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PREFACE.

many are expansions or illustrations of short scripture passages ought not, either by too complex a structure, or by too seductive or texts. The present work seeks to introduce to our worship some of these brief but weighty sentences themselves.

Such paffages have been long used in the church; but they have been almost uniformly combined with music too elaborate for the general body of worshippers, and have been very early and very universally transferred from them to trained its melody simple and easy of apprehension. It has more and arranged fingers. So much fo, that not only are almost all existing compositions of the kind choral in form and character. but even the very word by which we distinguish the class, anthem, - avouvoc, opposed or part-song, - indicates, both arranged performers.

persons capable of singing the parts, can be secured, music cially prepared. must depend for its effect chiefly on melody. Harmony cannot strength or symmetry.

OF the Metrical Hymns of the Christian Church, very purposes than musical delight or exercise, even the melody a sweetness, to abstract the mind from the solemn duty of the hour, or the religious aspect of the song.

Congregational music, then, admits neither of direct fugue, nor of those inversions or distributions of the melody, in which choirs fo much delight. It must be wholly monodic, and alliance with the tune than with the anthem, Rrictly fo called.

Though limited by these considerations, we had hoped to obtain, especially from our older and more solid composers, much that would have fuited our object. Very foon, howetymologically and practically, music requiring divided and ever, we found that though beautiful and appropriate passages were scattered throughout them, there was little that could be If they are to be restored to the people, a very different used without unwarrantable mutilation; and we believe that adaptation must be made. In assemblies, where not even the if these sentences are to be sung, heartily and devotionally, by prefence, much less the right proportion and balance of our congregations, it must be chiefly by the aid of music spe-

During much friendly intercourse with Mr. Mason, we be like the buttress or column supporting the fabric,—but only found his convictions very similar to our own, both as to the as the tracery on the wall, or the foliage of the capital, - nature of the music required, and the difficulty of obtaining it adding to its gracefulness and beauty, but not effential to its from existing stores, and were thus naturally led to seek his aid. It is hardly for us to estimate the value of his contribu-But further, as the congregation meets for other and higher tions to our pages, but we believe that the care bestowed upon

One flight exception will be found, in an anthem inferted at the fuggestion of friends on whose judgment we place great reliance.



in that department in which he has fo long been called to cepted of Him!

It will be observed that the pieces are generally short, being designed rather as additions to our forms of worship, than as substitutes for our hymns, not one of which we would willingly displace. It will also be noticed that marks of expression are omitted; we have not room to explain the reasons for this, but we believe there are few cases where the combination of words and melody will not naturally, and almost inevitably,

fuggest the right treatment.

The anthem, "The Lord bless thee," No. 24, requires special notice. 'Along with the ordinary Hebrew vowel points there are certain marks or "accents," which are generally held by Hebraists to indicate the inflexions to be used in reciting. A learned German, M. Leopold Haupt, of Görlitz, believes that these represent definite musical founds, and that he has discovered the key to their interpretation and reduction to modern scales,—and thus to the restoration of the melodies used in the Temple worship. This anthem is an adaptation to the English version, with careful adherence to the spirit of the original, of the melody which M. Haupt believes to have been that of the "Bleffing of Aaron," Numbers vi. 24-26.*

The CHRISTMAS HYMN, composed by HIS ROYAL HIGH-NESS PRINCE ALBERT, and interted in our first part by his a new revelation; conveying to each, "when every one shall gracious permission, having proved exceedingly acceptable know his own fore and his own grief," just what each needeth; and useful, it is repeated, with its proper words; and we would renew our thanks to His Royal Highness for his kindness in allowing its use.

To Mr. Mason our very warmest thanks are due for a

them has been prompted folely by an earnest defire to promote, kind and hearty co-operation, without which we could hardly have attempted our task, and for a most willing attenlabour, "the praise and glory of God." May they be ac- tion to all our doubts, fears and suggestions. Other friends, whose names appear on our music pages as having allowed the use of their compositions, arrangements, or copyright; or who have aided us by fuggestions, or by the examination of music (among whom we cannot omit the name of the Rev. Francis Tucker, B.A., of Manchester, by whose unwearied care the book has been largely benefited), will kindly accept this short expression of our grateful feeling.

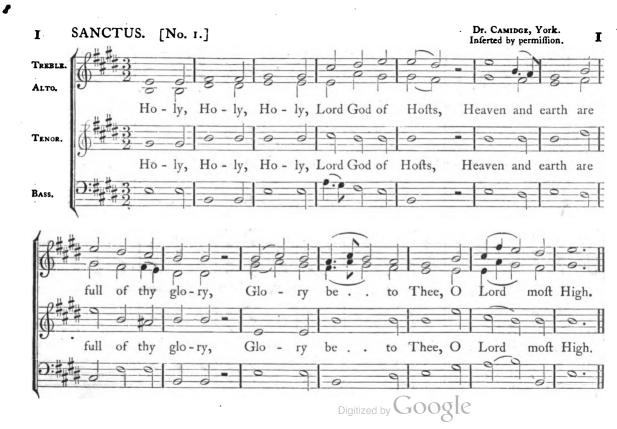
We are quite prepared to find our "anthems" looked upon with fomething like difdain, by those who may compare them with the splendid compositions of our Cathedrals. It is hardly fair that music designed only for congregations should be so compared. Let it be judged rather by its fitness to unite all the people in warm, cheerful, hearty praise. The love of what is difficult, scientific, or refined will be carried too far, if it destroy, in our fanctuaries, the power or the defire of finging together, "luftily and with a good courage unto the Lord.

Without undervaluing the many beautiful hymns which have been written on the passages, we would hope that the DI-VINE WORDS THEMSELVES, unbiassed and undilute, may be found, when brought out into substance and life by the wondrous influence of music, to have a power akin to that or to the mourner, comfort - to the tempted, succour - to the careless, warning - and to every humble but earnest worshipper, hope and peace and joy.

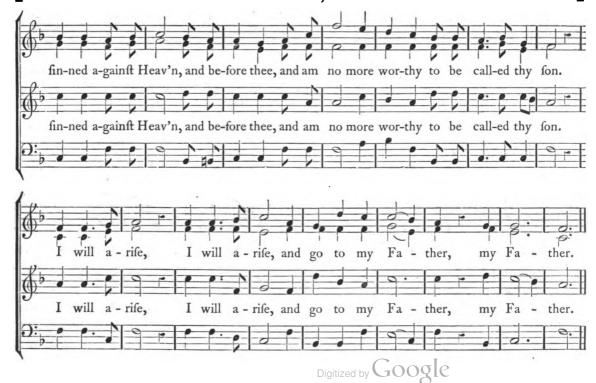
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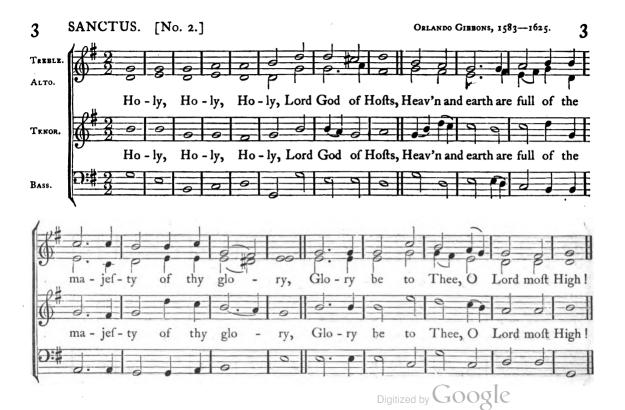
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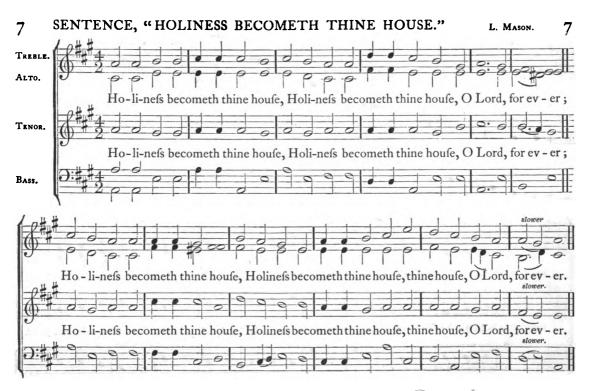


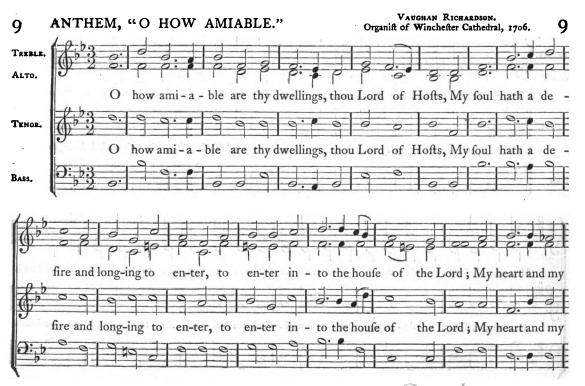


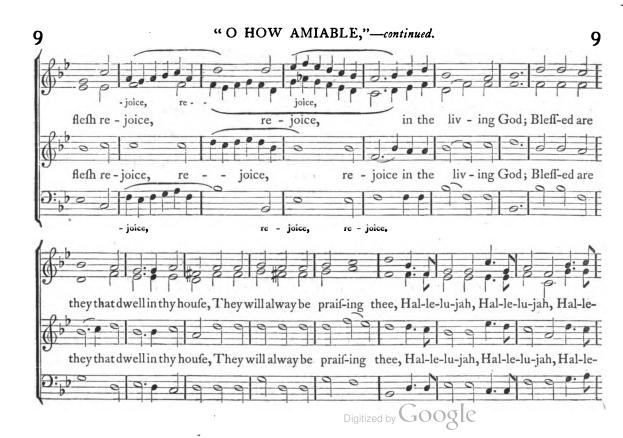
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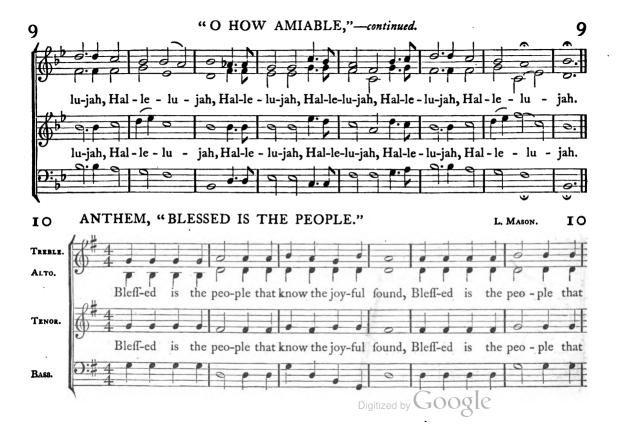




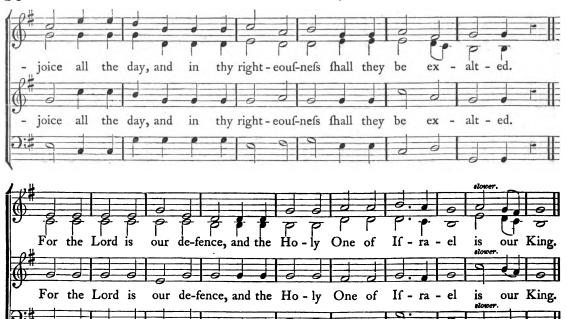










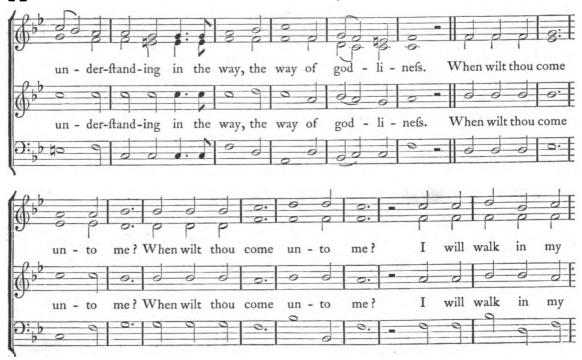




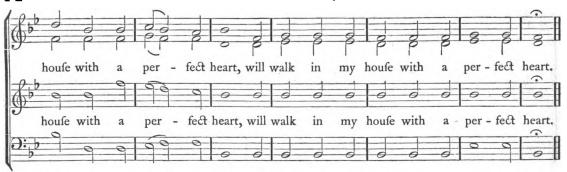
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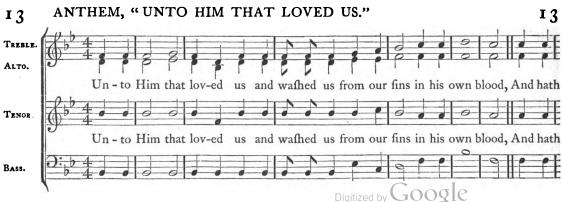
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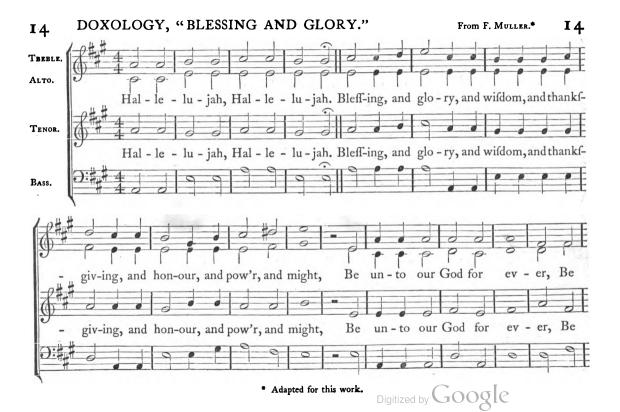


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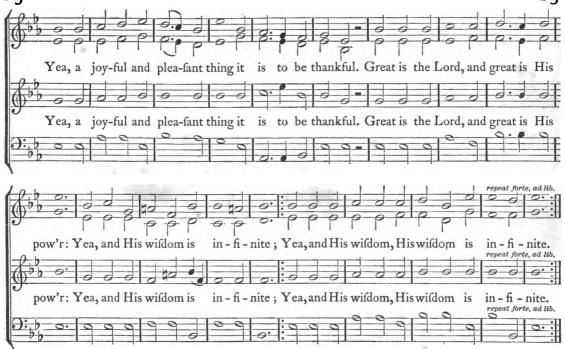












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Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Hofts: Ho-ly Lord God of Hofts: Heav'nand Ho-ly,

TENOR.

ALTO.

Ho-ly Lord God of Hofts: Ho-ly Lord God of Hofts: Heav'n and Ho-ly, Ho-ly,

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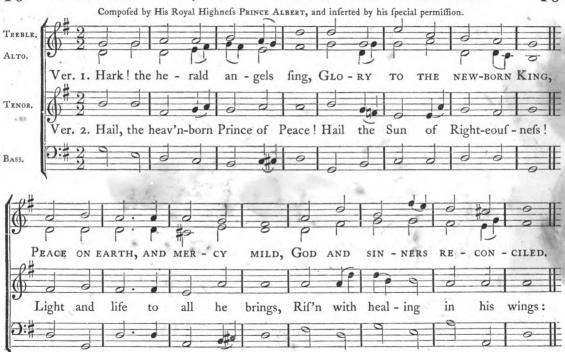


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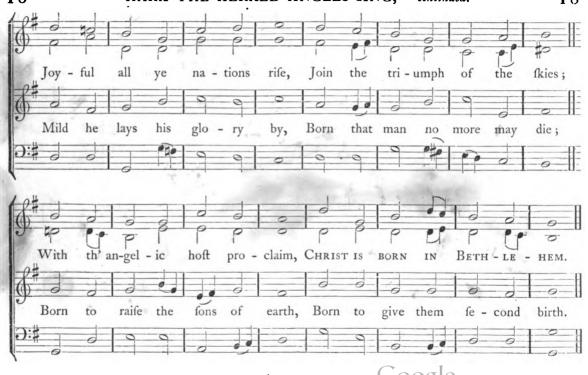


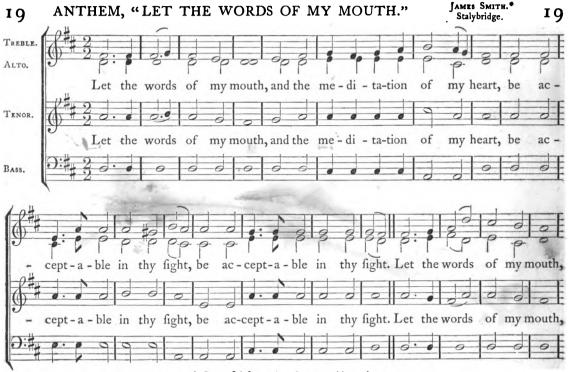


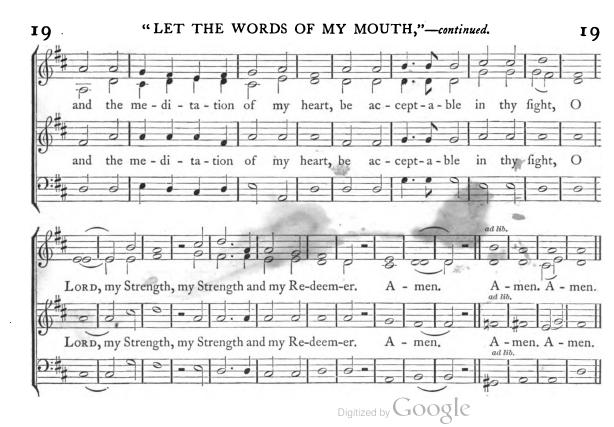




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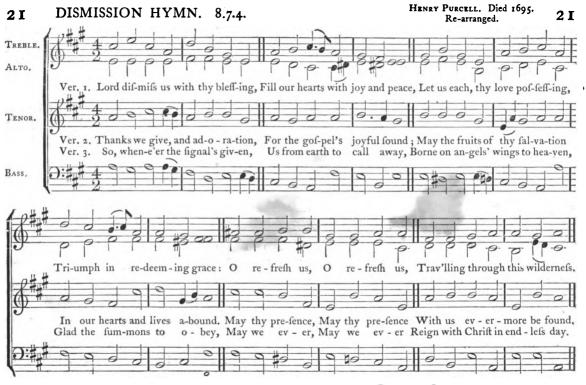




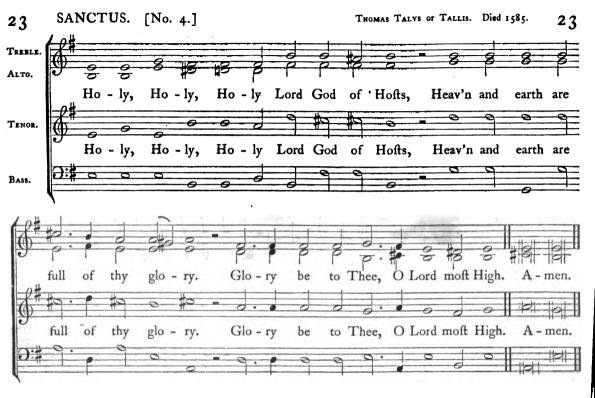
May the grace of Christ our Saviour, And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favour, Rest upon us from above:

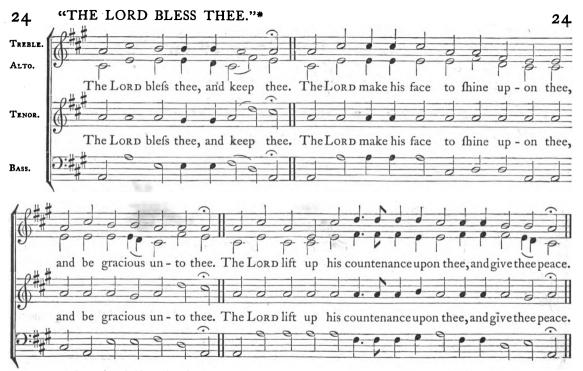
Thus may we abide in union, With each other and the Lord, And possess, in sweet communion, Joys which earth cannot afford. NEWTON.

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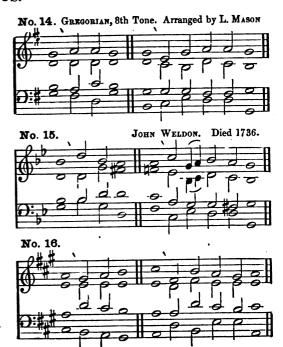










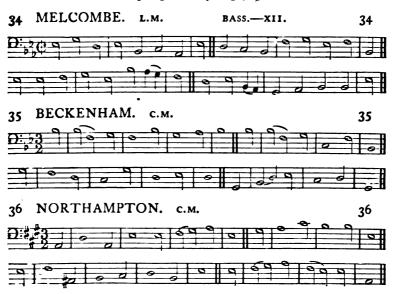






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