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A most elaborate work in scope and detail. OLAKRHOE D. ROSE, Albion, N. Y. "National School" is sure to be the most popular instruction book published, as the studies are finely arranged and full of melody. This will instruct the pupil and create a true love for classic music.

HENRY ROBINSON, Easton, Pa.

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One of the most voluminous and comprehensive books of instruction now in the market, and has many new and distinctive features.

CHAS. W. PETTE, Trenton, N. J.

I have examined your "National School," and find it first-class in every respect. The selections of instructive pieces and of technical exercises are very good. It should have a large sale.

CHAS. F. BECHER, Jr., Philadelphia.

Your "National School" is splendidly compiled apart from its practical qualities, it is replete with general musical information interesting to all students, and breaks away from the conventional Piano Schools of the day. I wish you success in your worthy enterprise.

JAS. N. BEECH, Philadelphia, Pa.

The "National School" has been examined at length. It gives me pleasure to endorse its completeness and the clearness wherewith all the rudimentary points have been therein set forth, as well as the judgment displayed in the retention of the various studies, etc. I have nothing but praise, furthermore, for the writing lessons, the several dictionaries, and the short but satisfying treatise on harmony.

A. H. ERTINGER, Allentown, Pa.

"National School" is a very thorough and minute work. It certainly contains everything that can be desired by teacher or pupil.

EMILY W. TILLINGHAST, Petrolia, Pa.

I have been a teacher of music for twenty years, and have used nearly every popular instructor, and I feel no hesitation in pronouncing "National School" the most complete book of the kind I have ever seen. The prominent place you give Harmony should entitle you to the thanks of all teachers. I anticipate much pleasure in using your work, and shall recommend it to others.

S. A. WARD, Newark, N. J.

I congratulate you on (as I consider) the completion of so thorough and complete a work, in all parts. The above opinion is also the expression of all who have examined "National School," and it certainly is the best book of its kind yet published.

Philadelphia (Pa.) Evening Bulletin.

"The National School for the Piano-Forte," by W. F. Sudds, is a large quarto volume of between three and four hundred pages, which is worthy of the attention of teachers and students of the piano-forte. Besides giving an intelligible short treatise on the science of music, it teaches how to play, gives a series of well-chosen progressive exercises, instructs in harmony and thorough-bass, and concludes with a copious and excellent dictionary of musical terms and short biographies of musicians, composers, singers, extending down to the present time, many living Americans being included in the list. For reference, as well as for instruction, the work is valuable.

A. H. ROSE, Philadelphia, Pa.

I have thoroughly examined the "National School," and have no hesitation in pronouncing it one of the best and most thorough instructors I have seen. Mr. Sudds embodies many new and original ideas in his work, which cannot fail to prove of great value.

J. JOSEY STEINLE, ALFRED D. FORD, WILLIAM HERRICK, JOHN ZATT, HARRY DUNWELL, OSCAR R. BROWN, Frederick, Striebler's Musical Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

We have examined "National School" and it gives us great pleasure to testify to its thoroughness and also to pronounce it the most exhaustive work of its kind we have ever seen.

F. O. JONES, Canastota, N. Y.

I am, to say the least, much pleased with "National School." The arrangement of the scales, studies and recreations is logically progressive, and without anything seems unusually clear and plain. But I am particularly pleased with the thorough-bass and harmony features. After the student has made sufficient progress, he is introduced into the inner sanctuary of music, and henceforth head and hands go together, as they properly should. The result is something more than a play-er. When once known, it can hardly fail of having a large sale and doing much good.

What the Southern States say:

The State, Richmond, Va.

A careful examination warrants the assertion that "National School" is one of the most complete piano-music instruction books published. It is similar in form to RICHARDSON'S, but much larger. It is a valuable work.

Miss H. S. PERRY, Selma, Ala.

I have examined "National School" and am very much pleased with it. I shall take pleasure in introducing it among my pupils and in recommending it to others.

Waxing (W. Va.) Register.

A valuable book of instruction and reference.

Galveston (Texas) Daily News.

The latest work of instruction and reference; being a comprehensive method of imparting the elementary as well as progressive principles of music, in an apparently much clearer and comprehensive way than has heretofore been presented.

Daily Dispatch, Richmond, Va.

Who very commendable, the steps are gradual and uniform from the first rudiments to the most difficult studies. Then, too, the author has displayed good common sense in the clear and natural manner in which he presents his lessons. He seems to have avoided the common fault of ignoring the imparting in the effort to show off one's own knowledge. He evidently writes to be understood, and to impart knowledge without becoming tiresome. A valuable book of musical instruction.

Wm. H. SHEEH, Wheeling, W. Va.

I consider "National School" the best and most comprehensive I have ever had for \$1.00.

LOUIS VAAS, Wheeling, W. Va.

I take pleasure in tendering you my congratulations upon your successful compilation and writing of certainly the best and most comprehensive piano method ever undertaken by an American author. I trust it will meet with the great success it certainly deserves.

What the Western States say:

C. A. FOSTER, Decatur, Ill.

Permit me to say that "National School" is all you claim for it. It contains a fund of valuable information not found in any similar work. As a whole it is desirable and very ably edited, and should, as it no doubt will, come into general use.

C. F. HOFFMAN, La Crosse, Wis.

"National School" is the most valuable publication of its kind ever issued in this country. The lessons are progressive and nothing is omitted. The occasional recreations are well adapted to create and develop a healthy and refined taste. This is a work that should be in the hands of every student of the piano—and have well-deserved success.

Memphis (Tenn.) Daily Avalanche.

Aside from more than the usual amount of so-called technical matter, there is interspersed a valuable repertoire of piano music selected from the works of Scherzer, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and others, with explanatory notes concerning the peculiarities and proper performance of each.

Detroit Evening News.

"National School" is a large volume of over 300 quarto pages. Among its special merits, we mention the musical writing lessons, full and complete instructions in harmony and thorough-bass. It instructs in vocal accompaniment, treats of the "loud pedal," etc.

J. B. CAMERON, Indianapolis, Ind.

I think "National School" supplies a long-felt want. All teachers pronounce it first class.

Bloomington (Ill.) Bulletin.

"National School" is undoubtedly the most complete piano-forte method that has ever been compiled in this country. Mr. Sudds is a practical musician and his work proves him to be a practical teacher as well. The book is graded nicely, and the material used is of the very best and melodious. In the etudes, Mr. S. has selected from the works of Loeschhorn and other modern men of calibre. Teachers should examine the work carefully. We are sure that it will be extensively used.

Mrs. A. V. SCALER, Carthage, Mo.

I have thoroughly examined the "National School," and think it far superior to any instructor that has been published.

C. G. WERNER, Ottawa, Ill.

I have examined "National School," and take great pleasure in stating that it is the best work of the kind I ever had the good fortune to use. It is unequalled and recommends it without hesitation to those desirous of making rapid progress in the art of piano playing.

Wm. EMMETT, Clarksville, Tenn.

"National School" is a work of superior merit. It is evidently the work of a musician who understands the wants of teacher and pupil, the exercises and studies being selected with judgment and care. The Recreations and Amusements are by the best composers and cultivate a correct taste, stimulating the pupil by their beauty. You are to be congratulated.

Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

The newest Piano-forte instructor and probably the best; many topics but slightly treated in previous works, are here fully elucidated.

Sacramento (Cal.) Daily Record-Examiner.

This book is all that is claimed for it.

The Evening Milwaukee, Wis.

Its exercises are graded with rare discretion; the Art of Fingering, Touch and Accent is fully and admirably treated, the subject of Musical Form, Phrasing, etc., is made plain; and included in the volume and likely to be but incidentally noticed, because of the wealth of technical instruction, is a valuable repertoire of piano music. To the musical possessions of all lovers of music, "The National School" will prove a valuable addition.

St. Paul and Minneapolis Pioneer Press.

It may be considered one of the most valuable aids ever published. With all the features to be found in ordinary books for musical instruction, it contains several not usually included. It is a most comprehensive and valuable work.

Chicago (Ill.) Inter-Ocean.

A valuable book of instruction and reference. Cincinnati (Ohio) Daily Gazette.

A more complete and desirable work of the kind has never been published.

LOUIS LITTLEFIELD, Wooster, O.

I cheerfully recommend "National School" as far superior to any I ever saw. Its selections are from the best composers.

R. A. KINZIE, Knoxville, Ill.

I am highly pleased with "National School." I think it one of the most complete works on piano technique that I have used. I shall adopt it with my pupils.

Mrs. M. E. BROOK, Hot Springs, Ark.

I am perfectly delighted with your most excellent work. It is thorough, comprehensive and progressive; a most valuable book for the use of teachers and is also calculated for the rapid advancement of pupils. "National School" is superior to all other methods.

H. J. VOTTELER, Cleveland, O.

Your "National School" I find to be a most excellent work. It has so many advantages over every method of the kind, that it cannot fail to take the lead.

S. W. MOSES, Princeton, Ill.

I have looked "National School" carefully through, and like its plan; especially the beginning. It cannot fail to interest and benefit any teacher or pupil. It gives me pleasure to offer my congratulations upon its superiority and success, and to thank you for the enjoyment I have had in its perusal.

Wm. H. DANA, Warren, O.

I am not sure why it should not occupy a prominent place among the instruction books of its class.

LOUIS WEBER, Cameron, Mo.

I find it superior to any piano method that I have used during the last ten years. Your work is certainly destined to become The National School of America.

Geo. KNOWLTON, Eldora, Iowa.

Since the announcement of your book, I have waited anxiously to see it. After careful examination, I want to tell you that I am well pleased with it and shall immediately adopt it as a textbook in my piano class. I thank you for giving to the great army of piano teachers such a valuable textbook.

AVO G. RICHGENT, Eminence, Ky.

With much pleasure have I examined your "National School." It is truly the School for America. Its studies of embellishments and general musical information are especially to be noted.

E. S. HERR, Fenton, Mich.

I like the "National School" very much and shall want more soon.

J. W. KNEPPER & Co., Carthage, Mo.

We have examined "National School," and will say that it excels any work of the kind we have seen. We anticipate a very large sale for this book.

Mrs. W. W. BUCKINGHAM, Carthage, Mo.

Having carefully examined "National School," I do not hesitate to pronounce it the best book of the kind I have ever seen. It meets a long-felt want with teachers, viz.: a graded book suitable alike for beginners and advanced pupils.

Daily Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Ark.

A valuable book of instruction and reference, which opens the shortest and best possible road to proficiency.

I. G. LOOMIS, La Crosse, Wis.

"National School" is certainly a very fine work, and pronounced so by all who have seen it.

DETROIT MUSIC CO., Detroit, Mich.

All our teachers think that "National School" is a superior book, and will no doubt meet with success.

JESSIE STUTSMAN, Ligonier, Ind.

I am greatly pleased with "National School." It is of the most comprehensive character, and contains a thorough course of progressive lessons, exemplified and graded in such a manner as to make the study of music easy and attractive.

HERBERT SAIG, Lapeer, Mich.

The use of "National School" should be international, for it has more features of merit than any other similar work. Its illustrations and explanations are a great assistance to the teacher and its many other good things are all appreciated. It is the best.

CHAR. JACKSON, Corunna, Mich.

After an experience of nearly thirty years as teacher and leader, I have no hesitation in saying that I have never seen a Piano Method that so completely fills the bill, and pleased me as well as the National School. In fact, I think it the very best and most complete work of the kind I have ever seen.

Mrs. M. W. KINZIE, Plymouth, Ind.

I have examined your "National School," and pronounce it an excellent work.

F. A. ATZEL, Detroit, Mich.

Your "National School" has made a decided impression upon me. It is a very able work, thorough, systematic and complete. It surpasses all other piano Schools published in this country and deserves a wide circulation.

G. W. WALKER, Evansville, Ind.

"National School" is, without doubt, one of the most common-sense instructors. I wish you the success the merits of the book deserve.

EMMETT SHREVE, Cleveland, O.

I have to congratulate you on the success of your work. I have lately used many exercises and studies as the old piano schools did, not give me satisfaction, but now I will introduce your book as much as possible, and believe other teachers will do the same.

H. W. FAIRBANK, Flint, Mich.

The Technique department is especially invaluable, and the chapter on Harmony will be appreciated by scores of teachers. I wish you success.

WILL L. THOMPSON, the popular song writer, East Liverpool, Ohio.

I am very much pleased with "National School." It shows careful work of a thorough musician. I believe it will become a standard.

K. M. ARIZ, New Lisbon, O.

It is with great pleasure that I can recommend "National School" as a piano instructor. It embraces the principles of all other piano books together with many new and important ideas.

Ed. HAYDEN, Ottumwa, Iowa.

After a careful perusal of "National School," I can pronounce it the most complete work of the kind in existence.

J. H. LESLIE, Fayette, Ohio.

"National School" is the best book of its class I have ever examined—best for beginners, best for intermediate, best for advanced pupils. It is an instruction book, an encyclopedia, a history and biography combined in one. It has no superior and is the work of a masterly musician. Our pianist, Mrs. Perry, agrees with me.

Notre Dame (Ind.) Scholastic.

The "National School for the Piano-Forte," by that well-known composer W. F. Sudds, lately issued, will no doubt prove a formidable rival to Richardson's Method, as it contains several new and useful departments of great value. Any one who will follow this method resolutely cannot fail to become a first-class pianist, and to acquire refined taste for all that is best and highest in music.

O. J. WHITNEY, Detroit, Mich.

Sudds' "Piano Method" is the best work of the kind we ever saw and it will certainly become popular.

O. A. FOSTER, Decatur, Ill.

I cannot commend language sufficiently strong to express what I think of your "National School." It more than meets my expectations, even with a full knowledge of your ability.

R. GOLDBECK, St. Louis, Mo.

I shall not fail to acknowledge in next number the receipt of your "School." My space is too limited to insure some critical remarks, which, from a hasty perusal, I can conscientiously make. Your work shows remarkably good judgment, perseverance and knowledge.

HENRY FRANKLIN, Shelbyville, Ill.

I find "National School" a complete method for the piano. It is more than I expected. The writing-lessons, treatise on harmony and pronunciation dictionary and encyclopaedia are very valuable additions to teachers and pupils. I will use it in future in preference to any other method yet published.

ALFRED HAYMANSON, San Francisco, Cal.

I have had much pleasure in stating that I find "National School" one of the most complete methods ever brought under my notice, and shall confidently recommend it.

JESSIE M. SICKMAN, Kenton, O.

"National School" is a complete and desirable work. Especially to be commended are the lessons in harmony.

MARY THOMPSON, Kenton, O.

"National School" is remarkably comprehensive, concise and clear in the treatment of each point in the course of instruction. It is admirable throughout.

R. FINE, Kenton, O.

"National School" is the most complete school for the piano I have seen.

WOODWORTH, SCHELL & Co., San Francisco, Cal. "National School" meets the approval of all teachers who have seen it.

Miss OLARA SCHEIDT, Green Bay, Wis.

I am delighted with your "National School." It is a most complete and practical method. I heartily recommend it to other teachers and pupils. It deserves success.

N. D. COOK, Eau Claire, Wis.

Our prominent teachers think that "National School" must become popular.

L. M. BEVER, Decorah, Iowa.

I can recommend "National School."

LUTZ & WISK, Decatur, Ill.

Please accept our hearty thanks for the "National School." It is an excellent work.

A. D. ATWELL, Varenport, Iowa.

I think "National School" a very superior book.

S. W. HOLMES, Bellefontaine, O.

I have minutely examined "National School" and am using it at present. Have been an active teacher for the past twenty years and find it the most complete instructor I ever used. In fact, piano students should be proud of such a benefactor which relieves them of the study of hundreds of worthless exercises.

G. W. MARQUARDT, Iowa City, Iowa.

I award you much praise for your complete and good instructor. It will no doubt have a large sale.

Canada's Verdict:

Morning Chronicle, Quebec.

A valuable work designed for amateurs as well as professional pianists. On the subject of "loud pedal" alone, this work is of priceless value to the young student.

OSCAR MANTER, Toronto, Ontario.

I can truly say that I see much to admire in your "National School." I think it the best school of its kind, and it will certainly have a very large sale amongst the more prominent teachers in Canada and the United States.

London (Ont.) Catholic Record.

It will be found the most valuable aid ever published.

L'Evenement (French), Quebec, Canada.

(Translation.) Decidedly the Americans are unsurpassable above all when they do anything that writes the useful with the agreeable, in quality not less than in cheapness. It is of the utmost value to teachers and professors, for its explanations are given with a exactness and precision that bring it within the comprehension of everybody. It is without a rival.

J. W. FERGUSON, Belleville, Ontario.

I have carefully examined "National School," and like it very much, especially the remarks, as they, I hold, teach or rather compel pupils to think for themselves. This, by the way, is the only proper road to arrive at the desired goal with any pupil. I admire the work and congratulate the author.