

REVIEWS.

Choice Trios,

A Collection of Three-Part Songs for Soprano and Alto Voices: Designed for Seminaries, High Schools, and Normal Schools, By W. S. TILDEN.

Boston: OLIVER DITSON & Co. 277, Washington Street.  
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Choice Trios! Wherein does the choiceness consist? Simply in good music. It is fortunate for our younger compilers that there should be so many compositions of excellent character that are free to all borrowers. In opening the book, say to page 47, one's eye naturally rests on the date of the Choral by Heinrich Isaac, viz., A. D. 1490. Now this gentleman is undoubtedly dead, as is Hans Leo Hassler, who wrote A. D. 1600. They can, therefore, have no objection to the use of their compositions. One may say also that the "Crusaders' Hymn," (page 55,) of the 11th Century will cause no trouble by its appropriation.

As to Abt, and Flotow, and Verdi, who have contributed largely without knowing it, they are on the other side of the ocean, and can't help themselves, and as to Mozart, Mendelssohn, Rossini, Donizetti, &c., no compilation such as this would be complete, unless they helped to make it.

The Choice Trios constitute a very well arranged collection of music, taken from the very best accessible sources.

The three parts of the Trios are two Sopranos and one Alto, or two Altos and one Soprano. In the second case, young gentlemen whose voices have changed, can take the lower part, which then becomes a sort of Baritone. The pieces with two Sopranos will be especially good for Seminaries.

The following titles are very suggestive of the good classical character of the music.

- "Nymphs of Air and ancient Sea".....Henry Smart.
- "Now the Golden Morn".....Verdi.
- "Whither hath the Wood-Thrush flown".....Hatton.
- "The Dawn of Spring".....Mendelssohn.
- "The Quiet Night".....Abt.
- "Wake, gentle Zephyr".....Rossini.

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Meteorology.

—OBSERVATIONS from the Records of the Montreal Observatory, for the month of Oct., 1873.—By CHARLES SMALLWOOD, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

DAYS.	Barometer at 32°			Temperature of the Air.			Direction of Wind.			Miles in 24 hours.
	7 a. m.	2 p. m.	9 p. m.	7 a. m.	2 p. m.	9 p. m.	7 a. m.	2 p. m.	9 p. m.	
1	30.031	30.000	30.029	41.5	63.0	47.1	S	W	W	79.30
2	.139	.160	.172	42.7	61.5	48.3	W	W	W	78.29
3	.264	.273	.301	41.5	49.3	43.0	N E	N E	N E	87.75
4	.170	29.900	29.751	41.0	53.0	48.0	N E	S	W	104.95
5	29.600	.600	.618	53.5	61.9	54.0	S	W	W	124.91
6	.646	.710	.841	50.5	48.0	33.0	W	N E	N E	93.75
7	.890	.766	.802	40.0	53.5	45.1	N E	W	N	32.37
8	.871	.973	30.106	4.15	61.1	54.6	clm	N E	N	71.98
9	30.250	30.234	.226	44.6	70.1	52.4	N E	N E	N E	70.44
10	.200	.162	.076	43.7	71.0	57.0	N E	E	E	62.27
11	29.983	29.850	29.761	49.5	80.4	61.1	S	S	S	93.02
12	.717	.676	.800	49.6	55.1	50.0	SW	W	W	92.03
13	30.061	30.049	30.000	40.0	45.5	42.5	W	N W	WSW	114.43
14	29.900	29.976	.178	49.6	68.7	55.0	W	W	W	61.74
15	30.500	30.552	.448	41.7	59.6	49.2	NW	W	W	162.33
16	.148	.000	29.874	48.3	71.0	55.5	WSW	W	W	57.44
17	.350	.353	30.316	40.5	60.2	48.3	N E	E	E	220.47
18	.047	29.900	29.846	48.3	59.5	56.2	E	S	S	89.03
19	29.961	30.000	30.020	50.5	49.7	47.0	W	W	W	386.93
20	.763	29.700	29.674	43.3	45.0	42.3	N E	N E	N E	84.33
21	.551	.675	.804	52.0	66.4	54.1	E	S	S	96.00
22	.930	.950	30.036	46.0	52.6	49.5	S	S	W	66.34
23	30.079	30.031	.006	46.0	66.2	56.2	WS	S	N E	66.28
24	.176	.192	.206	49.0	63.1	44.6	W	W	S W	56.19
25	.175	.200	.294	40.0	6.30	42.1	W	W	S	83.83
26	.162	29.981	29.810	40.5	44.3	44.1	W	S	S	111.89
27	29.291	.221	.418	50.0	52.5	42.2	S	W	W	87.57
28	.700	.678	.700	37.0	46.6	41.1	W	W	W	179.97
29	.700	.862	30.064	34.8	41.2	33.5	W	W	S	83.92
30	30.460	30.383	.381	27.2	46.0	34.0	wbn	N E	W	112.22
31	.251	.116	.000	32.9	49.1	43.5	E	E	N E	169.00

REMARKS.—The mean reading of the Barometer for the month was 29.982 inches; the highest reading was 30.552, on 15th; the lowest 29.179, on 27th. The month's range was 1.273 inches.

The highest Temperature was 81°1, on 11th, and lowest 25°5, on 30th. The mean temperature of the month was 48°22, and the range, or climatic difference, 55°6.

Rain fell on 13 days, amounting to 6.577 inches; and snow fell on 1st day, 0.50 inches. This was the first snow of the autumn.

—OBSERVATIONS taken at Halifax, N. S., during the month of October, 1873, by Sergt. John Thurling, A. H. Corps.

Barometer, highest reading on the 30th.....	30.408 inches
" lowest " 12th.....	29.352
" range of pressure.....	1.056
" mean for month (reduced to 32°).....	29.953
Thermometer, highest in shade on the 19th.....	69.0 degrees
" lowest " 18th.....	27.8
" range in month.....	41.2
" mean of all highest.....	59.9
" mean of all lowest.....	38.4
" mean daily range.....	21.5
" mean for month.....	49.2
" lowest reading on the grass.....	19.4 degrees
Hygrometer, mean of dry bulb.....	52.4
" mean of wet bulb.....	49.4
" mean dew point.....	46.4
" elastic force of vapour.....	.315
" weight of vapour in a cubic foot of air.....	3.5 grains
" weight required to saturate do.....	0.8
" the figure of humidity (Sat: 100).....	77
" average weight of a cubic foot of air.....	541.8
Wind, mean direction of North.....	5.75 days
" " East.....	2.00
" " South.....	9.75
" " West.....	11.50
" " Calm.....	2.00
" daily force.....	2.2
" daily horizontal movement.....	243.3 miles
Cloud, mean amount of 0-10.....	6.1
Ozone, mean amount of 0-10.....	1.8
Rain, No. of days it fell.....	15
Amount collected on ground.....	8.01 inches
Fog, No. of days.....	7