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preface.

THE object of this Edition is to present in an accessible form various works by English composers of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, which would otherwise be difficult to obtain.

It is intended to reprint a selection from the music hidden away in public and private libraries, which is almost unknown, except to antiquaries and collectors of rare books.

Each volume will be accompanied by Introductions, Biographical Notices, and references to the authorities whence information is obtained.

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Introduction To No. 8. Old English Edition.

SINCE the publication of George Kirbye's four-part Madrigals in the third number of this edition a few more facts about his life have come to light. It appears that in 1626 he was living in St. Mary's Parish in Bury St. Edmunds : probably he had already bought the house in Whiting Street which he occupied till his death. On June 11, 1626, the burial of Anne, wife of George Kirbye, is recorded in the register of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds; and in 1627-8 his name twice appears bracketed with another at the foot of the same register, where the names of the churchwardens were usually written, though in these two places it happens that the word "churchwardens" is not added. Kirbye died in 1634, and was buried at St. Mary's Church on October 6 of that year. It appears from his will (of which an abstract is given) that he left no children.

Bury Wills. Liber Colman—1631-5. Fol. 368.

By will dated 10th March, 1633, George Kirbye of Burie St. Edmond, Musition, in good health of body and of perfect disposing memory and understanding (God be praised, &c.) makes and declares his last will, &c., humbly yielding his soul into the hands of Almighty God his Creator and Redeemer, being fully assured to have free remission of all his sins only by the death and passion of his Saviour Jesus Christ, and to be an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, &c. And his body he commits to the earth to be decently interred in Christian burial, &c.

He gives to Agnes Seaman his servant and kinswoman to his late wife deceased, all that messuage and tenement wherein he dwells and which he purchased of one Mr. Lancaster, with all the houses, buildings, yards, easements, and commodities and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Whiting Street in Burie St. Edmond, to have and to hold unto the said Agnes Seaman, her heirs and assigns for ever.

Gives unto Walter Kirbye, his brother, $\pounds 10$ of good English money to be paid to him within 6 months after his decease, if then living.

Gives to Alice Moore, widow, his sister, $\pounds 10$ to be paid within 6 months of his decease.

Wills that his Executrix shall pay unto John Hill and Thomas Hill, sons of Adam Hill, late of Burie St. Edmond, Tailor, deceased, \pounds_7 apiece at their several ages of 24 years, in satisfaction and discharge of all such moneys as Testator heretofore received for their benefit or was in any wise charged to pay to them.

All his goods, chattels, and personal Estate he gives unto Agnes Seaman aforesaid, whom he appoints sole Executrix.

Gives to the poor people of the South and West Wards in Burie St. Edmond \pounds_3 to be distributed among them within one month of his decease at discretion of his Executrix.

Witnesses—THOMAS WRIGHT. JOHN WHITE.

Proved 7th October, 1634.

It is very strange that Kirbye should have published nothing after the year 1601. In the Dedication of the First Set of Madrigals it is certainly implied that he intended to publish other works; and it is evident that some at least of his contemporaries regarded him as one of the more eminent English musicians: for Henry Peacham, in the "Compleat Gentleman," 1622, p. 103, names him in his list of the best English composers of the day.

To the list of unpublished compositions by George Kirbye should be added the following works (unfortunately all imperfect) preserved in the Bodleian Library (MS. Mus. f. 16—19 and 20—24) :—

Two four-part Motets.

Quare tristis (first part). Convertere anima mea (second part). Eight five-part Madrigals.

A wise man poore. My Mistrisse is. See what is life. The Iuy greene. That man that. Vse tyme whose. Sleepe aye fond. The tyrant loue.

These are part of a manuscript collection made by Thomas Hamond of Hawkedon (near Bury St. Edmunds) about the year 1633.

With regard to Oliphant's statement that Kirbye's First Set contained 25 Madrigals (alluded to in the Introduction to No. III. Old English Edition), there can be little doubt that he was mistaken; no copy containing twenty-five madrigals is known.

The Editor again has to express his thanks to Mr. H. Ellis Wooldridge for his invaluable help throughout the preparation of this Edition; his note on certain licences employed by Kirbye will be found on p. 6. He also prepared the tables in these volumes showing the Modes in which the Madrigals were written. To Mr. W. Barclay Squire, who drew his attention to the Bury St. Edmunds' Wills, and to Mr. W. Goodchild, who made the abstract of Kirbye's Will, and searched the registers at Bury St. Edmunds.

THESE MADRIGALS CAN BE OBTAINED SEPARATELY AT SIXPENCE EACH.

NOTE ON CERTAIN LICENCES EMPLOYED BY KIRBYE.

THE music of all periods since the Greek abounds with experimental licences : small variations, usually, upon the previously existing forms, giving rise in their turn to others. Some have been rejected after more or less of trial, or have yielded, uncondemned, to the force exerted by new influences; while others have remained to be woven into the general texture of music, and have become the chief agents in those gradual changes of style, which, though small at any particular moment, seem, when we look from one welldefined period to another, to be so enormous.

One of the most curious and interesting of these experiments, of the unsuccessful class, is to be found in the set of Kirbye's Madrigals now for the first time reprinted in this edition. Its novelty consists in what a harmonist would describe as the combination of the major and minor thirds upon the same root; a contrapuntist would speak of it as a collision arising out of the simultaneous employment of the ascending and descending forms of the minor scale. Examples of it occur in No. XIX., O cruel hateful Fortune, at bars 21' and 37'; No. XXII., Up then, Melpomene, at bar 153; and No. XXIII., Why wail we thus, at bar 56'; and the parts implicated proceed in the original as follows :---



But Kirbye was not its inventor. It originated with William Byrd, by

whom it had already been hazarded in the *Canttones Sacræ* (1589), where in the motet *Aspice Domine*, at bars 19^T, 52², and 60³, it is employed thus :—



A hundred years later it was again attempted by Henry Purcell, and by him was used with great freedom and often with much dramatic effect. Thus, for instance, in the anthem, *Out of the Deep*, bar 9 of the trio, and in bar 10 of the bass solo in the anthem, *Why do the heathen*^{*}:—



It is also to be found in the works of Dr. Blow, notably in the *Amphion* Anglicanus, where there are several examples on page 10¹, $16^{2,3}$, and 17^4 :—





Its effect in performance differs very much according to its treatment in the composition. Arising suddenly, as it does in the works of Byrd and Kirbye, from amidst the smooth sounds of the sixteenth-century counterpoint which surround it, it is exceedingly hard to bear, especially in the work of Byrd, where it is perceptible for the space of a minim; but in the later treatment of Blow and Purcell, where it occurs only in short notes and among other experimental sounds almost equally strange, it sometimes passes nearly unperceived. It was unknown to foreign composers, and disappeared, together with the English school properly so called, upon the advent of Handel.

Kirbye attempted another licence, probably originating with himself, examples of which will be found in No. IX., Sound out my voice, at bar 55¹, and No. XIII., O heav'ns what shall I do, at bar 14²:--



Like all the Madrigalists, Kirbye strikes both the notes forming a passing discord, whenever the arrangement of his words is thereby made more convenient. In No. XX., bar 26, he has chromatically raised a note before quitting it, and in No. VII., bar 28, the treble part has been allowed to break a rule for the sake of the melody. With the exception of these small matters, and of the licences given above, Kirbye's workmanship conforms to the best traditions of the old counterpoint; and his music, though never very surprising or brilliant, may be taken as the best example, next to the songs and madrigals of Byrd and Gibbons, of English secular writing of the more solid and dignified kind. H. E. W.

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ALTERATIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Five=part Madrigals. Ro. iv. Old English Edítion.

Madrigal VII. p. 6, 2nd treble, bar 5. This g # is a semibreve in the original edition.

- p. 8, 2nd treble, bar 2, $f \ddagger$ in the original.
- VIII. p. 11, 2nd treble, bar 2, and alto, bar 7; the g is not # in the original.
 - p. 12, 1st treble, bar 5. This c # is a semibreve in the original.

1st treble, bar 8. This *a* is not found in the original.

p. 15, alto, bar 1. This c is # in the original.

IX. p. 21, alto, bar 1. The first g is \ddagger in the original.

p. 25, 2nd treble, bar 6. The f is not \ddagger in the original.

XI. p. 35, alto, bar 6. The d is \ddagger in the original. ,,

and treble, bar 8. The a is # in the original.

- XIII. p. 47, tenor, bar 3. The original has c # instead of the first a. ,,
 - XV. p. 60, 1st treble, bar 5. The f is not # in the original.
 - p. 61, alto, bar 1. The b is b in the original.
 - p. 62, 2nd treble, bar 4 The b is b in the original.
 - p. 64, 1st treble, bar 4

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- XVI. p. 69, bass, bar 1. The e is not b in the original.
- XVIII. p. 83, 1st treble, bar 1. This c is not # in the original.
 - p. 85, 1st treble, bar 5. The f is # in the original.

Sir=part Madrigals. 1Ao. v. Old English Edition.

Madrigal XIX. p. 2, 2nd treble, bar 9. The first g is # in the original.

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p. 4, alto, bar 1. The c is # in the original.

1st treble, bar 4. The b is not b in the original.

- XXII. p. 24, 2nd tenor, bar 4. The original reads $c \nmid$ and f instead of $c \ddagger$ and a.
 - p. 25, 1st treble, bar 3 The e is not b in the original.

2nd treble, bar 5. This $b \nmid is$ a semibreve in the original. bar 8. The *e* is not \flat in the original.

bass, bar 8. The e is not b in the original.

p. 30, 1st treble, bars 7 and 8. The original reads.



" XXIII. p. 33, 1st tenor. The original reads bars 5 and 6 :--



p. 34, 2nd treble, last bar. The second c is not marked # in the original.

2nd tenor, last bar. The c is not marked # in the original.

p. 35, 2nd tenor, bar 7. The f is not # in the original.

p. 36, 2nd treble, bar 13. The original reads g instead of the second a.

alto, bar 13. The c is not # in the original.

1st tenor, last bar. The c is not # in the original.

XXIV. p. 45, alto, bar 4. The c is not # in the original.

1st tenor, bar 6. The c is not \ddagger in the original.

p. 46, alto, last bar. The c is not # in the original.

p. 47, bar 2. The c is not # in the original.

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Song ríz.

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AH cruel hateful fortune Now must I death importune, Since that I am of all my hope deprived Nor but for sorrow had my soul survived, Only this hope doth rest for my contentment, That Fortune tir'd will yield me some amendment.

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I LOVE, alas, yet am I not beloved, My suits are all rejected And all my looks suspected. Experience now too late hath proved That 'twas in vain that erst I loved.

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Must I part, O my jewel,

Hapless, from my fair sun, whose beams me nourish? Alas! who now comforteth, or doth me cherish,

Pained with grief so cruel?

Oh, if it so must needs be,

My wicked fortune, how can she further harm me?

A Table of the Clefs

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XIX. Ah cruel hateful fortune.



Old English Ed. Nº 5. Six Madrigals in six parts. by Geo. Kirbye.



*This G is # in the Original.



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XX. I love, alas, yet am I not beloved.





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XXI. Must I part, O my Jewel.

















XXII. (The first part.) Up then, Melpomene.







* These notes are C4 and F in the Original.

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XXIII. The second part Why wail we thus.



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^{*} This note is G (not A) in the Original.





XXIV. Sleep now, my Muse.



















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