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NOTE.

It is widely recognised now that the royal road to the appreciation of Bach is not to be found by placing before the pianoforte student the Inventions and Preludes and Fugues as his first introduction to the Master, but by making him acquainted early with the charming and eternally-fresh Minuets, Gavottes, Bourrées, and other short dances which abound in the Suites, Partitas, and Anna Magdalena Music-book. The increasing popularity of the Brandenburg and solo Concertos and various numbers from the Overtures shows how eagerly audiences welcome the less austere manifestations of Bach's genius. The full appreciation of such stupendous works as the two Passions and the B Minor Mass will probably come earlier if the public is led insensibly to those heights by frequent persormances of the most attractive Church Cantatas. The singing class is, without doubt, the most convenient and effective means of cultivating a love for Bach. Little technique is needed, as compared with that necessary to perform most of the instrumental writings; the strong can help the weak, and enable them to sing music which individually would be impossible. Again, Bach's tunefulness is probably more readily perceived in his vocal works than in his instrumental, where the unskilled listener cannot always unravel the polyphonic web. The words supply the hearer with the key to the outer courts, an aid often lacking in the instrumental works. Once within the, walls, the first great barrier is won, and further progress is merely a matter of time and of op-portunity. Scattered through the wonderful series of Cantatas, sacred and secular, are many genial Arias and Duos, which are direct in their appeal and of moderate difficulty. Some are, in fact, quite easy, much more so than would be imagined by those who are only acquainted with the largest works. It is the aim of this series to provide a number of Solos and Duets which are easily understood, and which present no inordinate difficulties of execution to singers. The accompaniments are arranged from the full score, the original marks of expression, if any, are given in brackets, and supplemented with a few simple directions, and in some cases a less complicated notation than that adopted by the composer will help to make them more acceptable to the ordinary reader. It is hoped that this series may contribute a little towards that rapidly-growing interest in the great master, which is one of the most vital features of musical life of the day.

This Duetto is from the Church Cantata "Gottlob nun geht." No 28, belonging to a period in the middle of the thirties of the eighteenth century. It was originally written for Alto and Tenor voices and continuo (unfigured.) in Key C. It stands in 6/8 time; but is here given in 3/4, as it is easier to read so. After the initial stages of learning it should be taken one in a bar; the stressed bars are indicated throughout. There are no dynamic marks in the score except PIANO for the continuo. when the voices enter, and FORTE when they cease.

THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR. DUET. •

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Words from Psalm LXV. Allegro leggiero. 1st VOICE. 2nd VOICE. PIANO. cresc. € → dim. Ted. Thou crown-est the year with thy goodness, The pas Thou crown - est the mf

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