

For the benefit of those residing at a distance, and consequently unable to inspect the melodeon before purchasing, we will endeavor to give a short description of the instrument.

The cases are made of Rosewood, and are as handsomely finished as any piano forte. The key-board is precisely the same as the piano or organ, and the tone (which is very beautiful) closely resembles that of the Flute Stop of the Organ; the notes speak the instant the keys are touched, and will admit of the performance of as rapid passages as the Piano. The Pedal on the left is intended for a swell, and with which the most beautiful effects can be produced. The Pedal on the right supplies the wind, and works so easily that a child can manage it without any exertion. The Bellows (which is something entirely new and for which a patent was granted in December, 1846) is a reversed or exhaustion Bellows, and it is this, in a measure, which produces the peculiar tone. The instrument can be immediately made portable without detaching any part, the Bellows receding into the body of the instrument, and the legs folding under and springing to their places, leaves the whole in a compact form. Each instrument has a packing case secured by lock and key.

The volume of tone is equal to that of a small organ, and by means of the swell may be increased or diminished at the pleasure of the performer; it is sufficiently loud for small churches, and is well calculated for a parlor instrument. Hundreds have examined them, and all have been loud in their praise: and the best evidence of their merit is their rapid sale. But it is a new instrument—a new invention, and is yet but little known in the musical world, and it is for this reason that we call to the attention of all lovers of Music, believing that there are thousands who would lose no time in securing one, were they aware of the existence of such an instrument, and the low price at which it could be obtained.

The following letter from LOWELL MASSON, Boston, to G. P. Reed, we are permitted to use:

Mr. Geo. P. Reed, No. 17 Tremont Row, Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR,—At your request I have examined one of the Melodeons manufactured by Messrs. Geo. A. Prince & Co., of Buffalo. I think the instrument in all respects equal, and in some respects superior, to any others of similar kind which I have seen, and in particular with respect to quality of tone and promptness of touch, or action of the reeds, by which quick passages may be performed with certain and distinct articulation of tones. An instrument of this kind is the best substitute for an Organ in Church Music with which I am acquainted.

LOWELL MASSON.

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Four Octave Melodeon, extending from C. to C.....	\$ 45 00
Four and a half Octave Melodeon, extending from C. to F.....	65 00
Five Octave Melodeon, extending from F. to F.....	75 00
Large Five Octave Melodeon—Piano style.....	100 00
Large Five Octave Melodeon—Piano style, with two sets of reeds, tuned in octaves.....	150 00

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