of a *Pendulum* by which *Church-music* was to be regulated, (as may be seen by those who have the former Edition), and finding, after all, that sew or none had the Curiosity to apply it; I shall here make use of a well-regulated *House-clock*, to which

most People have Access.

Let the Practitioner sit or stand by the Clock, with a Table before him, and count the Seconds or Motions of the Pendulum in fours, as 1, 2, 3, 4; -1, 2, 3, 4; 1, and fo on. Let the Hand be put down at 1; moved to the right, without raising it from the Table, at 2; raised towards the left Breast at 3; and from thence towards the right Ear at 4; then down again at 1, and fo forth. This cannot be done regularly without a good deal of Practice; but when once attained, let the Voice give a Sound equal in Length of Time to these four Motions of the Hand, and this Sound is a proper Length for a Semibreve in all the common Time Churchtunes in the following Collection. Now, if a Semibreve be equal in Length to four Seconds, confequently a Minim must be equal to two, and a Crotchet to one. From thence

the Nature of *Time*, and Value or Proportion of Notes will readily appear.—There is another Method of beating common Time, which shall be treated in explaining the Plate of Lessons.

Of TRIPLE TIME.

Triple-time Tunes being of a more light and airy Nature, the Semibreve in them ought to be no longer than a Minim in those of common Time; and as each Bar contains three Minims, or Notes equal in Value to three Minims, let the Learner stand by the Clock, and count the Seconds in threes; then let the Hand be put down at 1, moved to the Right, as formerly, at 2, and raised towards the right Ear at 3; down again at 1, and so on. As the Hand must be down at the Beginning of every Bar, if there be a Note before the first Bar, the Hand must be raised when that Note is fung. After this Manner ought Time to be beat to all Triple-time Music, whether the Bar contains three Semibreves, three Minims, three Crotchets, or three Quavers; only the Clock will

rarely be of Service except in Church-music, as the Time must be beat quick or slow according to the Nature of the Music performed. I must again beg the Learner's Care to beat the Time at the Beginning of every Bar, whether the Music be in common or triple Time, otherwise he will undoubtedly mar his Performance.

Of LESSON I. Plate 2.

This Lesson is the plain natural Scale; it has been hitherto used only as it relates to the Knowledge of Music, but now it follows to shew how by it all Music is performed; and as it is the Ground of all, whether vocal or instrumental, it must therefore be perfectly learned by those who intend to make any Progress in that Art. But as it may be too extensive for some Voices, we shall begin with the next Lesson, which will answer the Purpose equally well, it being a complete Octave, and therefore comprehends the whole of Music, as was observed in Page first.

LESSON II.

The only Difference betwixt this Lesson and the former is, that it contains fewer Notes, and is on a different Key; for the other being on the natural Key C, with the sharp or greater Third, renders it free of Sharps and Flats; but this being on the Key G, F the 7th must be sharp, to bring the Semitones to their proper Places, as has been formerly observed.

The Learner having now, it is hoped, understood as much of the Theory as is necessary for Practice, his next Study must be to tune his Voice, for which no System of Notes is so proper as the Scale. It is impossible to give any Directions in Writing that will tend to shew how to perform it; so that those who are entirely ignorant, must procure the Assistance of one who can either sing it, or play it on some Instrument, along with them, till they are quite Masters of it; and this Assistance any one can give that is in the least skilled in Music*. Care must

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^{*} Hearing many Complaints from the Country anent the Difficulty of finding the above-mentioned Affistance, I therefore invented an Instrument that cannot go out of Tune, by which any one may learn to fing the Scale justly. This Instrument is sold for a few Shillings.

be taken to keep the Mouth pretty much open, that the Sound may be clear and sonorous. The human Voice, if properly used, is far preferable to any other Music; but if overstretched, there is no Music so bad: The Learner, therefore, cannot be too cautious in finding the proper Tone of his Voice at the Beginning, as the bad Habits he then contracts will rarely afterwards be conquered.

This Lesson being slow common Time, each Note must be fung equal in Length to four Seconds of the Clock, and Time beat as formerly directed. This ought to be fung both forwards and backwards, till the Voice is quite formed, and can, without help, perform it exactly, both in Tune and Time. When this and the three following Lessons are once attained, this Lesson being the Scale, ought to be fung without beating Time, and the Notes gradually shortened, till at last they are fung as quick as it is posfible to count 1, 2, 3, 4; but when fung quick, they ought not to be named by Letters or Syllables, but only by the Letter A throughout the whole.

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LESSONS III. IV. & V.

The first of these is the same with the former, only instead of a Semibreve, each Bar contains two Minims, each of which is equal to two Seconds, or Motions of the Hand.

The next is the same, only divided into four Crotchets, each of which is equal to one Second, or Motion of the Hand.

The fifth contains a pointed Minim and Crotchet, which is the same as to Measure of Time with a Semibreve, as the pointed Minim is equal to the three first Motions of the Hand, and the Crotchet to the last.

LESSON VI.

Hitherto the Scale has been performed regularly; this and the following Lessons shew how it is to be applied to Music.

Let the Learner observe, that when he has sung the first Note G, he must leap over A, and sing B, &c. These are called Leaps of Thirds, as the second Note in every Bar is a third from the first. That he may hit the Distance

Distance of a 3d exactly, let G be sounded its proper Length, then let A be sounded as short as possible, and it will lead to B, and so of the others; but Care must be taken to drop the Use of these Intervals as soon as the Performer can do without them*.

Let us here observe the other Species of common Time formerly mentioned, which is distinguished by a perpendicular Stroke drawn through the Common-time Character placed before this and the four following Lessons. The Rule already laid down is, that a Semibreve is equal in Length to four Seconds of the Clock, and each of these Seconds to have a Motion of the Hand, consequently a Minim must be equal to two of these Seconds or Motions. We shall here still suppose the Minim to be equal in Length to two Seconds; but instead of two Motions of the Hand to each Minim, let there be but one; that is, let the Hand be put down at the Beginning of each Bar, and raised towards the right Ear when it is half fung, down again at the next Bar,

^{*} Intervals fignify such intermediate Notes as are passed over; for instance, suppose a Leap from G to D, (see Lesson 8.), then the Intervals are A, B, C.

and so on. This is called two in a Bar. After this Manner ought Time to be beat in all the *Common-time Church-tunes* in the following Collection.

LESSONS VII. & VIII.

Lesson seventh is an Example of Leaps of Fourths, the second Note in every Bar being a 4th from the 1st. To perform this, the Learner must take the Assistance of the Intervals both ascending and descending; for to come at C from G with Certainty, the Voice must touch the Intervals A and B, and in returning from C to A, the Interval B must be touched. Though the Intervals are marked no farther than the first Bar, yet the Learner may go on taking the help of them through the whole Lesson; only they must be founded as short as possible, because whatever Time is spent on them, must be taken from the chief Notes.

Lesson eighth contains Leaps of Fifths, and are attained by the Help of the Intervals as above. This Method of using the Intervals to lead the Voice from one Leap

to another, is applying the Scale to Practice.

LESSON IX.

Each Bar here contains four Crotchets, two of which must be sung in the Time of one Minim, or Motion of the Hand.

LESSON X.

This Lesson contains all the Variety of Leaps in an Octave; but before the Learner attempts it, he ought to make his Voice run the Octave (that is, from G to G, as Lesson 2.) both forwards and backwards, as quick as possible, as it will enable him readily to apply the Intervals to hit the Diffances.

It will not be improper to observe here, that when a person intends to sing any Piece of Music at Sight, he ought first to find the Key-note, and then observe whether it has the greater or lesser Third; having sound both these, let an Ostave from the Key-note be sung up and down, as either 3d directs; and it will greatly enable the Personner to go through

through the Piece with Exactness. But as the Progression of the flat Scale differs from that of the sharp, it shall be treated of afterwards.

LESSONS XI. & XII.

These Lessons are in triple Time, having three Minims in every Bar, each of which is equal in Length to one Second. The Time to be beat according to the Rule formerly given for triple Time.

Of the FLAT SCALE.

The Scale of flat Harmony I omitted in the former Edition, which indeed was a very great Overfight, as it ought to be perfectly attained before the least Attempt be made to sing any of the Tunes with the lesser Third; but would first recommend it to the Learner to practise some of those with the greater Third, such as the Dunfermline, Stilt, St David's, St Anne's, &c. as it is necessary to fix the sharp System in the Ear perfectly, before the other is attempted, otherwise the Ideas

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may be confounded, and neither System pro-

perly acquired.

This Scale is placed at the Foot of the Plate of Lessons. The Learner must not attempt to fing it by himself, and therefore he must here, as well as in the sharp Scale, procure Affistance, it being much more difficult to perform justly than the other, because the 6th and 7th in ascending are sharp, and in descending they are natural. This Alteration arises from the Impossibility there is in coming at the 8th from the flat 7th with any Degree of Pleasure; and to prevent the cross and unnatural Distance that is betwixt the flat 6th and sharp 7th, the 6th must be also fharp. These two Notes being so changeable in their Nature, is the Cause of Sharps being introduced fo often in Tunes with the leffer Third, as may be feen in the Dundee, London, &c.

If any Teacher chuses to follow the above Method for instructing his Scholars, I may venture to assure him of Success. However, as there is a good deal of Air in these twelve Lessons, a Pupil that has a quick Ear, will, upon hearing them often, learn to sing them

by Heart, and will therefore pay no Regard to his Book: But if the Teacher wants to know if any has benefited by them, let him point to the first Note of the Scale, and then to the others at Pleasure, as to the 4th, 5th. ad, 6th, 2d, and so on at random; and if the Scholar fing the Notes fo pointed, justly and readily, without the Help of the Intervals, (which every well-taught Scholar ought to do), any fuch Scholar will find but little Difficulty in finging at Sight any Part of the following Church-tunes. But before he attempts to fing Bass, he ought to learn to name the Notes by the Letters readily; after which he has only to find the Sound of the first Note, which Note is generally the Key; and then all the other Notes throughout the Bass are either 2ds, 3ds, 4ths, &c. to the Key, or to one another.

Though all the Parts of these Church-tunes, except the Bass, are put in the Treble Cliff, it is not to be understood from thence that they are only to be performed by treble Voices; on the contrary, the Treble is the only proper Part for such, though they may be added to the Tenor, without having any bad Effect. The

chief Intention is, to accommodate such as do not chuse the Trouble of learning many Cliffs; and the next Inducement is that judicious Reason given by Dr Green, in his Preface to his Book of Catches, where he expresses himself thus: "They are put in the "Treble Cliff, in order to be of more gemeral Use; many Persons having taught themselves and others to sing, by playing upon Treble Instruments. The Skilful, I am well aware, need not this kind of Assistance; and for the Unskilful, it was ever my Opinion that no Assistance can be too much."

The Dundee Tune, which is allowed to excel any other of the flat Tunes, has been laid aside by such Precentors or Church-clerks as have been regularly taught, because they found it was impossible to bring their Congregations to fall the Half-note, which concludes the first and third Measures of the Church-part, they having been in use for many Years past to fall a whole Note, that is, to sing G natural instead of G sharp. It is therefore proposed, with Consent of the Honourable Committee, that these Half-notes

in the Church-part may be transferred to the Treble, and the Treble Notes substituted in their Place; by which the Tenor or Churchpart will be rendered natural and eafy, without making the least Difference in the Harmony. There would be no Occasion for this Change, if none fung Tenor but fuch as have been taught; but it being the most prevailing and airy Part, I fay, the most prevailing, as it is always fung by the Precentor; it is found by Experience, that the Generality of People learn it at Church by the Ear, whereas none will attempt to fing Treble that have not been properly instructed. But that every one may have his Choice, both Notes are fet down.

The same Inconveniency attends a Note in both the Abbey and St Paul's Tune, and the same Remedy proposed, with this Difference, that the Half-note in the Abbey is exchanged for the counter Tenor Note.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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As the Church-tunes alone would not afford fufficient Practice for those who intend to make Progress in Music, I have added some of the best Canons and Anthems, and have prefixed thereto some Lessons in two Parts for Time and Execution, which, when properly performed betwixt Master and Scholar, will not only give Pleasure, but likewise enable the Learner to execute any Species of Song easily. But as none can be said to be an elegant Singer without the Thrill or Shake, it being by far the finest Grace in Music, it shall be first treated of.

Of the THRILL or SHAKE,

Let the Mouth be opened, and the Voice moved flowly and smoothly from one Note to another, with the Letter A only, (see the Examples, Examples, the first of which is compounded of a whole Note, and the other of a Half-note). After some Practice of this Kind, the Shake will naturally increase in Quickness as the Voice grows tractable. The only Danger is, of its growing too quick, and consequently imperfect; for it will fometimes run away for a little, (that is, the Voice will get out of the Performer's Power), and then stop, even though it was designed to be lengthened: But this is so far from being a Discouragement, that it is a certain Sign of its Success, and that speedily, provided the Learner always begin again on his first Principles. If Lesson 2. is much practised, it will greatly forward a good Shake.

As the Learner would tire of always labouring at these Examples, I have set down a well-known little Song, and have put the Shake in small Notes, where it is most proper to apply it. He need pay no Regard to the Number of these small Notes, but may lengthen the Thrill at Pleasure, till he is Master of it. If it is once acquired, there will be but little Difficulty afterwards in making it subservient to Time. After

this he may take any regular printed Song, where the Shakes will always be properly marked.

I have dwelt the longer on this Article, first, because of its Excellency, and the Delight it gives both to the Entertainer and Entertained. Again, Because some imagine it to be the Gift of Nature, and not to be attained by Practice. But this Supposition is entirely groundless; for I have known many whose Voices were excessively stiff and untractable, acquire it by a few Months Application, even at Manhood. Some, without doubt, will arrive at it fooner than others, which is the Case with every other Accomplishment. But let none despair; for I will venture to affure any one that will take the Trouble to practife a Shake at all Times when convenient, either in the Course of a Song, or otherwife, that fuch will fooner or later arrive at this capital Qualification of a Singer.

Lesson 3. is intended to shew the Length and Proportion that one Note bears to another. The Learner ought to be Master of this Lesson, both as to Tune and Time, be-

fore he goes further. The Time here is flow common Time; and as every Bar contains a Note or Notes equal to four Crotchets, (fee the Bass of this Lesson), each of these Crotchets is to have a Motion of the Hand, as described in the Chapter on Time. This Method of beating Time is called four in a Bar.

Lesson 4. has also Time beat to it as above; it is designed to shew the Nature and Use of Rests.

Lesson 5. contains two Minims in a Bar. The Time to be beat here, according to the Rule given for the Church-tunes, viz. two in a Bar. As the last Note of one Bar and the first in the next are tied together by a Dash or Slur over them, they must be sounded as one Note; so that to beat Time properly in this Lesson, is more difficult than in any other, as the Hand must be put down during this Sound. The putting down or raising up the Hand in this Manner, when a Note is sounding, is called Syncopation, or driving Notes.

Lesson 6. is the same with the former, only in triple Time. See the Chapter on triple Time.

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Lesson 7. is a Ground-bass, to which there are set eight different Trebles; and as all manner of Practice, viz. Rests, Syncopation, Execution, Shakes, &c. are introduced in the Course of these Trebles, more Instructions might be judged rather tedious than useful.

N. B. As the Pages are narrow, the Anthems are printed so as to be read straight forward through both Pages.

Of CANON or CATCH.

A Canon or Catch in the Unifon is performed by three or more Voices, each following one another at certain Distances: For Example, the first Voice begins the Piece alone; and by the Time that he has sung to the first double Bar, or Repeat, then the second Voice takes up the Piece also from the Beginning, the first still going on; and after the second Voice has sung to the first double Bar or Repeat, the third Voice begins; and at this Distance they sollow one another throughout the Piece, which they may sing over without stopping, as often as they please.

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Teaching the FOUR PARTS to any Number a House will conveniently hold, with as little Trouble, and as soon as to four People.

Aving been pretty minute with regard to what related to the Scholar, I shall next lay down some Rules for you who are Teachers of this essential Piece of Education. Were you all Masters of your Business, there would be no Use for these Rules: But this is not the Case; there being many dispersed over the Country, that are obliged to teach it along with other Branches of Education, though they know no more of the Matter than being taught a few Tenors in their Infancy, and that in an irregular Manner, as it is more than probable their F 2

Teachers never knew a Note of Music. But, exclusive of these, there are others that assume the Teacher, filled with Conceit and Ignorance, having no other Foundation than being applauded by the Ignorant for singing a trisling Song, or probably a Churchtune in the Character of a Precentor, with a better Voice than him they heard last. How despicable a Figure the Pupils of such Teachers must make, may easily be imagined.

Notwithstanding of there being many as above represented, yet, with Pleasure, I know that there are Numbers who of late make their Business their Study. How far the first Edition of this Book has been a Means of their Instruction, would be vain in me to assert; I shall therefore comfort myself with the Hopes, that all of you will in due Time see the Necessity of being properly qualified; and that I have been instrumental thereto, will, doubtless, add to my Pleasure. But to the Purpose.

Let it be supposed you are called, or go to a Town or Village to teach Church-music; your first Care must be to procure the Countenance of the People of Fashion. This done, the Vulgar will readily follow their Example; and you must be much more anxious about their Attendance than the better Sort, as they are only to be depended on for a good Performance at Church: For, exclusive of their being more numerous, they are very fond of being of Consequence, and sing with Spirit, with a View to keep all around right; whereas if a poor Man sing a little out of Tune or Time, all the Gentry next him are immediately silenced.

Your next Difficulty will be to perfuade the better Sort to meet with the Commons; but a little Reasoning will convince them, that it is as reasonable to meet together to learn to praise God in a decent and proper Manner, as it is to meet to perform that office.

Having succeeded so far, let it next be supposed that you meet with your Pupils at Church, or some large Room that will contain them easily; and having seated them all with their Books in their Hands, desire them to look at the Scale, where they will see two Staves, each containing five Lines, the upper comprehending the treble Notes, and

the lower the Bass. Then direct them to look for the first Note in the treble Scale, which is placed on a little Line below the five, commonly called a Leger-line, and this note is called C, (or fa, if you use Sol-fa-ing); the next Note is under the first of the five Lines, and is called D; the next is E, and is on the first Line; the next is F, and is in the Space betwixt the first and second Lines; and so on.

Having proceeded thus far, defire them next to fee the fecond Lesson in the Plate of Lessons, which is the Scale from G to G. Then inform them, that as the Notes there rise gradually one after another, so they will discover the Voice to rise in singing them.

Being now ready for the first Performance, give a Sound for the first Note yourself alone; then desire all of them to sing it with you. This done, you will hear many of them here and there wrong; but try it again and again, and you will soon find they will grow better. When they sound this Note pretty well, inform them, you are now to sing two Notes; and after performing them yourself alone, make them join you as for-

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merly. Here again you will discover severals wrong, particularly in rising to the 2d, as there are many that can give one Sound, that cannot, without Practice, move to another: However, always begin again; and the oftener you repeat these Sounds, the more exactly they will perform them. After the same manner make them rise to the 3d; and by the time you make them sing these first three Notes frequently over, both forwards and backwards, your Hour will be spent, and therefore Time to dismiss your Pupils, they having got sufficient Instruction for the first Lesson.

If you have not heretofore taught in this manner, you will probably be discouraged, when you find many of them have such wretched Ears that they know not one Sound from another, and therefore conclude it impossible to make any Hand of them in this Way; but there is no other Way you can propose so good. For did you engage with one of these Awkwards alone, you would find your Labour and Lungs spent to no Purpose. To evidence this, let it be supposed that you undertake to instruct one

destitute of Genius; your first Attempt will be to fing the Scale with him. Very well. You give a Sound; but instead of joining you, he gives a different Sound. What is next to be done? You must yield to him, and take his Sound; fo far you agree. You then inform him, that you will fing that Note with him again, and afterwards rife to the next Note. He immediately agrees; but when you rife to the 2d, he pays no Regard to you, but goes on with his first Sound, without the least Sensibility of the monstrous Discord occasioned by the first and second being fung together; on the contrary, if you tell him he does very well, he is very happy. If you then inform him, that after he fings the first Note, he must make his Voice rife higher to fing the fecond, he again agrees; but when he comes to put it in Practice, he only adds Loudness to the same Sound; and thus he will beat you down, and baffle all your Efforts. Now, if he is amongst the Croud, they will in time either beat him down, or drag him alongst with them; for it is rare if there be not ten to one against him, that is, ten that have fome

some musical Genius for one that has none.

You may think from this that it were better to inform such that they cannot learn, and therefore intreat them not to come to School any more, as they confound the Performance of the others. This would only be but making bad worse; for though you get rid of them at School, there is no getting rid of them at Church, where they are fure to make more Noise than those that know the Matter. - I have heard one of this kind not only confound, but filence all around them; and very justly, for who of any Feeling can cross Nature so much as to fing in opposition to bawling Nonsense? Now, the Consequence of allowing them to join your Scholars will be, that in time they will learn to follow; or if not, they will gradually discover that the Sound of their Voices differs from the others; and if they once come this Length, they are fairly conquered; for they will immediately declare themselves incapable, and from that Moment cease to open their Mouths, at least fo as to disturb others. But to return with your Pupils.

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Having feated them as formerly, spend fome Time in refreshing their Memories about the Notes, and inform them of the Names and Proportion of Notes, as the round Note is called a Semibreve, and is equal in Length to two Minims, &c. Then return to the fecond Lesson, which, it is probable, you will make them fing tolerably, both forwards and backwards, before the Hour is past. But this depends on what Genius the People have for Music. It is an undeniable Fact, that the musical Genius of the People in some Towns is much stronger than that of others; and this may be owing to the having or wanting a Town-piper, or fome fuch Musicanto, to buz a few little Tunes in the Childrens Ears, which Tunes they are constantly finging, or endeavouring to fing. I am credibly informed there is a Piper in a neighbouring Town that can only play one Tune; and was you to walk through every Corner of that Town, you would hear that Tune, and no other, in the Mouth of every Child and Servant there. Now, if the Piper and his Tune were gone, that Town would have no Tune at all, and in course the People's

People's Ideas of musical Sounds would in a short Time be entirely lost, But to refurn.

Let it be supposed you have got them to fing the eight Notes in this Lesson tolerably well in Tune; only you are distressed with Squalling in one Place, Roaring in another, and difforted Faces in a third: In that Cafe you must fet about rectifying these Defects immediately; for the fooner a bad Habit is removed, the better, nor is there any Time fo proper for putting this in Practice as when they are finging the Scale. All you have to do is, to call out to any one that does amiss, then take him off. For Example, if he wries his Face, or overstretches his Voice, do you the same; then tell him how ridiculous such a Method is; after which, let him hear the Difference betwixt the false and natural Voice, and how that no Voice is difagreeable if it be properly used. A few Rebukes of this kind will make the whole afraid of doing amifs, and at the same time delight them, as it is demonstrating the Nature and Power of the human Voice.



Having now got their Wildness a little curbed, let them hear the Beauty of swelling a Note; which is done by beginning the Sound very soft, and increasing it in Loudness till towards the End, then letting it die away. If they are made to sing every Note of this Lesson frequently over in this manner, it will very soon rub off all their Rusticity and Awkwardness.

Your next Business must be to demonstrate the Nature of Time; after which make them sing the same Lesson, giving four Motions of the Hand to each Note, as directed in the former Part of this Treatise. Then proceed to Lesson 3. which is two Minims in a Bar, each of which has two Motions of the Hand; and afterwards to Lesson 4. which consists of Crotchets, each of which have a Motion of the Hand.

We shall now suppose that these Instructions, together with many other Things you found necessary to inform them of in the Course of Teaching, has taken up a Week; and indeed if you have advanced so far the first Week to Purpose, you have been very successful; for the most disagreeable

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Part of the Work is over, as what follows must give Pleasure both to Master and Scholar.

Having met again, your first Business must be to go over the former Lessons; which is recommended to be done every Day, particularly the Scale, that is, Lesson 2. as a just Performance of it enables them to perform every other Piece in Tune, and therefore it cannot be too well rivetted in the Ear. You may now attempt the Tenor of some easy airy Church-tune, suppose the French; which is recommended to be fung by neither Letters nor Sol-fa-ing, they being both perplexing and unnecessary, but by any four Lines of eight and fix Syllables, from the Psalms, or any other Poetry you chuse. And here it will be proper to obferve, that, in finging Church or other Music, the Syllable must not be closed till the Sound to which it is applied is about being done. To illustrate this the better, observe the following Line, where a Ligature is made to follow that Letter on which the Sound ought to dwell.

Come, now the Timbrel bring for joy.

Co-me, no-w tha-Ti-mbre-l bri-ng fo-r jo-y.

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You cannot be too careful about this Article. There is nothing more ridiculous, though nothing more common, than to make the Sound follow from the End of some Syllables, as thy—. This Monosyllable immediately lands in ee, which cannot be pronounced without applying the Tongue to the Roof of the Mouth, by which the Sound is greatly diminished: But if it is sung tha—y, it opens the Mouth; which you must always endeavour to make them do, so far as the Sense and Meaning of the Words sung will permit.

Having got them to fing this Tenor tolerably, which, with other Things, will probably require a Meeting or two; but as this depends on what Genius the People have for Music, as formerly observed, I shall from henceforth cease to limit your Time, their Aptness or Dulness being the best Dictator in that Point: Having, I say, got them to sing this Tenor tolerably well, begin another, as St David's, St Paul's, St Anne's, or any other with the sharp or greater Third you chuse; and by the Time they can perform this indifferently, it is to be supposed they

they have got a pretty good Hold of the former.

It is now Time to felect the Voices for the different Parts, which is a Work that requires Caution and Judgment. Let it be supposed then that your School consists of two hundred Men, Women, and Children, fifty of whom you want for Basses, thirty for Trebles, fifteen for Counters, and the Remainder for the Tenor, commonly called the Church-part. Being provided with a Pitchpipe, try the Men one by one in this manner. Make him found the Note G in the Centre of the Voice, as the first Note of St Paul's Tenor; afterwards 'descend Note by Note with him till he land at the other G, and observe what Power or Strength of Voice he has there. This done, found the former or centre G again, and ascend with him Note by Note to the other G, if he can reach fo far. Having proved them all in this manner, you have only to allot those that have most Power below for Basses, and those that go highest for Counters. After the same manner go over the Boys; and if there be not Men sufficient to make up your Complement Complement of Basses and Counters, let the Boys supply the Defect; for though they are at present treble Voices, and therefore improper for these Parts, yet their being Males, will sooner or later remove this Inconveniency; but you must take care to disperse them amongst your other Scholars; for if a Number of them are allowed to sit together, they will, during the Time of singing a Churchtune two or three Times over, fall greatly from the Pitch, and mar all your Performance.

If you have, in the Course of these Trials, found any bad Geniuses, be sure to allot them to the Bass, as they will do less Hurt

there than in any other Part.

Having now disposed of your Males, (for if there be any over your Complement of Basses and Counters, they are to be Tenors), you are next, in like manner, to go over the Females, out of which you are to pick about thirty of the finest and best-tuned Voices for Trebles, and throw all the Remainder to the Tenor. If in some Places you cannot find Voices calculated to proportion each Part as above, you must not therefore

therefore be discouraged, but make the best you can of them; only never allot a Man for Treble, nor a Woman for Bass.

Having affigned all of them their Parts, place the Trebles on your right Hand, the Counters on your left, the Baffes fronting you, and the Tenors behind them. By the Bafs being thus in the Centre, the other Parts, which all arife from it, are equally supported; and this Disposition they are always to obferve, and take their Seats accordingly.

They being seated, make them all sing over the French Tenor; then address the Basses, telling them, they are now to learn their own Part, to which they must be particularly attentive. After going over it several times with them, in like manner instruct the Trebles, and then the Counters; and when you find that each Posse can keep their own Part without your Help, then make Bass and Treble sing together; if they go well, then join Bass and Counter; and if in like manner these go to your Wish, let Bass and Tenor be joined. Having thus proved all the Parts separately with the Bass, join any three of them together, as

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Bass, Counter, and Treble; and if this Performance is just, try Bass, Tenor, and Treble; if these also go well, join all the four Parts.

If you have not heretofore heard any fuch, and if you are not void of all manner of Feeling, you will be loft in Wonder and Admiration at the Grandeur of this Performance. The first of this kind that was here was at a little Chapel, where the Teacher brought all his best Scholars, to the Number of a hundred and fixty, who were not taught together, but in different Classes. There were but few met to hear the first Performance; but the Report these gave of it made Numbers flock to the next; fome, probably, with a View to cenfure, and many out of Novelty or Pastime. No sooner however was the Music begun, but a fort of Dread and Amazement seized every Countenance; fome looked pale and ghaftly, others were in a chilly Sweat, and many stared at they knew not what; nay, the Teacher himself (a thorough-bred Chorister) was not only filenced, but weeped excessively. This may feem romantic to many, as they cannot con-

ceive how a fimple Church-tune, in which there is no great Art of Composition, could produce such Effects; but let such consider, that it is not the Church-tune, (though Music in that Style is more folemn, and therefore more striking than any other), it is the Number of Voices that aftonishes. Those who have not heard a hundred and fixty Voices or upwards perform a Church-tune, or any folemn Piece of Music, in all its Parts, with proper Pauses, and fine Swells, can be no Judges of this Matter, it being entirely above their Conceptions. Some may be of Opinion, that this Performance must have been defective without an Organ, or other Instruments to strengthen and enliven the Voices: But the Want of these was the very Cause of its Excellency; for their Number gave Life and Strength, and their Parts being both fhort and easy, enabled them to perform more justly in Tune than any Organ is capable of. Add to this, that the Words fung, (which are greatly blunted by Instruments), were distinctly heard, without which vocal Music is at best, but dull and insipid. But to return.

Having now got the French Tune completed, and the Church-part of another pretty far advanced, go on as formerly in inftructing them in the different Parts of that Tune of which they have learned the Tenor, at the fame time carrying on another Tenor by the whole, (for they must be all taught the Tenors); and in this manner you are to proceed, by which you will find they will learn a Tune in all its Parts every Week; so that in twelve Weeks they will have got twelve Tunes, which is Number sufficient for any Congregation*. But if you make them thoroughly Masters of these twelve

^{*} In some old Editions of the Psalms there is a Tune set almost at the Head of every Psalm, probably with a View that the Music might always suit the Subject. But exclusive of the Impossibility of learning the Gross of Mankind so great a Number of Tunes, the Defect is as great as ever; for the Subject changes so often in most Psalms as to require a different Tune to every syllable, or rather a particular Note or Passage to every Syllable, as done by the inimitable Marcello. A few therefore of the chearful and sprightly, and a lesser Number of the melancholy and penitential, is sufficient for public Devotion, and is all that a Croud can be supposed to perform justly.

Tunes in fix Months, from the Time of your first opening School, you do very well, as you have every Day (exclusive of their present Lesson) to make them rehearse the whole or a Part of fuch Tunes as they have already learned, and now and then to give them a new Lesson out of the Plate of Lessons, demonstrating the Nature of the different Leaps, with many other Things, as common and triple Time, Cliffs, Sharps, and Flats, &c. fo that they may not be Earscholars. On the contrary, if you are at due Pains, it is incredible what Knowledge they will acquire, even though in a Croud; nor is this to be wondered at, as they have the fame Advantages of Education with Students of some other Professions, as Divinity, Law, or Physic. I have often heard the celebrated Geminiani (whose Pupil I had the Honour to be) maintain, that the whole Art of Composition could be communicated in this manner; and from the Instructions I had from him, I discovered no Reasons to the contrary.

The Plan for instructing a Croud being now finished, it may not be improper to ob-

ferve, that if it shall happen, you cannot prevail on all your Scholars to meet at the fame Hour, and be taught together: In that Case you must open a convenient Hour for the better fort of People, another for those of middling Station, and a third for Servants, (who all ought to pay according to their Stations, though, on the whole, this Piece of Education should be given very cheap, with a View to engage all Ranks to learn it); and when they are taught a Tune or two in this separate Manner, you must afterwards make a Point of having a Rehearfal of the whole together at Church, or any other convenient Place, once a-week, which they will foon be equally fond of with yourself.

What only remains now to be considered, is your Conduct at Church on the Sabbath-day. Having gone there with all your Pupils, you must, if possible, have them seated together in some Lost or Part of the Church. If they are dispersed amongst the rest of the Congregation, the Effect will not only be poor, but it will be rare if they are not put into Consusion. Many of them that would

would do very well with the Help of others, may have neither Genius nor Fortitude to carry on a Part alone, and more especially if feated amongst irregular Singers.

Having them thus placed, and yourfelf the Precentor, (or if another, it is to be hoped you have been particularly careful in instructing him, otherwise he will frustrate all your Endeavours), you must be careful that they all fing Tenor, and no other Part, during the first three or four Sabbaths; and you will do well to fing no more than three different Tunes in that Time, which are all fung in the Forenoon; as for the Afternoon, you may take any two of the same three you please. There would be no Use for this Caution if the whole Congregation were taught; but as this cannot be expected, the Tenor alone must be continued till the Ignorant have got a tolerable Grip of it, which will foon be the Case, and then there will be no Danger in introducing the other Parts; whereas if you begin with the whole, the Unlearned, upon hearing different Parts, will either be filent altogether, or catch any Sound that strikes their Ear most agreeably, or

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fing according to their own Fancy, and thus all Attempts to improve the Music will be effectually baffled; whereas the constant Use of one Part till it be tolerably established, is both the surest and shortest Way to Success; and even after the Parts are introduced, it will be prudent in the Learned to join all in the Tenor till it is once sung over, to set the Congregation a-going, after which they ought to strike off to their own Parts.

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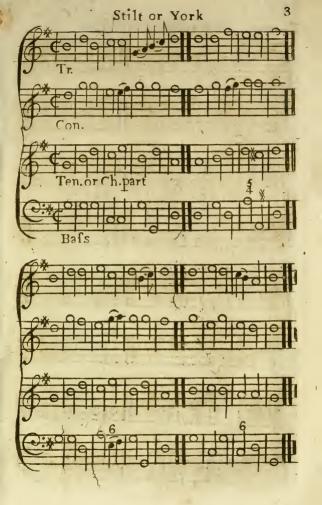
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