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

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

As night eternal and profound,
Thofe bofoms dark remain,
On which the charms of melting found Their raptures pour in vain.

Deep on the tender mind impreft;
The fofter paffions play,
When Mufic melts the infant breaft,
And lights fair Virtue's ray.
O'er each young voice and infant hand
Let Mufic early reign ;
No pow'r like hers can Vice withftand, Or Virtue's blifs attain.

> STANZAS of Eights.

The man, whofe dull internal fenfe By Mufic here untouch'd remains,
In heav'n fhall find full recompenfe, And join the feraphs' loftieft ftrains.

Who would not join the facred lays, And fing th' Eternal's endlefs praife?
On earth below, in heav'n above,
The nobleft tarks are praise and love.

The Author's moft humble Addrefs to those in Power.

MY Anxiety for the Succefs of Mufic, efpecially as it is employed in praifing the Creator of all Things, has induced me to leave no Method un* tried to promote an Affair of fuch Confequence. And though, in the following Treatife, the Rock on which it fplit is pointed out, and a fimple Method laid down for reviving and conducting it properly ; yet this, or any other Scheme, is of no Confequence, fo long as it is in the Power of every Organift or Church-clerk to introduce what Tunes he pleaies.

Were the Pfalms altered every Month, it would be no Bar to public Worrhip, there being few that cannot read Print; but the Lofs occafioned by altering the Mufic is irreparable. For though People are taught a few Pfalm-tunes when
at School in a moft regular Manner, yet their Knowledge in Mufic reaches no further ; and their giving no Attention to it afterwards renders them incapable of joining in any new Compofitions without going to School again, which cannot be expected.

It muft be allowed, that an Organift 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 whofe Genius or Defire of Novelty is fo backward, that they will not take the Trouble to learn any thing they think there is little Ufe for; and fhould they all endeavour to learn this Tenor, and alfo become Mafters 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 hould an Organift or Church-clerk, even with Length of Days

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Days and indefatigable Labour, produce the whole Parts, and make the Congregation fing a fuitable Number of Tunes in the moft finifhed Manner, what availeth it? For how foon he dies, or leaves the Place, his Succeffor, out of a View of Gain, or to be thought of Confequence, defpifes the former Tunes as old and ridiculous, and compiles or compofes a Set of his own. Thefe he holds forth as the fineft that have yet appeared ; and after procuring the Confent of the Minifter and a few leading People, (who probably know little of Mufic, but look on him as an infallible Judge of thofe Matters), he next introduces them, full of Hopes they will give univerfal Satisfaction, and that the whole Congregation will be equally fond of them with himfelf. But how difmal is the Confequence? Thofe who were in ufe to praife God Rilfully, and with a loud Voice, are at once fruck dumb A beautiful Fabric is caft down, and it
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is a thoufand 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 ufed in this Way, are immediately incenfed, and apprehending there will be no End to thefe Innovations, they turn obftinate, and determine, from that Time forward, either to be filent altogether, or to fing according to their own Fancy. It is likely that from this arofe that common Phrafe, which is to be heard in the Mouth of every one that oppofes Improvements in Church-mufic, viz. Tbat every Man. ought to praife God in bis own Way.

To remedy this, it is moft humbly fuggefted, that a felect Number of Pfalmtunes hould be appointed by the Legiflature for the eftablifhed Churches in Great Britain. Were this the Cafe, what delightful Confequences would arife from it? The Public would have no Fear of being baffled or diftracted
with Novelty ; and therefore would judge it as neceflary to have their Children taught to praife God in a decent and becoming Manner as to read his Word; fo that harmonious Praife 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 Worfhip. The Harmony of united Parts, when performed regularly by a numerous Congregation, ftrikes 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 otherwife indifferent about it.

IT may be objected, that fuch a Law might difcourage Men of Knowledge and Genius to attempt finer Compofitions of this kind than have hitherto appeared. What may happen, cannot b
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prefently be forefeen; only it will be evident to any impartial Judge, that the Church-tunes compofed two hundred Years ago, are nothing inferior to any that have been produced fince.

If the Legiflature had not excluded different Verfions of the Pfalms in Me tre, by appointing one for the Ufe of Churches, it is more than probable that every Church would have their own peculiar Set, as they have at prefent of Church-tunes; for the fame Motives which incite Men of Genius to the one, would equally incite them to the other.

This therefore being the only Part of public Worfip that is vague and uncontrolled by Law, it is moft earneftly hoped, that thefe, and many other Reafons, will induce thofe invefted with Church-government to take an Affair of fuch Importance into their ferious Confideration.

## To the Church-Clerks or

 Precentors in general.Gentemen,

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

Firft, Let it be your particular Care, in giving out the Pfalm-tune; to begin the Note as foft as poffible, and increafe the Sound as you go on, or, in other Words, to fwell the Note; and this do at leaft at the Beginning of every Line; the Confequence of which will be, that the whole Congregation will endeavour to imitate you; and when they can do it, what a itriking Effect muft a Swell of probably a thoufand Voices have? On the contrary, if you begin in a bawling Manner, how fhocking muft the Bawl of fuch a Nuititude be?

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

It is evident, that when thefe Tunes we:e firft compoled, they were performed in the Churches
fimply as they are fet; for Graces of any kind would have deftroyed the Harmony *; but either for want of proper Teachers, or Care in Churchgovernors, the Parts were in procefs of Time entirely forgot, fo that there remained only the Tenor. This being the Cafe, few or none at laft thought of learning Church-mufic; 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 Confequence whether he knew a Note of Mufic 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 thern, that the Tune was entirely defaced, and the original Note (which they knew nothing about) had no more Share of the Performance than the Nonfenfe they thought proper to add to it $\dagger$.

* Graces are allowable only in Solos, or finging alone, and are never introduced in any Chorus, whether vocal or infrumental, by the moft regular bred Muficians.
$\dagger$ Endeavouring once to convince an old Man, who was Precentor in a Country-church, how abfurd he rendered the Mufic, by allotting fo many different Sounds to one Syllable, when there was only one intended; he replied, with a good deal of Brifknefs, that he did not value what any Man intended, and that he believed the People of the prefent Generation knew nothing of the Matter; for h.s Mafter was allowed to underfand that Afair thoroughly, and he to'd him, thare ought to be eight On:vars in the firf Note of the Elgin Tune.


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Had thefe nonfenfical Graces been the fame every where, it would have been the lefs Matter; but, on the contrary, every Congregation, nay, every Individual, had different Graces to the fame Note, which were dragged by many to fuch an immoderate Length, that one Corner of the Church, or the People in one Seat, had fung out the Line before another had half done; and from the whole there arofe fuch a Mafs of Confufion and Difcord as quite debafed this the noblef Part of divine Worflip. This they called the old Way of finging, 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-mufic in moft Places of the Country until the Year 1756, when the Improvements in a neighbouring County opened the Eyes of thofe in Power here; upon which there was a Commitiee appointed, confilting of a Number of the Minifters, Lords of Seffion, Barons of Exchequer, Mufical Society, and the whole Town-council. The firft Step this Honourable Committee took, was to appoint a proper Number of Churchtunes; and after they were carefully examined by: the beft Mafters, I was appointed to print them, and are the fame you have in this little Book. They were no fooner publifhed, than an univerfal Spirit diffufed through all Ranks. Men of feventy and Boys of feven Years old were at School together, and equally keen of Inftruction. Their Diligence

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enabled the Teachers to produce very fine Concerts in a few Weeks, there being no Piece of Education a Teacher can furprife the Public with fo foon as Chiarch-mufic. The fame Emulation ran through our Churches: For thofe that were not taught, being ftruck with the Grandeur of the Harmony, were either filent, or went alongt with any whofe Knowledge they could depens 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 fame Error with your Predeceffors ; and depend upon it, the Confequence will be, that in a few Years Church-mufic will be as ridiculous as ever. The Graces you are introducing have already pre:vented many from finging different Parts; and when they are once dropped, the whole Congregation will (as formerly obferved) invent numberlefs Graces of their own, thinking themfelves at liberty, by your Example, to embellifh, or rather confound; the Mufic as their Fancy directs.

I know the Argument you ufe is, that in giving out the Tune you are allowed to fing fome Time alone, till the Congregation know what. Tune you are finging, and therefore you grace thefe few Notes, to make them the more agreeable to yourfelf and the Audience, but that afier they join, you grace no more.

This is a very groundlefs Reafon; for would you only take the Trouble to name the Tune you are
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to fing before you begin, the Congregation would ftrike in at the very firft Note.

If you are the Schoolmafter of the Parifh, which is generally the Cafe in the Country, you have all you could wifh for, as your own Scholars (every one of which ought to be taught Church-mufic along with the other Branches of their Education) will furnifh a Band of regular Singers, upon whofe Affiftance you can always depend; and the Order and Harmony of their Performance will not only be a Bar againft Irregularity, but will alfo induce others to follow their Example.

It was obferved juit now, that Church-mufic 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 fuppofed they will attend it for fome Years ; fo that if you would only allot for Church-mufic ten Minutes every Day before the School is difmiffed at Twelve o'Clock, or in the Evening, it would be Inftruction fufficient for that Branch of Education. You will probably think it hard to work for nothing; but this will feldom be the Cafe, for thofe 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 happieft ten Minutes you fpend in the Day: Add to this, that, in procefs of Time, the Bulk of the Parifh will have been your Schoiars, and confequently good Singers.
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If the Line is not read, (which is by far the better Way), take care you do not croud the Mufic too faft on the Congregation. When one Line is fung, make a proper Paufe, that they all may be ready to begin the next along with you. The whole Beauty and Perfection of Mufic 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 carelefs both of Tune and Time.

Be careful to chufe fuch Tunes as are beft adapted to the Subject. If the Subject is joyful and elevating, the Tune you are to fing fhould be firited and lively; if it is a mournful and humbling Subject, the Tune fhould be grave and folemn. Tunes of the firft kind are thofe with the fharp or greater Third, as the Stilt, French, Dunfermline, E ${ }^{\circ}$ c. and thofe of the fecond kind are characterifed by the flat or leffer 'Third, as the Dundce, Elgin ${ }_{2}$ Fedburgh, Brifiol, E®c.

## T O T H E

## R E A D E R.

AS fo many Authors of Note have written upon Mufic, I might juftly be charged with Prefumption, fhould I either attempt to make new Difcoveries in this Science, or pretend to offer any thing better to the World than has already been publifhed in their Writings. My fole Aim is to render their fuperior Skill more generally ufeful, by a fhort and eafy Treatife on that Subject. They wrote for the Information and Improvement of thofe who make Mufic. their Profeffion, or who chufe it for a Science: which they incline to ftudy in its full Extent: I write chiefly for the Inftruction of thore: who are yet to learn. And if the few following Sheets fhall ferve to make the firf Principles of this Science fo plain and intelligible, that any attentive Reader of ordinary Capacity may underftand as much of the Theory as is neceffary for Practice, I have gained. my End.

This Defire of being underftond even by People of the loweft Rank and Education, has obliged me to avoid every thing that might tend to perplex Reeders who are at a
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Diftance from Help, and to write in fuch a familiar Manner as may appear mean to thofe who are Mafters of Style; but I hope they will excufe me, when they confider that Things are chiefly to be valued by their Tendency to attain the End they are defigned for.

Though the Mufic-mafter can receive no Inftruction from this little Treatife, yet, if he chufes to recommend it to his Scholars, it may fave him fome Trouble, as it will inform them of many Things neceffary for them to know.

A Number of thefe Tunes are taken from an Edition publifhed in the Reign of King Fames VI. when Church-mufic appears to have been more regularly performed than it has been among us for many Years paft. I fhould 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 Prefs, and not many of thefe occurred. They have certainly been compofed by very great Mafters; for when the four Parts are fung, there is a Fulnefs and Grandeur in their Harmony, which makes them far preferable to moft modern Compofitions of this kind; and I am defired by the beft Mafters and Judges in this Part of
the Kingdom, (by whom they have been revifed), to obferve, that whoever takes upon him to alter a Note of them, does a real Injury to the Public; becaufe, were they to be altered at the Pleafure of every Compofer, it is more than probable that every Town, perhaps every Church, would have different Sets of the fame Tunes; fo that the Members of different Congregations, fhould they happen to meet in one Place, inftead of harmonious Praife, would debafe the higheft Act of divine Worfhip with Confufion and Difcord.

The Bafles are figured for the Benefit of thofe who are learning thorough Bafs.

When the Reader perufes the Chapter on Tranfpofition, I beg, that, before he proceeds, he may provide himfelf with a Set of the Papers there defcribed, and apply them as he goes along; otherwife that Part of the Work will appear ufelefs and unintelligible, even to the learned in Mufic.

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 fubmitted to their Judgment.

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> Of the ScALE.

TT is the End and Office of the Scale to fhew the Degrees of Sound, by which a Voice may melodioufly either afcend or defcend to any harmonical Diftance.

Thefe Degrees are in Number Seven, and are diftinguifhed by the firf feven Letters of the Alphabet; and though there are many Intervals of Sound within the Compafs of a Voice or Inftrument, yet, ftrictly fpeaking, the Scale is comprehended in an Octave; that is, from any one Letter to its Eigbth; as from C to $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$ to $\mathrm{D}, \mathcal{E}^{2}$ c.; A whatever

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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 frrft, not with a View to be fung, as it exceeds the Compafs of moft Voices, but becaufe whatever may be faid of it afterwards, will be better underftood from feeing the whole than a Part.

It muft be obferved, that there are two Staves, each containing five Lines. The upper comprehends the Treble, the lower the Ba/s; but as Mufic fometimes exceeds thefe five Lines, both above and below, there are others added, (fee the firft and three lait 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 firft Leger-line below, $D$ under the firt of the five, E on the firf, F above the $\operatorname{fr} t, \mathrm{G}$ on the fecond, A above the fecond, and fo on. ——As the Notes of the Bafs are not named by the fame Letters with thofe on the fame Lines and Spaces in the Treble, the Bals

Bafs ought therefore to be referred till the Learner is well acquainted with the other, and can fing the Trebles of moft Tunes; and as it will be neceffary to refer often to the Scale, let the Treble be only viewed on thefe Occafions.

The next Thing to be confidered, is the different CbaraEters in Mufic, which fhall be treated of as they lie in Order in the Plate.

Of Notes, their Names and Proportions.
The Notes made ufe of in either vocal or inftrumental Mufic, are of $f_{2 x}$ Sorts, namely, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiquaver, and Demi-Semi-quaver. As to their Lengths and Proportions, a Semibreve is equal to two Minims, four Crotchets, $\mathcal{E}^{2} c$. as in the Plate. The Length that a Semibreve ought to be in Church-mufic, fhall be hereafter treated of.
Of Rests.

Thefe are Characters which denote Silence, or an Intermiffion of Sound, and are equal, as to Meafure of Time, with the Notes after

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which they are placed. They are likewife called by the fame Names, as a Semibreve Reft, Minim Reft, Crotchet Reft, \&c.

## Of $a$ Dot or Point.

A Dot or Point placed after any Note, makes that Note longer by a Half. For Inftance, 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 fo of the others.
Of CLIfFs.

There is one or other of them fet at the Beginning of every Tune, becaufe otherwife the Mufic would have no Meaning, nor could it be known how to name a Note in any Space or Line without fuch. The firt is the G Cliff, placed on the fecond Line, and fignifies the Treble, or higheft Part. The next is the C Cliff, and is fet on the firft, fecond, third, or fourth Line, as the Compafs of the Mufic requires : whatever Line it is fet on, the Note on any fuch Line is C ; and the
the other Letters take their Places accordingly, as D above it, B below it, and fo on: it ferves for all inner Parts, and is called the Tenor Cliff. The laft is the F Cliff, which is placed on the fourth Line, and is peculiar to the Bafs or Ground Part.

## Of BARs.

There are Lines which crofs the five Lines, and which, together with the Spaces betwixt them, are called Bars. Of thefe there are two Kinds, namely, fingle and double. The fingle Bars ferve to divide the Time, according to its Meafure, 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 firft double Bar, and is called a Clofe: it ferves to Shew, that whatever Note it is placed over, is to be the laft Note of the Piece; and fometimes it denotes, that the Note over which it is placed, may be lengthened at pleafure. There is another Character placed over the fecond double Bar, called a Repeat, which fhews, that the Mufic

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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 Purpofe. The other Character at the End of the five Lines refembling a $W$, is called a Direst; and is placed at the End of a Stave, in order to fhew on what Line or Space the firft Note in the next Stave is placed.

## Of Time.

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

The firft of the Characters in common Time denotes the Mufic to be Now, and mews that there is a Semibreve, or as many other Notes or Refts as are equal to its Length in a Bar. The fecond denotes the Mufic's being quick, and anfwers for either one or two Semibreves in a Bar.

Triple Time is known, by having either $\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{8}, \mathcal{E} c$. at the Beginning of the Tune. The firft of thefe fhews, that there are three

Minims in a Bar, and is the floweft of all triple Times. The fecond $\frac{3}{4}$ fhews, that there are tbree Crotcbets in a Bar, and is fometimes quicker than the former. But, that thefe and all other kinds of Time may be rightly underfood, let it be obferved, 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 fhews how many of either of thefe are in a Bar. For Example, if $\frac{3}{2}$ is placed before a Piece of Mufic, the Figure below tells the Number of Parts into which the Semibreve is divided, namely, two, which fignifies $M i$. nims; for there are no other Notes whereof two are equal to a Semibreve: Then the Figure 3 above, fhews, that there are three of thefe Minims in a Bar, and fo of the reft.

Of Tones and Semitones.
Though thefe are not Characters, yet it is neceffary to explain them here, the better to underftand what follows.

A Tone then is a full Degree of Sound, above

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

Each Tone is divided by a Semitone, which anfwers for the Sbarp of the Note below, and the Flat of the Note above it. As for Inftance, from C to D is a Tone; but there is a Semitone betwixt them, which anfwers for C jbarp, or D flat; and fo of all other Tones. This is beft to be feen on the Keys of an Organ, Harpfichord, or Spinnet.

Of Sharps, Flats, and Naturals.
As Mufic confifts of Tones and Semitones, it is the Office of Sbarps and Flats to make Tones Semitones, and Semitones Tones, where-ever they are introduced; for if a Sharp is placed before a Note, it caufes that Note to be fung 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 Mufic, they affect the Notes on fuch Lines or Spaces throughout the whole Tune, according to their different Natures. A Natural ferves to reftore any Note before which it is placed, to its former natural Sound.
Of Sol-FA-ING.

I know Sol-fa-ing to be much ufed, and little underfood; nor is this to be wondered at, as its Intricacy is very great. Before any thing can be faid, to make it rightly comprehended, the Key or Tone muft be firft treated of, then flat and foarp Harmony, and after that Tranfpofition; all which are of the utmoft Confequence to thofe who intend to make any Proficiency in Mufic.

> Of the Kev or Tone.

There is in every regular Piece of Mufic B one
one Sound or Tone predominant, to which all other Sounds in the Compofition do refer. This Sound or Tone is called the Key, in which Key the Bais never fails to conclude. Both Tenor and Bafs 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 Jbarp. The Difference is not to be underftood by the Sharps or Flats at the Beginning of any Piece of Mufic, but by the third Note above the Key; for if the third is flat, the Harmony is flat; and if fharp, the Harmony is fharp alfo.

Now, to find out whether the third above the Key be flat or Iharp, or, in other Words, the leffer or greater Tbird, it mult be obferved, 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 Tbird is Jarp, and fo 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 likewife the Harmony.

The Tunes in fharp Harmony being more gay and airy, are moft proper for Thankfgivings, $\xi^{c} c$. and thofe in flat Harmony, being of a grave or melancholy Nature, for mournful Occafions, fuch as Funerals, Fafts, and the like.
Of TRANSPOSITION.

If Mufic happens to be fet on a Key too high, or too low, for a particular Inftrument, or a Voice accompanied with an Inftrument, then to bring this Mufic, with its proper Sharps or Flats, to a Key within the Compafs of fuch Voice and Inftrument, is called Tranjpofition.

There is in every OEtave throughout the Scale two Semitones, though differently difpofed; for reckoning $C$ the firft Note, then by counting upwards, (which mutt be always done in Mufic), the Semitones are the fourth and eigbth; reckoning D the firt, the Semitones are the third and feventh; reckoning. E the firt, the Semitones are the
fecond and fixth; and thus their Situation differ, till C is the firft again, which begins afrefh as formerly. Now, to difpofe of thefe Semitones properly, into whatever Key the mufic is to be tranfpofed, is the right underfanding of Tranfpofition.

Let it be obferved then, that the Series or Order of the Tones and Semitones in Barp Harmony, of which we fhall firft treat, is in the Scale from C to C, where the Semitones are naturally the 4 th and 8 th. So that when Mulic is in the Key C, with the greater third, (fee 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 tranfpofed to fome other Key in which the Semitones are not the fourth and eighth, as above, then Flats or Sharps muft be ufed, 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 Scale; on each of thefe let there be a Letter marked, as the Notes in the Scale are lettered, which Notes they are to reprefent, as on the firf C , on the next D , and fo on. This done, done, place them in a ftraight Line progreffively, as the Tones and Semitones are placed in the Scale. As from C, place D at a little Diftance, to reprefent a Tone; and, in like manner, E from D , being another Tone ; then let F be put clofe to E , to reprefent a Semitone, and fo on till the whole are placed. Of this Order of the Papers there is a Reprefentation in Miniature under the Scale. N. B. When a Paper is hereafter moved forwards, it fignifies, that the Note which it reprefents is become fbarp, and when backwards, flat.

The Papers being now placed, let it be fuppofed that the fame Tune, namely, St Anne's, is too low, and is therefore wanted to be tranfpofed a Note bigber, viz. to D. For this Purpofe let all the Papers be put away, except the two D's, and thofe betwixt them, and then there remain only thofe that reprefent the Otzave from D to D , in which Octave the Semitones are naturally the 3d and 7 th; therefore to make them the $4^{\text {th }}$ and 8 th, F the third muft be moved forward clofe to G the fourth, which fhows that F muft be ßarp, and then the fourth becomes the

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the Semitone: Again, move C the 7th forward clofe to D the 8 th, by which means it is likewife made Jharp, and the 8th becomes the other Semitone. So that by making $F$ and $C$ farp, 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 fo tranfpofed, as in Nerwton Tune, it will fing or play as well as when on C.

Let it be again fuppofed, that the Tune is itill too low, and requires to be tranfpofed a Note bigher, namely to E ; then the Pa pers muft be placed agreeable to the Scale, as formerly; and having done this, let all be put away except thofe that reprefent the Octave from E to E , in which the natural Semitones are the 2d and 6th. But to bring them to their refpective Places, $F$ the fecond muft be moved forward, to make it a Tone from the ift, and $G$ the third muft be likewife moved forvard, to make it a Tone from the 2 d , by which means the 4 th becomes the Semitone. The 5th is naturally right, being a Tone from the 4th: The 6th is not right, and therefore muft be moved forward;
nor is the 7 th right, but muft likewife be moved forward, which makes the 8th become the other Semitone. Now, thefe four Notes, F, G, C, and D, by being moved forward from their natural Places, are made Barp; fo that if any Tune, with the Sharp or greater Third, is tranfpofed to $E$, thefe Notes mult be marked /barp at the Beginning.

It may be once more fuppofed, that the Tune is too low, and therefore muft be carried a Note bigher ftill, namely, to F. Place the Papers again according to the Scale as before, and put away all except thofe that reprefent the Otave from F to F , where the natural Semitones are the 5 th and 8th. Then the 2 d and 3 d are right; but the fourth, viz. B, is not right, being a Tone from the third, and therefore muft be put backwards to make it the Semitone, which reprefents its becoming flat. All the reft are right; fo that if the Tune is tranfpofed to F, a Flat muft 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 fame Way fituated in both.

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It is needlefs to give more Examples in Marp Harmony, as any one, who underftands what has been faid, will with Eafe find out the proper Sharps or Flats, when carried to any other Key: As if to G, $F$ fharp; if to $A, F, C$, and $G$ fharp; and if to $B$, (which feldom happens), $C, D, F, G$, and $A$ fharp.

It now follows to give an Example of the other Kind of Harmony, namely, that with the Flat or leffer Tbird, where the Order of the Tones and Semitones is to be feen in the Scale, from A to A, the Semitones being naturally the 3 d and 6 th. - Let it then be fuppofed, 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 muft be tranfpofed to C. Then let the Papers be placed by the Scale, as formerly; this done, put away all except thofe which reprefent the Otave from C to C, and the natural Semitones are the $4^{\text {th }}$ and 8 th. But to make them the 3 d and 6 th, $\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{A}$, and B muft be moved backward, and are thereby made flat; and they muft likewife
be marked fo before any Tune on C, with the leffer Third.

To give more Examples would be idle, as any one who chufes may find, by applying the Papers as formerly, what Sharps or Flats are requifite when carried to any other Key: As if to $\mathrm{D}, B$ mult be flat ; if to $\mathrm{E}, F$ muft be flarp; if to F , (which rarely happens), $A, B, D$, and $E$ muft be $f l a t$; if to $G, B$ and $E$ muft be fat; and if to B, $F$ and $C$ muft be flarp. From what has been faid on the two different Kinds of Harmony, it writl readily appear, that the Difference betwixt them is not to be diftinguifhed by the Sharps or Flats at the Beginning, but by either Third being above the Key.

It often happens, that fome one or other of thefe Flats or Sharps is the Key or fundamental Note, and Mufic may be tranfpofed to any one of them at Pleafure: And though the Papers only reprefent the natural Tones and Semitones; yet by placing them according to the Scale, as formerly, and moving any one defigned for a Key, backwards or forwards, to reprefent its being either flat or tharp, then by moving the reft as either C Third

Third directs, they will likewife fhew what Flats or Sharps are requifite for any fuch Key. Example, If any Tune, with the fharp or greater Third, is wanted to be tranfpofed to B flat, then let the Papers be placed as formerly. This done, let B the Key be moved backwards, to reprefent its being flat; afterwards let them all be put away, except the Octave from $B$ to $B$; and by comparing them with the fharp Series in the Scale, it will be found, that the 2 d and 3 d are right; the 4 th is not right, and therefore muft be put backwards; the 5 th, 6 th, and 7 th are right; the 8 th being the fame with the Key, muft be alfo flat. And let it be obferved, that whatever has been faid of thefe Intervals of Sound within an Octave, is to be underftood as meant alfo of their Octaves; fo that if Notes are marked flat or fharp at the $\mathrm{Be}-$ ginning of any Tune, their Octaves above or below are alfo flat or fharp.
Having I hope fufficiently explained Tranfpofition, it now follows to make Sol-fa-ing underftood by it.

At prefent there are only four Syllables ufed, namely, $f a$, fol, la, mi, though there were
were more formerly; and their Order or Series is, $F a$, fol, la, fa, fol, la, mi: Fa, \&c. as above the Scale. So that above mi, whereever it is placed, ftands $f a, \int o l, l a$, and below it, the fame reverfed, $l a, f o l, f a$; and one $m i$ is always an Octave diftant from another *. Now, in order to Shew how thefe Syllables are applied to finging, I have only to obferve, that the 7th is always mi in any Tune with the Jbarp or greater Tbird, whatever Key the Tune is on; and the 2 d is always $m i$ in Tunes with the leffer TBird, whatever Keys they are on. As, for Example, if a Tune is on C with the greater $\mathcal{T}$ bird, the natural B , being the 7 th, is $m i$; but if tranfpofed to D , C fharp is $m i$; and thus its place will change with the Key throughout the Octave; and in Tunes with the leffer Tbird, 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 $f a$ in one Tune, is called $\int 0 l$ in anotber,

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

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

It may be afked, May not all Mufic be fet on the natural Keys, viz. the Tunes with the Sbarp or greater Tbird on C , and thofe with the flat or leffer Third on A, by which means B would be always $m i$, and confefequently the Difficulty that muft attend Sol-fa-ing, by placing Tunes on different Keys, be entirely removed? I anfwer, it is impoffible; and were it otherwife, yet the Difficulty would ftill remain, becaufe, in the Courfe of the Harmony of any Pfalm or Song, the Variety fo neceffary to pleafe and entertain, requires the introducing otber Keys than the peculiar one of the Piece. For Inftance, St Anne's Tiune is on C with the greater 3d, by which means $\mathbb{B}$ the 7 th is $m i$; but in the fecond Meafure F fharp 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 feven natural Notes, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. But to Nhew how the Modulation from one Key to another, in both flat and fharp 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 obferved, that it is chiefly performed by the great Seventh of that Key into which the Mufic is going. Thus, if a fharp or natural is introduced, that has no Connection with the Harmony, the Semitone above any fuch becomes the Key, fo that F fharp being introduced in St Anne's Tune, makes G the Key; confequently B is now no more $m i$, as it is not a 7 th, but a 3 d to the new Key G; and therefore the 7 th muft be looked for, and will be found to be F fbarp, which is the Seat of $m i$, while $G$ continues the Key.

To enumerate Examples of this Kind would be needlefs, as what has been faid is fufficient to fhew, that there is more Intricacy in Sol-fa-ing, and more Time required to perform it exactly, than the whole of Mufic befides. Nor can thefe Syllables be of any real Ufe either to Teacher or Scholar ; for, as Malcolm obferves, it is impollible to exprefs the Diftance betwixt any Degrees of Sound by them with any Certainty. As for Example, if it is anked, What Diftance is

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between $f a$ and fol? the Queftion has two different Anfwers; for it is either a 2d or a 5th: And with refpect to their diftinguifing the Tones or Semitones, is likewife impoffible, as Mufic fometimes changes fo often from one Key to another, and fo fudden, that no Mafter will at all Times immediately difcover the Tranfition.

As Sol-fa-ing therefore feems difficult, and not at all neceffary, it now follows to conftitute fomething in its Place, that will be more ufeful and eafier attained to. In this there is no Difficulty, as we have already the feven Letters of the Alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, which are all as mufical, when applied to Sounds, as the other, only F excepted, for which let $f a$ be pronounced. That they are more ufeful, is plain, as by them the whole of Mufic is chiefly communicated; and that they are eafier learned, is evident, as their Places are unalterably fixed, whatever Key the Mufic is on, according to whatever Cliff is fet at the Beginning.

But if any Teacher will ftill ufe Sol-fa-ing, as thinking thefe Syllables more mufical than the Letters, let him lay no Strefs 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, $f a$; 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 Nore, but the Fuftne/s of its Sound, that is to be confidered; for Names are only given, to fhew the Relation one Sound has to another. And was only the Letter A to be ufed for fome 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 accuftomed to be open when finging, without which none can fing well. If any chufe to make the Experiment, let them found any Note A with a Mouth pretty much open, then found the fame Note mi, and it will be immediately difcovered, 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

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proper Length of a Pendulum by which Cburch-mufic was to be regulated, (as may be feen by thofe who have the former Edition), and finding, after all, that few or none had the Curiofity to apply it; I fhall here make ufe of a well-regulated Houfe-clock, to which moft People have Accefs.

Let the Practitioner fit or ftand 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 raifing it from the Table, at 2; raifed towards the left Breaft at 3; and from thence towards the right Ear at 4; then down again at I , 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 thefe 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 Se conds, confequently a Minim muft 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 fhall be treated in explaining the Plate of Leffons.

## 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 thofe of common Time; and as each Bar contains three Minims, or Notes equal in Value to three Minims, let the Learner ftand by the Clock, and count the Seconds in threes; then let the Hand be putdown at i, moved to the Right, as formerly, at 2 , and raifed towards the right Ear at 3; down again at 1 , and fo on. As the Hand muft be down at the Beginning of every Bar, if there be a Note before the firf Bar, the Hand muft be raifed when that Note is fung. After this Manner ought Time to be beat to all Triple-time Mufc, whether the Bar contains three Semibreves, three Minims, three Crotchets, or three Quavers; only the Clock will

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rarely be of Service except in Cburcb-mufic, as the Time muft be beat quick or flow ac-, cording to the Nature of the Mufic performed. I muft again beg the Learner's Care to beat the Time at the Beginning of every Bar, whether the Mufic be in common or triple Time, otherwife he will undoubtedly mar his Performance.

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This Leffon is the plain natural Scale; it has been hitherto ufed only as it relates to the Knowledge of Mufic, but now it follows to fhew how by it all Mufic is performed; and as it is the Ground of all, whether vocal or infirumental, it muft therefore be perfectly learned by thofe who intend to make ary Progrefs in that Art. But as it may be too extenfive for fome Voices, we fhall begin with the next Leffon, which will anfwer the Purpofe equally well, it being a complete Octave, and therefore comprehends the whole of Mufic, as was obferved in Page firt.

## Lesson II.

The only Difference betwixt this Leffon and the former is, that it contains ferwer Notes, and is on a different Key; for the other being on the natural Key C, with the Jbarp or greater Tbird, renders it free of Sbarps and Flats; but this being on the Key G, $F$ the 7 th muft be fharp, to bring the Semitones to their proper Places, as has been formerly obferved.

The Learner having now, it is hoped, underftood as much of the Theory as is neceffary for Practice, his next Study muft be to tune his Voice, for which no Syftem of Notes is fo proper as the Scale. It is impoffible to give any Directions in Writing that will tend to fhew how to perform it; fo that thofe who are entirely ignorant, muft procure the Affiftance of one who can either fing it, or play it on fome Inftrument, along with them, till they are quite Mafters of it; and this Affiftance any one can give that is in the leaft fkilled in Mufic *. Care muft

* Hearing many Complaints from the Country anent the Difficulty of finding the above-mentioned Affiftance, I therefore invented an Inflrument that cannot go out of Tune, by which any one may learn to fing the Scale juftly. This Inttrument is fold for a few Shillings.
be taken to keep the Mouth pretty much open, that the Sound may be clear and fonorous. The human Voice, if properly ufed, is far preferable to any other Mufic ; but if overftretched, there is no Mufic fo 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 Leffon being flow common Time, each Note muft 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 Leffons are once attained, this Leffon being the Scale, ought to be fung without beating Time, and the Notes gradually fhortened, till at laft they are fung as quick as it is poffible 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. ÉV.

The firft of thefe is the fame with the former, only inftead 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 fame, only divided into four Crotcbets, each of which is equal to one Second, or Motion of the Hand.

The fifth contains a pointed Minim and Crotchet, which is the fame as to Meafure of Time with a Semibreve, as the pointed Minim is equal to the three firt Motions of the Hand, and the Crotchet to the laft.
Lesson VI.

Hitherto the Scale has been performed regularly; this and the following Leffons fhew how it is to be applied to Mufic.

Let the Learner obferve, that when he has fung the firft Note G, he mult leap over A, and fing B, Ėc. Thefe are called Leaps of Thirds, as the fecond Note in every Bar is a third from the firf. That he may hit the Diftance

Diftance of a ${ }_{3} d$ exactly, let $G$ be founded its proper Length, then let A be founded as fhort as poffible, and it will lead to B, and fo of the others; but Care muft be taken to drop the Ufe of thefe Intervals as foon as the Performer can do without them *.

Let us here obferve the other Species of common Time formerly mentioned, which is diftinguifhed by a perpendicular Stroke drawn through the Common-time Cbaracter placed before this and the four following Leffons. The Rule already laid down is, that a Semibreve is equal in Length to four Seconds of the Clock, and each of thefe Seconds to have a Motion of the Hand, confequently a Minim muft be equal to two of thefe Seconds or Motions. We fhall here ftill fuppofe the Minim to be equal in Length to two Seconds; but initead 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 eacb Bar, and raifed towards the right Ear when it is half fung, down again at the next Bar,

* Intervals fignify fuch intermediate Notes as are pafied over ; for inftance, fuppofe a Leap from $G$ to $D$, (fee Leflon 8.), then the Intervals are A, B, C.


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

## Lessons VII. E® VIII.

Leffon feventh is an Example of Leaps of Fourtbs, the fecond Note in every Bar being a 4 th from the ift. To perform this, the Learner muft take the Affiftance of the Intervals both afcending and defcending; for to come at $C$ from $G$ with Certainty, the Voice muft touch the Intervals A and B , and in returning from $C$ to $A$, the Interval B muft be touched. Though the Intervals are marked no farther than the firf Bar, yet the Learner may go on taking the help of them through the whole Leffon; only they muft be founded as fhort as poffible, becaufe whatever Time is fpent on them, muft be taken from the chief Notes.

Leffon eighth contains Leaps of Fiftbs, and are attained by the Help of the Intervals as above. This Method of ufing the Intervals to lead the Voice from one Leap

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to another, is applying the Scale to Practice.

## Lesson IX.

Each Bar here contains four Crotcbets, two of which mult be fung in the Time of one Minim, or Motion of the Hand.
Lesson X.

This Leffon 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 Leffon 2.) both forwards and backwards, as quick as polfible, as it will enable him readily to apply the Intervals to hit the Diftances.

It will not be improper to obferve here, that when a perfon intends to fing any Piece of Mufic at Sight, he ought firt to find the Key-note, and then obferve whether it has the greater or leffer Third; having found both thefe, let an Ottave from the Key-note be fung $u p$ and down, as either 3 d directs; and it will greatly enable the Performer to go
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through the Piece with Exaitnefs. But as the Progreffion of the flat Scale differs from that of the farp, it fhall be treated of afterwards.

## Lessons XI. E® XII.

Thefe Leffons 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 perfeetly attained before the leaft Attempt be made to fing any of the Tunes with the leffer Tibird; but would firft recommend it to the Learner to practife fome of thofe with the greater Tbird, fuch as the Dunfermline, Stilt, St David's, St Anne's, $\varepsilon^{c} c$. as it is neceffary to fix the Joarp Sy/tem in the Ear perfeetly, before the other is attempted, otherwife the Ideas

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may be confounded, and neither Syftem properly acquired.

This Scale is placed at the Foot of the Plate of Leffons. The Learner mult not attempt to fing it by himfelf, and therefore he muft here, as well as in the 乃arp Scale, procure Affiftance, it being much more difficult to perform juftly than the other, becaufe the 6th and 7 th in afcending are Sarp, and in defcending they are natural. This Alteration' arifes from the Impoffibility there is in coming at the 8 th from the flat 7 th with any Degree of Pleafure; and to prevent the crofs and unnatural Diftance that is betwixt the flat 6th and fharp 7 th, the 6th muft be alfo fharp. Thefe two Notes being fo changeable in their Nature, is the Caufe of Sharps being introduced fo often in Tunes with the leffer Third, as may be feen in the Dundee, London, E'c.

If any Teacher chufes to follow the above Method for inftrueting his Scholars, I may venture to affure him of Succefs. However, as there is a good deal of Air in thefe twelve Lefons, a Pupil that has a quick Ear, will, upon hearing them often, learn to fing 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 firft Note of the Scale, and then to the others at Pleafure, as to the 4 th, 5 th, 3 d , 6 th, 2 d , and fo on at random; and if the Scholar fing the Notes fo pointed, juftly and readily, without the Help of the Intervals, (which every well-taught Scholar ought to do), any fuch Scholar will find but little Dificulty in finging at Sight any Part of the following Church-tunes. Büt before he attempts to fing $B a / s$, he ought to learn to name the Notes by the Letters readily; after which he has only to find the Sound of the firf Note, which Note is generally the Key; and then all the other Notes throughout the Bals are either $2 \mathrm{ds}, 3 \mathrm{ds}, 4$ ths, $\delta \cdot c$. to the $\mathrm{Key}_{s}$ or to one another.

Though all the Parts of thefe Church-tunes, except the Bafs, are put in the Treble Cliff, it is not to be underftood from thence that they are only to be performed by treble Voices; on the contrary, the Treble is the only proper Part for fuch, though they may be added to the Tenor, without having any bad Effect. The
chief Intention is, to accommodate fuch as do not chufe the Trouble of learning many Cliffs; and the next Inducement is that judicious Reafon given by $\operatorname{Dr}$ Green, in his Preface to his Book of Catcbes, where he expreffes himfelf thus: "They are put in the " Treble Cliff, in order to be of more ge" neral Ufe; many Perfons having taught " themfelves and others to fing, by playing " upon Treble Inftruments. The Skilful, " I am well aware, need not this kind of "Affiftance; and for the Unfkilful, it was " ever my Opinion that no Affiftance can " be too much."

The Dundee Tinne, which is allowed to excel any other of the flat Tunes, has beens laid afide by fuch Precentors or Churchclerks as have been regularly taught, becaufe they found it was impolifibe to bring their Congregations to fall the Half-note, which concludes the firft and tbird Meafures of the Cburcb-part, they having been in ufe for many Years paft to fall a wobole Note, that is, to fing G natural inftead of G fharp. It is therefore propofed, with Coirent of the Honourable Committee, that thefe Half-notes
in the Church-part may be transferred to the Treble, and the Treble Notes fubftituted in their Place; by which the Tenor or Churchpart will be rendered natural and eafy, without making the leaft Difference in the Harmony. There would be no Occafion for this Cbange, if none fung Tenor but fuch as have been taught; but it being the moft prevailing and airy Part, I fay, the moft 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 inftrusted. But that every one may have his Choice, both Notes are fet down.

The fame Inconveniency attends a Note in both the Abbey and St Paul's Tune, and the fame Remedy propofed, with this Difference, that the Half-note in the $A b b e y$ is exchanged for the counter Tenor Note.

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AS the Church-tunes alone would not afford fufficient Practice for thofe who intend to make Progrefs in Mufic, I have added fome of the beft Canons and Anthems, and have prefixed thereto fome Leffons in two Parts for Time and Execution, which; when properly performed betwixt Mafter and Scholar, will not only give Pleafure, but likewife enable the Learner to execute any Species of Song eafily. But as none can be faid to be an elegant Singer without the Tbrill or Sbake, it being by far the fineft Grace in Mulic, it fhall be firft treated of.

Of the Thrile or Shake
Let the Mouth be opened, and the Voice moved flowly and fmoothly from one Note to another, with the Letter A only, (fee the Examples,

Examples, the firft of which is compounded of a whole Note, and the other of a Half-note). After fome Practice of this Kind, the Shake will naturally increafe in Quicknefs as the Voice grows tractable. The only Danger is, of its growing too quick, and confequently imperfect; for it will fometimes run away for a little, (that is, the Voice will get out of the Performer's Power), and then ftop, even though it was defigned to be lengthened : But this is fo far from being a Difcouragement, that it is a certain Sign of its Succefs, and that fpeedily, provided the Learner always begin again on his firf Principles. If Leffon 2. is much practifed, it will greatly forward a good Shake.

As the Learner would tire of always labouring at thefe Examples, I have fet down a well-known little Song, and have put the Shake in fmall Notes, where it is moft proper to apply it. He need pay no Regard to the Number of thefe fmall Notes, but may lengthen the Thrill at Pleafure, till he is Mafter of it. If it is once acquired, there will be but little Difficulty afterwards in making it fubfervient 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, firf, becaufe of its Excellency, and the Delight it gives both to the Entertainer and Entertained. Again, Becaufe fome imagine it to be the Gift of Nature, and not to be attained by Practice. But this Suppofition is entirely groundlefs; for I have known many whofe Voices were exceffively ftiff 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 Cafe with every other Accomplifhment. But let none defpair; 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 Courfe of a Song, or otherwife, that fuch will fooner or later arrive at this capital Qualification of a Singer.

Leffon 3. is intended to fhew the Length and Proportion that one Note bears to another. The Learner ought to be Mafter of this Leffon, both as to Tune and Time, before
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 Bafs of this Leffon), each of thefe Crotchets is to have a Motion of the Hand, as defcribed in the Chapter on Time. This Method of beating Time is called four in a Bar.

Leffon 4. has alfo Time beat to it as above; it is defigned to fhew the Nature and Ufe of Refts.

Leffon 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 laft Note of one Bar and the firlt in the next are tied together by a Daßb or Slur over them, they mult be founded as one Note; fo that to beat Time properly in this Leffon, is more difficult than in any other, as the Hand muft be put down during this Sound. The putting down or raifing up the Hand in this Manner, when a Note is founding, is called Syncopation, or driving Notes.

Leffon 6. is the fame with the former, only in triple Time. See the Chapter on triple Time.

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Leffon 7 . is a Ground-bafs, to which there are fet eight different Trebles; and as all manner of Practice, viz. Refts, Syncopation, Execution, Sbakes, $\xi^{c}$. are introduced in the Courfe of thefe Trebles, more Inftructions might be judged rather tedious than ufeful.
N. B. As the Pages are narrow, the Anthems are printed fo as to be read ftraight. forward through both Pages.

## Of CANON or Catch.

A Canon or Catch in the Unifon is performed by three or more Voicts, each following one another at certain Diflances: For Example, the firft Voice begins the Piece alone; and by the Time that he has fung to the firt double Bar, or Repeat, then the fecond Voice takes up the Piece alfo from the Beginning, the firft ftill going on; and after the fecond Voice has fung to the firft double Bar or Repeat, the tbird Voice begins; and at this Diftance they follow one another throughout the Piece, which they may fing over without ftopping, as often as they pleafe.

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Teaching the four Parts to any Number a Houfe will conveniently hold, with as little Trouble, and as foon as to four People.

HAving been pretty minute with regard to what related to the Scholar, I fhall next lay down fome Rules for you who are Teachers of this effential Piece of Education. Were you all Mafters of your Bufinefs, there wauld be no Ufe for thefe Rules:But this is not the Cafe; there being many difperfed 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

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Teachers never knew a Note of Mufic. But, exclufive of thefe, there are others that affume the Teacher, filled with Conceit and Ignorance, having no other Foundation than being applauded by the Ignorant for finging a trifling Song, or probably a Churchtune in the Character of a Precentor, with a better Voice than him they heard laft. How defpicable a Figure the Pupils of fuch Teachers muft make, may eafily be imagined.

Notwithftanding of there being many as above reprefented, yet, with Pleafure, I know that there are Numbers who of late make their Bufinefs their Study. How far the firft Edition of this Book has been a Means of their Inftruction, would be vain in me to affert; I fhall therefore comfort myfelf with the Hopes, that all of you will in due Time fee the Neceffity of being properly qualified; and that I have been inftrumental thereto, will, doubtlefs, add to my Pleafure. But to the Purpofe.

Let it be fuppofed you are called, or go to a Town or Viliage to teach Church-mufic; your firft Care muft be to procure the Countenance of the People of Fafhion. This done,

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 the Vulgar will readily follow their Example; and you muit 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, exclufive of their being more numerous, they are very fond of being of Confequence, and fing with Spirit, with a View to keep all around right; whereas if a poor Man fing a little out of Tune or Time, all the Gentry next him are immediately filenced.Your next Difficulty will be to perfuade the better Sort to meet with the Commons; but a little Reafoning will convince them, that it is as reafonable to meet together to learn to praife God in a decent and proper Manner, as it is to meet to perform that office.

Having fucceeded fo far, let it next be fuppofed that you meet with your Pupils at Church, or fome large Room that will contain them eafily; and having feated them all with their Books in their Hands, defire them to look at the Scale, where they will fee two Staves, each containing five Lines, the upper comprehending the treble Notes, and the

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the lower the Bafs. Then direct them to look for the firft 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 $f a$, if you ufe Sol-fa-ing); the next Note is under the firlt of the five Lines, and is called $D$; the next is $E$, and is on the firft Line; the next is $F$, and is in the Space betwixt the firft and fecond Lines; and fo on.

Having proceeded thus far, defire them next to fee the fecond Leffon in the Plate of Leffons, which is the Scale from G to G. Then inform them, that as the Notes there rife gradually one after another, fo they will difcover the Voice to rife in finging them.

Being now ready for the firf Performance, give a Sound for the firft Note yourfelf alone; then defire all of them to fing it with you. This done, you will hear many of them here and there wrong; but try it again and again, and you will foon find they will grow better. When they found this Note pretty well, inform them, you are now to fing two Notes; and after performing them yourfelf alone, make them join you as formerly.

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merly. Here again you will difcover feverals wrong, particularly in rifing to the 2 d , 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 thefe Sounds, the more exactly they will perform them. After the fame manner make them rife to the 3 d ; and by the time you make them fing thefe firft three Notes frequently over, both forwards and backwards, your Hour will be fpent, and therefore Time to difmifs your Pupils, they having got fufficient Inftruction for the firft Leffon.

If you have not heretofore taught in this manner, you will probably be difcouraged, when you find many of them have fuch wretched Ears that they know not one Sound from another, and therefore conclude it impolfible to make any Hand of them in this Way; but there is no other Way you can propofe fo good. For did yau engage with one of thefe Awkwards alone, you would find your Labour and Lungs fpent to no Purpofe. To evidence this, let it be fuppofed that you undertake to inftruct one deftitute
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deftiture of Genius; your firft Attempt will be to fing the Scale with him. Very well. You give a Sound; but inftead of joining you, he gives a different Sound. What is next to be done? You muft 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 2 d , he pays no Regard to you, but goes on with his firft Sound, without the leaft Senfibility of the monftrous Difcord occafioned by the firft and fecond 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 firft Note, he muft make his Voice rife higher to fing the fecond, he again agrees; but when he comes to put it in Practice, he only adds Loudnefs to the fame Sound; and thus he will beat you down, and baffle all your Efforts. Now, if he is amongft the Croud, they will in time either beat him down, or drag him alongft with them; for it is rare if there be not ten to one againft him, that is, ten that have

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Some mufical Genius for one that has none.
You may think from this that it were better to inform fuch 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 wore; for though you get rid of them at School, there is no getting rid of them at Church, where they are lure to make more Noife than thole that know the Matter. -I I have heard one of this kind not only confound, but filence all around them; and very juftly, for who of any Feeling can crofs Nature fo much as to fing in oppofition to bawling Nonfenfe? Now, the Confequence of allowing them to join your Scholars will be, that in time they will learn to follow; or if not, they will gradually difcover 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 difturb others. But to return with your Pupils.

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Having feated them as formerly, fpend fome Time in refrefhing 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, $\mathcal{E} c$. Then return to the fecond Leffon, which, it is probable, you will make them fing tolerably, both forwards and backwards, before the Hour is paft. But this depends on what Genius the People have for Mufic. It is an undeniable Fact, that the mufical Genius of the People in fome Towns is much ftronger than that of others; and this may be owing to the having or wanting a Town-piper, or fome fuch Muficanto, to buz a few little Tunes in the Childrens Ears, which Tunes they are conftantly 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 courfe the

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People's Ideas of mufical Sounds would in a fhort Time be entirely loft. But to return.
Let it be fuppofed you have got them to fing the eight Notes in this Leffon tolerably well in Tune; only you are diftrefled with Squalling in one Place, Roaring in another, and diftorted Faces in a third: In that Cafe you mult fet about rectifying thefe 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 amifs, then take him off. For Example, if he wries his Face, or overftretches his Voice, do you the fame; then tell him how ridiculous fuch a Method is; after which, let him hear the Difference betwixt the falfe and natural Voice, and how that no Voice is difagreeable if it be properly ufed. A few Rebukes of this kind will make the whole afraid of doing amifs, and at the fame time delight them, as it is demonftrating the Nature and Power of the human Voice.

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Having now got their Wildness a little curbed, let them hear the Beauty of fwelling a Note; which is done by beginning the Sound very foft, and increafing it in Loudnefs till towards the End, then letting it die away. If they are made to fing every Note of this Leffon frequently over in this manner, it will very foon rub off all their Rufticity and Awkwardnefs.

Your next Bufinefs muft be to demonftrate the Nature of Time; after which make them fing the fame Leffon, giving four Motions of the Hand to each Note, as directed in the former Part of this Treatife. Then proceed to Leffon 3. which is two Minims in a Bar, each of which has two Motions of the Hand; and afterwards to Leffon 4. which confifts of Crotchets, each of which have a Motion of the Hand.

We fhall now fuppofe that thefe Inftructions, together with many other Things you found neceffary to inform them of in the Courfe of Teaching, has taken up a Week; and indeed if you have advanced fo far the firft Week to Purpofe, you have been very fucceisful; for the molt difagreeable

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Part of the Work is over, as what follows muft give Pleafure both to Mafter and Scholar.

Having met again, your firlt Bufinefs muft be to go over the former Leffons; which is recommended to be done every Day, particularly the Scale, that is, Leffon 2. as a juft 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 fome eafy airy Church-tune, fuppofe the French; which is recommended to be fung by neither Letters nor Sol-fa-ing, they being both perplexing and unneceffary, but by any four Lines of eight and fix Syllables, from the Pfalms, or any other Poetry you chufe. And here it will be proper to obferve, that, in finging Church or other Mufic, the Syllable muft not be clofed till the Sound to which it is applied is about being done. To illuftrate this the better, obferve 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. Comme, no-zv tha-Ti-mbre-lbri-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 fome Syllables, as thy-. This Monofyllable immediately lands in ee, which cannot be pronounced without applying the Tongue to the Roof of the Mouth, by which the Sound is greatly diminifhed: But if it is fung tha- $y$, it opens the Mouth; which you muft always endeavour to make them do, fo far as the Senfe and Meaning of the Words fung 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 Mufic, as formerly obferved, I fhall from henceforth ceafe to limit your Time, their Aptnefs or Dulnefs being the beft Dictator in that Point: Having, I fay, got them to fing this Tenor tolerably well, begin another, as St David's, St Paul's, St Anne's, or any ocher with the fharp or greater Third you chufe; and by the Time they can perform this indifferently, it is to be fuppofed they

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they have got a pretty good Hold of the former.

It is now Time to felect the Voices for the different Yarts, which is a Work that requires Caution and Judgment. Let it be fuppofed then that your School confifts of two hundred Men, Women, and Children, fifty of whom you want for Baffes, thirty for Trebles, fifteen for Counters, and the Remainder for the Tenor, commonly called the Cburcb-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 firft Note of St Paul's Tenor; afterwards defcend Note by Note with him till he land at the other $G$, and obferve what Power or Strength of Voice he has there. This done, found the former or centre G again, and afcend 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 thofe that have moft Power below for Baffes, and thofe that go higheft for Counters. After the fame manner go over the Boys; and if there be not Men fufficient to make up your

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Complement of Baffes and Counters, let the Boys fupply the Defect; for though they are at prefent treble Voices, and therefore improper for thefe Parts, yet their being Males, will fooner or later remove this Inconveniency ; but you mult take care to difperfe them amongft your other Scholars; for if a Number of them are allowed to fit together, they: will, during the Time of finging a Churchtune two or three Times over, fall greatly from the Pitch, and mar all your Performance.

If you have, in the Courfe of thefe Trials, found any bad Geniufes, be fure to allot them to the Bafs, as they will do lefs Hurt there than in any other Part.

Having now difpofed of your Males, (for if there be any over your Complement of Baffes 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 fineft and beft-tuned Voices for Trebles, and throw all the Remainder to the Tenor. If in fome Places you cannot find Voices calculated to proportion each Part as above, you muft not therefore

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therefore be difcouraged, but make the beft you can of them; only never allot a Man for Treble, nor a Woman for Bafs.

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 fupported; and this Difpofition they are always to obferve, and take their Seats accordingly.

They being feated, make them all fing over the French Tenor; then addrefs the Baffes, telling them, they are now to learn their own Part, to which they muft be particularly attentive. After going over it feveral times with them, in like manner inftruat the Trebles, and then the Counters; and when you find that each Poffé can keep their own Part without your Help, then make Bafs and Treble fing together; if they go well, then join Bafs and Counter ; and if in like manner thefe go to your Wifh, let Bals and Tenor be joined. Having thus proved all the Parts feparately with the Bass, join any three of them together, as
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Bafs, Counter, and Treble ; and if this Performance is juft, try Bafs, Tenor, and Treble; if thefe alfo 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 firft of this kind that was here was at a little Chapel, where the Teacher brought all his beft Scholars, to the Number of a hundred and fixty, who were not taught together, but in different Claffes. There were but few met to hear the firf Performance; but the Report thefe gave of it made Numbers flock to the next; fome, probably, with a View to cenfure, and many out of Novelty or Paftime. No fooner however was the Mufic begun, but a fort of Dread and Amazement feized every Countenance; fome looked pale and ghaftly, others were in a chilly Sweat, and many fared at they knew not what; nay, the Teacher himfelf (a thorough-bred Chorifter) was not only filenced, but weeped exceffively. This may feem romantic to many, as they cannot conceive

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ceive how a fimple Church-tune, in which there is no great Art of Compofition, could produce fuch Effects; but let fuch confider, that it is not the Church-tune, (though Mufic in that Style is more folemn, and therefore more ftriking than any other), it is the Number of Voices that aftonifhes. Thofe who have not heard a hundred and fixty Voices or upwards perform a Church-tune, or any folemn Piece of Mufic, in all its Parts, with proper Paufes, and fine Swells, can be no Judges of this Matter, it being entirely above their Conceptions. Some may be of Opinion, that this Performance muft have been defective without an Organ, or other Inftruments to ftrengthen and enliven the Voices: But the Want of thefe was the very Caufe of its Excellency; for their Number gave Life and Strength, and their Parts being both fhort and eafy, enabled them to perform more juftly in Tune than any Organ is capable of. Add to this, that the Words fung, (which are greatly blunted by Inftruments), were diftinctly heard, without which vocal Mufic is at beft but dull and infipid. But to return.

Having now got the Frencb 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 muft 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; fo that in twelve Weeks they will have got twelve Tunes, which is Number fufficient for any Congregation *. But if you make them thoroughly Mafters of thefe twelve

* In fome old Editions of the Pfalms there is a Tune fet almoft at the Head of every Pfalm, probably with a View that the Mufic might always fuit the Subject. But exclufive of the Impofibility of learning the Grofs of Mankind fo great a Number of Tunes, the Defect is as great as ever; for the Subject changes fo often in moft Pfalms as to require a different Tune to every four Lines, or rather a particular Note or Paffage to every Syllable, as done by the inimitable Marcello. A few therefore of the chearful and fprightly, and a leffer Number of the melancholy and penitential, is fufficient for public Devotion, and is all that a Croud can be fuppoled to perform jufly.

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Tunes in fix Months, from the Time of your firft opening School, you do very well, as you have every Day (exclufive of their prefent Leffon) to make them rehearfe the whole or a Part of fuch Tunes as they have already learned, and now and then to give them a new Leffon out of the Plate of Lefforis, demonftrating the Nature of the different Leaps, with many other Things, as common and triple Time, Cliffs, Sharps, and Flats, छc. fo that they may not be Earfcholars. 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 fome other Profeffions, as Divinity, Law, or Phyfic. 1 have often heard the celebrated Geminiani (whofe Pupil I had the Honour to be) maintain, that the whole Art of Compofition could be communicated in this manner; and from the Inftrutions I had from him, I difcovered no Reafons to the contrary.

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ferve, that if it fhall happen, you cannot prevail on all your Scholars to meet at the fame Hour, and be taught together: In that Cafe you muft open a convenient Hour for the better fort of People, another for thofe 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 fhould 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 feparate Manner, you muft 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 yourfelf.

What only remains now to be confidered, is your Conduct at Church on the Sabbathday. Having gone there with all your Pupils, you muft, if poffible, have them feated together in fome Loft or Part of the Church. If they are difperfed amongtt the reft of the Congregation, the Effect will not only be poor, but it will be rare if they are not put into Confufion. Many of them that

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

Having them thus placed, and yourfelf the Precentor, (or if another, it is to be hoped you have been particularly careful in inftructing him, otherwife he will fruftrate all your Endeavours), you muft be careful that they all fing Tenor, and no other Part, during the firft 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 fame three you pleafe. There would be no Ufe for this Caution if the whole Congregation were taught; but as this cannot be expected, the Tenor alone muft be continued till the Ignorant have got a tolerable Grip of it, which will foon be the Cafe, 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 ftrikes their Ear moft agreeably, or fing

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