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# THE CHILD'S INTRODUCTION 

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The design of this little book is to furnish children and youth generally ad Sabbath Schools especially, with a suitable introduction to Psalmody.
The rudiments of music have been explained in a very plain and easy anner, and although brief, they are believed to be amply sufficient to enable zildren to read music, and sing understandingly.
The tunes are all easy. Most of them are generally' known, and are ir immon use in the church. Some of them have been arranged in thret urts. The upper part, or First Treble being the leading melody, shoulc ways be sung by girls, or female voices; the Second Treble or accompa. ing part may be sung either by girls or boys as is most convenient. Where cre are men capable of singing, the base may be also sung; but the voices men should never be heard on either of the upper parts, except in cases tere the chidren have not confidence tosing alone.
It was originally intended to inciude a small selection of hymns, but it was and that this plan weuld too much ingrease both the price and size of the ok.
It is believed that, with the aid here afforded, some Teacher may be found almost every \{abbath Schonl póssessing a sufficient knowledge of music instruct the children in singing. © Oneor two hours in the week devoted this subject would soon render this exercise in Sabbath Schools, pleasin ${ }_{3}^{5}$ ${ }^{1}$ profitable, and would also prepare the way for a much more appropriate formance of Psalmody in public worship.
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## Ram, $6,1 \nmid$ JUVENILE PSALMIST。

## LESSON 1.

OF THE STAFF.

1. What is a Staff?

A Staff is five lines with their intermediate spaces.
2. What is the use of a Staff?

Most of the musical characters are written upon it.
3. In what order are the lines and spaces of the Staff counted?

From the lowest, upward.
EXAMPLE.

4. What is each line and space of the Staff called?

A degree.
5. How many degrees does the Staff contain?

Nine ; there being five lines and four spaces.
6. What are used when more than nine degrees are wanted?

The spaces below or above the staff; also additional lines called added leger lines.

> EXAMPLE.


## LESSON II.

OF THE REPRESENTATION OF MUSICAL SOUNDS UPON THE STAFF.
How many primary musical sounds are there?
Seven.
How are they named?
After the first seven letters of the alphabet-A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.
How are musical sounds represented upon the staff?
Dy the letters after which they are named.
What is a Clef?
A Clef is a character used to fix or determine the situation of the letters the staff.

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## EXAMPLE.

Wase, or F Clef. The Tenor, or C Clef.
The Treble, or G Clef t 二
$6=$
$6=$ The Base, or F Clef, and the Treble, or G Clef, How are the letters placed upon the Staff according to the Base Clef?


How are the letters placed on the Staff according to the Treble Clef?

Situation of the letters upon the Staff, according to the Treble Clef.


## LESSON IIII.

OF NOTES AND RESTS.
1 What are Notes?
Characters written upon the Staff as signs of musical sounds; showin their length and order.
2. How many kinds of Notes are there?

Six.
3. What are they called?

Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiquaver, and Demisemiquaver EXAMPLE.

4. What is the proportionate duration or length of the Notes?

One Semibreve is equal to 2 Minims, or 4 Crotchets, or 8 Quavers, or Semiquavers, or 32 Demisemiquavers.
One Minim is equal to 2 Crotchets, or 4 Quavers, or 8 Semiquavers, or Demisemiquavers.
One Crotchet is equal to 2 Quavers, or 4 Semiquavers, or 3 Demiser quavers.
One Quaver is equal to 2 Semiquavers, or 4 Demisemiquavers.
One Semiquaver is equal to 2 Demisemiquavers.
5. What is the use of a dot after a note?

A dot after a note adds one half to its length.
6. What is the use of the figure 3 , placed over or under any three notes the same kind?
It shows that the three notes over or under which it is placed are to sung in the time of two notes of the same kind without the figure.
7. What are rests?

Rests are marks of silence.
8. How many are there?

Six.
9. What are they called?

Semibreve rest, Minim rest, Crotchet rest, Quaver rest, Semiquaver r and Demisemiquavar rest.

EXAMPLE.
Eenibreve rest. Minim rest. Crotchet rest. Quaver rest. Semiquaver rest. Demisemiquare
0. How long is the performer required to remain silent at a rest?

As long as he would be singing its corresponding note, or note of the same name.

## LESSON IV.

of various musical characters.
What is the use of a Flat?
A Flat lowers the pitch of a sound, half a tone.
What is the use of a Sharp?
A Sharp raises the pitch of a sound, half a tone.
What is the use of a Natural?
A Natural restores a note made flat or sharp to its original sound.

## EXAMPLE.



What are Fats or Sharps called, when placed at the beginning of a tune or strain?
1 Signature.
What are Flats, Sharps, or Naturals called, when placed before a single note?
lccidentals.
What is the use of a Bar?
I Bar is used to divide the notes into equal measures.
What is a Measure?
Neasure consists of all the Notes contained between two bars.

EXAMPLE.
Mensure. Bar. Measure. Bar. Meare. Bar.
8. What is the use of a Double Bar:?

It shows the end of a strain, or of a line of poetry.
EXAMPLE.
9. What is the use of a Brace?

It shows how many parts are to be performed together.

> EXAMPLE.

Brace.

10. What is the use of a Slur or Tie?

It shows how many notes are to be sung to one syllable.
EXAMPLE.
Slur or Tie.

11. What is the use of a Repeat?

It shows what part of a tune is to be sung twice.
EXAMPLE.

Repeat.

12. What is the use of marks of distinction, or staccato marks?

They are placed over or under such notes as are to be performed very short, distinct manner.

EXAMPLE.

13. What is meant by singing Staccato?

Singing in a short, pointed, and articulate manner.
14. What is meant by singing Legato?

Singing in a smooth, close, and gliding manner.
15. What is the use of a Pause?

It shews that a note may be continued beyond its usual length.


## LESSON V. (a.)

OF SOLMIZATION BY SEVEN SYLLABLES.
What is Solmization?
It is the application of certain syllables to musical sounds.
How many syllables are used in Solmization?
Seven, there being one for each musical sound.
What are they?
Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Si, PRONOUNCED,
Doe, Rae, Mee, Faw, Sole, Law, See.
Which of these syllables governs the others, and fixes their places upon the aff?
si.
By what is the place of the syllable Si known?
$3 y$ the Signature.
What is the Signature?
The Flats or Sharps placed at the beginning of a tune or strain.
What is the signature said to be, when there are neither flats or sharps beginning of a tune or strain?
Tatural.
f the signature be natural, on what letter is the syllable Si?
in B.
9. If the signature be one flat, ( Bb ) on what letter is the syllable $\$ i$ ? On E.
0. If the signature be two fats, ( B and Eb ) on what letter is the syllable $S i$ On A.

1. If the signature be three flats, ( $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{E}$ and Ab ) on what letter is the sy lable Si?
On D.
2. If the signature be four flats, ( $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{A}$ and Db ) on what letter is th syllable Si?
On G.
3. If the signature be one sharp, ( F ) on what letter is the syllable Si ? On F\#.
4. If the signature be two sharps, ( F and C ) on what letter is the syllab. Si?
On C\#.
5. If the signature be three sharps, ( $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{G} \#$ ) on what letter is ti syllable Si?
On G\#.
6. If the signature be four sharps. (F, C, G and D\#) on what letter the syllable Si ?
On D.
7. Having ascertained the place of the syllable Si by the signatnre, 1 what rule are the places of the other syllables known?
They follow upon each degree of the Staff, in regular order.
8. What is the order of the syllables ascending from Si ?

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La.
19. What is the order of the syllables descending from Si?

La, Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, Do.
20. What effect have accidentals on solmization?

When accidentals are used, it often becomes necessary to change t syllables, in order to sing in exact tune.
21. Hovo are such changes to be made?

Sometimes by a different termination of the syllables, as Fe for $\mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{Se}$ Sol, \&c.; and sometimes by considering the accidentals as occasion changes of the signature.
Note. The use of accidentals is so various, that it is impossible to give any r which shall be applicable to all cases. A judicious teacher will be able to direct 51 changes as the nature of different passages may require, and to assign the reasons them.

It is the application of certain syllables to musical sounds.
3. How many syllables are used in Solmization?

Four.
3. What are they?

Fa, Sol, La, Mi.

1. Which of these syllables governs the others, and fixes their places upon th Staff?
Mi .
By what is the place of the syllable Mi known?
By the Signature.
What is the Signature?
The Flats or Sharps placed at the beginning of a tune or strain.
What is the Signature said to be when there are neither flats or sharp at the beginning of a tune or strain?
Natural.
If the Signature be natural on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On B.
If the Signature be one flat, ( Bb ) on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On E.
2. If the Signature be two flats, ( B and Eb ) on what letter is the syllable Mi .

On A.
If the Signature be three flats, ( $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{E}$ and Ab ) on what letter is th syllable Mi?
On D.
If the Signature be four flats, (B, E, A and Db) on what letter is i..u syllable Mi?
On G.
If the Signature be one sharp, ( F \#) on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On F
If the Signature be two sharps, ( F and $\mathrm{C} \#$ ) on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On C
If the Signature be three sharps, ( $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{C}$ and G 井) on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On G ${ }^{*}$ 。

If the Signature be four sharps, ( $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{G}$ and D *) on what letter is the syllable Mi?
On D
Having ascertained the place of the syllable Mi by the Signature, by what rule are the places of the other syllables known?
They follow upon each degree of the staff in regular order.
What is the order of the syllables ascending from Mi?
Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol La.
-What is the order of the syllables descending from Mi?
La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, Fa.
What effect have accidentals upon solmization?
When accidentals are used it often becomes necessary to change the syllables, in order to sing in exact tune.
. How are such changes to be made?
Sometimes by a different termination of the syllables, as $F e$ for $\mathrm{Fa}, \boldsymbol{S} e$ for Sol, \&c. and sometimes by considering the accidentals as occasional changes of the Signature.
Note. See note at the end of Lesson V. (a.) page 9.

## LESSON VI.

of time.

Haw many kinds of Time are there in music?
Two.
What are they called?
Common and Triple.
What is the difference between Common and Triple time?
Common time contains two equal notes in each measure; Triple timı contains three equal notes in each measure.

> COMMON TIME.

Hıno mauy signs has Common time?
Three.
What is the first sign of Common time?
The letter $\bar{C}$.

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6. What note or notes fill a measure?

A semibreve or its equal in other notes or rests.
7. How many motions or countings are employed in describing or measuring $i$ Four.
8. On what part of the measure does the accent fall?

On the first and third.
9. What is the second sign of Common time?

The letter $\overline{\text { 里 }}$ with a bar drawn across it.
10. What note or notes fill a measure?

A Semibreve or its equal in other notes or rests.
11. How many motions or countings are employed in describing or measuring i Two or four.
12. On what part of the measure cloes the accent fall?

Usually on the first, but sometimes on the first and third.
18. What is the third sign of Common time?

The figures $\frac{\overline{2}}{\underline{4}}$.
4. What note or notes fill a measure?

A Minim or its equal in other notes or rests.
5. How is it described or measured and accented?

In the same manner as the second sign of Common time.

## TRIPLE TIME.

6. Hono many signs has Triple time? Three.
7. What is the first sign of Triple time?

The figures $\frac{\frac{\overline{3}}{2}}{\frac{2}{2}}$.
3. What note or notes fill a measure?

A dotted semibreve, or its equal in other notes or rests.
). How many motions or countings are employed in describing or measus ing it?
Three.

On what part of the measure does the atcent fall?
Principally on the first, and slightly on the third.
What is the second sign of Triple time?
The figures $\frac{\overline{\overline{3}}}{\frac{\overline{3}}{4}}$.
What note or notes fill a measure?
A dotted Minim, or its equal in other notes or rests.
How is it described or measured and accented?
In the same manner as the first sign of Triple time.
What is the third sign of Triple time?
The figures $\frac{\overline{3}}{\frac{\overline{3}}{8}}$.
What note or notes fill a measure?
A dotted Crotchet, or its equal in other notes or rests.
How is it described or measured and accented?
In the same manner as the first sign of Triple time.
ompound Time is so seldom used in Psalmody, that it was thought unlecessary to rribe it in this little introduction to singing.

Tote. Many persons, and even some teachers of music, seem to suppose that a coledge of the rules is the principal thing to be acquired in learning to sing. This is eat mistake. The rules of musical notation are very few, and simple; and a child or twelve years of age may be made to understand and apply them in a very few ons. But the great difficulty to be overcome in singing is the proper management he roice. To acquire this is no easy task, and years of daily practice are indispenly necessary to any considerable degree of proficiency.
The constant practice of the ascending and descending scale in both modes, is renmended as one of the best means of tuning and improving the voice. This should the first lesson in teaching singing, and it should never be discontinued.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS.

1. Ascending and Descending Scale in the Major Mode.

2. Ascending and Descending Scale in the Minor Mode.



3. 




Sing jour worthy Sariour's praise,
Glorious in his worlss and ways.

## SAVIOUR, SOURCE OF EV'RY BLESSING.

## irst and Second Treble



Teach me some melo - dious measure, Sung by raptur'd saints abore,



Fill my soul with sacred pleasure, While I sing re - deeming love.

when a stranger, e fold of God; from danger, ith thy blood.

By thy hand restor'd, defended,
Safe thro' life, thus far, l'm come ; Safe, o Lord, when life is ended,

Bring me to thy heavenly bome.

 y

KE STREET. L. M.
J. Hatton.


From all who dwell be-low the skies, Let the Cre-a-tor's praise ari



Let the Redeemer's name be sung Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue (\%)

## First Treble.



1. Great God! and wilt thou condescend, To be my Father and my friend? Second Treble.

2. Art thou my Father? canst thou bear, To hear my poor imperfect pray'r? Base.


I but a child, and thou so high, The Lord of earth, and air, and sky.


Or stoop to listen to the praise That such a little child can raise?


Art thou my Father? -Let me be A meek, obedient child to thee; And try, in word and deed, and thought, To serve and please thee as 1 ought.
4. Art thou my Father?-I'll depend Upon the care of such a friend; And daily strive to do, and be, Whatever zeemeth good to thee,
5. Art thou my Father?-Then at last, When all my days on earth are past, Send down, and take me in thy love, To be thy better clild above.

1. My God, how endless is thy love, Thy gifts are ev'ry ev'ning new i我 2. I yield my pow'rs to thy command, To thee I con - secrate my days;
 Perpetual blessings from thy hand, Demand perpetual songs of praise.

EVENING HYMN. and Second Treble.


Glory to Thee, my God, this night, For all the blessings of the light;



Keep me, $\mathbf{O}$ keep me, King of kinge, Under the shadow of thy wings.



Once more, my soul, the rising day, Salutes my waking eyes:

 Once more, my voice, thy tribute pay, To him who rules the skies.


## DEDHAM. <br> C. M.



Sweet was the time when first l felt, The Saviour's pard'ning blood;



Applied to cleanse my soul from guilt And bring me home to God.


MEDWAY.
L. M.

## First Treble.


$\qquad$
 fet $5=-$
$1=-$ Second Treble.
 Great God, to thee my voice I raise, To thee my youngest hours belong;


 I would begin my life with praise, 'Till growing years improve my song.


## DANVERS. L. M,

L. Mason.
\# First Treble.
卉等- Second Treble.


Awake, my tongue, thy tribute bring, To Him, who gave thee pow'r to sing;



## HOWARD's. <br> C. M.

Mrs. Cuthbert. First Treble.

Stcond Treble.

Lord, hear the voice of my complaint, Accept my secret pray'r:



To thee, alone, my King, my God, Will I for help repair.



GRAF'ION. C. M.


 shun thy presence, Lord, or flee The notice of thine eye.


## First and Second Treble.

长

Let not des - pair nor fell revenge, Be to my bosoru known; DA我
 Oh! givemetearsfor others' woe, And patience for my own.


MEDFIELD.
First and Second Treble.


* Mind and sing this passuge in tune. See Practical Leason 7, p. 14.

First Treble.
 What shallI render to my God, For all his kindness shown
 Fi


## SHIRLAND. S. M.





give us，Thy rich grace in all our fears！


## PLEYEL＇s HYMN．Sevens．

 End with the first strain．
PADDINGTON. S. M.
 Come, sound his praise a - broad, And hymns of glo-ry sing;



## St. THOMAS. S. M. A. Williams.




So far the riches of his grace, Our highest thoughts exce


First T＇reble．

Second Treble．
系
Lord，dismiss us with thy blessing，Fill our hearts with joy and peace




> up, exnathy lore piosesting, Triumpis

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## ITALIAN HYMN．

6 and 4.
Giardini．
First Treble．
 Come，thou Almighty king，Help us thy name to sing，Help us to praise

 Father all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.
 DARWELL's.
H. M.

Darwell.



Hark! how the an-gels sing, "To you a Saviour's born!"


Now let our hearts, In con-cert move, And ev'ry tongue Be tun'd to love.


Life is the time to serve the Lord, The time t'insure the great reward;

$\mathrm{Fi}_{\mathrm{i}}$


And while the lamp holds out to burn, The vilest $\sin$ - ner may return.


## WINDHAM. L. M.

Reed.

Broad is the road that leads to death, And thousands walk together there.


But wisdom shows a narrow path, With here and there a traveller.


## First Trcble.

$\begin{array}{ll}1-1 \\ 4 & 6\end{array}$ 1. From Grcenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand; Where Afric's sunny
-nd Treble.

2 What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle; Though ev'ry prospect Base.
Base.
3. Shall woe, whose souls are lighted, By wisdom from on high, Shall we to men be-
4. Waft, waft ye winds, his story, And you, ye waters, roll, Till like a sea of
 fountains Roll down their golden sand ; From many an ancient river, From
 pleases. And only man is vile; In vain with lavish kindness, The
 many a palmy plain, They call $u s$ to de - liver,-Their land from error's chain.
 gifts of God are strown; The heathen in his blindncss Bows down to roood and stone.
 ylul sound pro - claim, Till earth's remotest nation, Has learnt Messiah's name. ab for sinners slain, Re-deem-er, King, Cre-a-tor, Returns in bliss to reign.


1. Gently glides the stream of life, Oft along the flow'ry vale :

2. 'Tisan ever varying flood, Always rolling to its sea;


Or impetuous down the cliff, Rushing roars when storms assail.


Slow, or quick, or mild, or rude, Tending to e-ter - ni - ty.

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