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ABSTRACT.

Like his elder brother Charles, Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) was an infant prodigy who had an oratorio to his credit by the time he was eight. He was generally considered to be the greatest organist in England, being famed especially for his extemporisations. However, the organ held a minor place in his output as a composer until he became acquainted with the music of J.S.Bach, which he worked untiringly to introduce to the British public. In the early 1800s Wesley began to write a series of voluntaries, published as his Opus 6, which were conceived on a scale grander than had previously been attempted. Although he reversed the general trend towards increasing the number of movements in the voluntary, he enlarged the dimensions of those that remained, gave them a greater impression of serious purpose, and accorded the fugue a status greater even than that which it had enjoyed in the time of Handel and Stanley. In the last twenty years of his life, while continuing to write grand voluntaries in the manner of Opus 6, Wesley also wrote organ music in smaller forms. Prominent among these more varied works are the Short Pieces, as he called them, miniatures which show his genius quite as clearly as the larger works.

In 1774 the eight-year-old Wesley presented his oratorio to William Boyce: in 1837, just before he died, he played to Mendelssohn. Thus Wesley's life encompassed great changes in musical taste. That he was able to steer a straighter stylistic course through these changes than many of his lesser contemporaries may be attributed to his tendency to stand back from the immediate developments of his day and draw inspiration from older sources, notably polyphony and J.S.Bach; but the latter source particularly was also to be an inspiration to many of the most progressive composers for the next hundred years and more.

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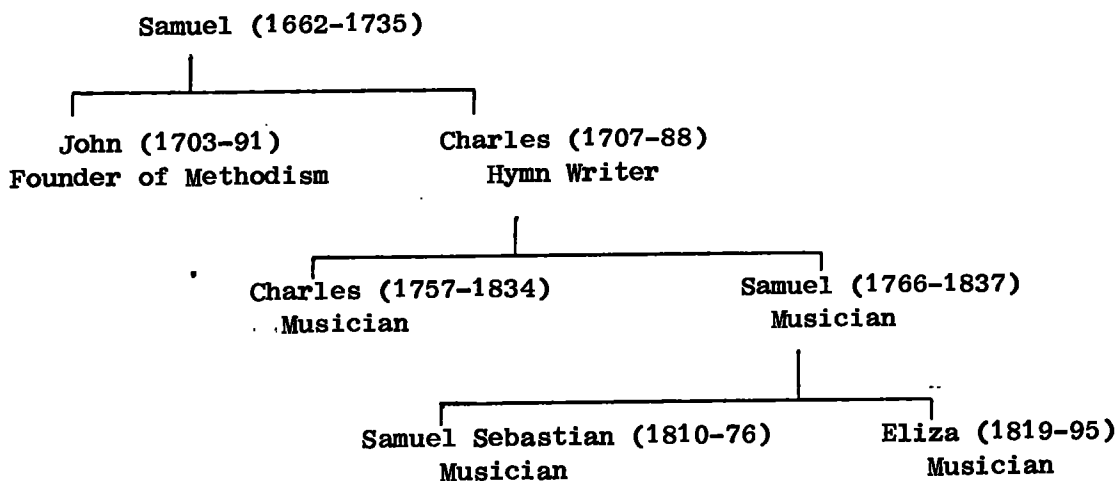
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CHAPTER I

AN INTRODUCTORY BIOGRAPHY

The general facts of Samuel Wesley's life have often been told before.¹ This chapter will therefore concentrate on the activities of Wesley the organist and Wesley the propagandist for Bach, and give only an outline of his career as a whole, sufficient to place these particular aspects in their proper context.

Samuel Wesley was born on February 24th 1766 in Bristol, and thus celebrated the same birthday as Handel, although it must be remembered that, between Handel's birth and Wesley's, England had changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian. Samuel was a member of perhaps the most remarkable English family of the eighteenth century. Indeed, knowledge of Samuel Wesley has often been confused by the number of his illustrious relations. His uncle was John Wesley, the founder of Methodism; his father, Charles Wesley, was John's lieutenant and the writer of some eight thousand hymns; his brother, another Charles, was, like Samuel himself, an infant prodigy and composer; his son, Samuel Sebastian, was also a composer, and his reputation has tended to eclipse that of his father. At this point a family tree might help to clarify the facts:



In 1781 Daines Barrington (1727-1800) published his Miscellanies, a book which includes much information on the early careers of Charles junior and Samuel. It contains quotations from notes made by Charles senior and Barrington's own observations. From this account it seems

that Samuel lived his early life under the shadow of his elder brother, who had already achieved fame as a child prodigy before Samuel was born. When Samuel started to pick out tunes on the harpsichord at the age of three, his father wrote that "we did not much regard him, coming after Charles", who had been able to play tunes and put a bass to them at only two years old. Charles received his lessons from Kelway and Boyce, but Samuel was left to his own devices. Charles senior writes:

"Whenever Mr. Kelway came to teach him (i.e. Charles junior), Sam constantly attended, and accompanied Charles on the chair. Undaunted by Mr. Kelway's frown, he went on ... He was between four and five years old when he got hold of the Oratorio of Samson, and by that alone taught himself to read words. Soon after, he taught himself to write."

However Samuel came to Boyce's notice at the age of eight, by which time he had written an oratorio called Ruth.

Barrington added his own comments to those of the boys' father.

He saw Samuel, then aged nine, in 1775:

"To speak of him first as a performer on the harpsichord, he was then able to execute the most difficult lessons for the instrument at first sight ... He not only executed crabbed compositions thus at sight, but he was equally ready to transpose into any keys, even a fourth...

I once happened to see some music wet upon his desk, which, he told me, was a solo for the trumpet. I then asked him if he had heard Fischer upon the hautboy, and would compose an extempore solo, proper for him to execute. To this Sam readily assented... (He) played an extemporary solo... the three movements of which must have lasted not less than ten minutes, and every bar of which Fischer might have acknowledged for his own."

Here is an early reference to Samuel's talent for improvisation, which was to be his special claim to fame throughout his career as an organist. The "solo for the trumpet" which Barrington mentions is very probably the Voluntary in D which is still to be found among Wesley's manuscripts in the British Museum and was written about this time.

In 1770 Samuel's father bought a large house in Chesterfield Street, Marylebone. For the next eight years the family lived partly

in London, partly in Bristol, until the house in Bristol was finally given up in 1778. Between 1779 and 1785 the house in Chesterfield Street was the scene of seven seasons of subscription concerts in which Charles and Samuel Wesley were the principal performers and composers. In the room where the concerts were held there were two organs and a harpsichord. Both brothers played their own organ compositions, as well as duets for two organs and improvisations. There was a small orchestra of strings and horns available to play overtures, symphonies and concertos by the young composers. Charles seems to have been the leading organist but Samuel could also shine as a violinist and took the solo part in his own violin concertos. Charles appears to have had a monopoly on organ concertos. These concerts were patronised by people of the greatest distinction, including the Earl of Mornington (father of the Duke of Wellington) and Samuel Johnson.

Some time about 1783, Samuel Wesley startled his family by becoming a Roman Catholic. He seems to have been drawn into the Roman church by the music at the Chapel of the Portuguese Embassy. It was here that he first made contact with plainsong and renaissance polyphony, two powerful influences on his later choral music. Naturally this period saw him writing a great deal of Latin church music, including the Magnificat In Festo Sancti Johannis of 1783, but the most famous of the compositions inspired by his conversion to Rome was written in the following year, and sent to the Pope. It is the Missa de Spiritu Sancto, a full-scale setting for soloists, choir, and an orchestra of strings, oboes, horns, trumpets and drums. Wesley's adherence to the Roman Catholic religion was slight and short-lived, but he continued to write latin masses and motets for the rest of his life. He also maintained some interest in the Portuguese Chapel through his close friendship with Vincent Novello, who was organist there from 1797.

Some people have attached great importance to an accident which

befell Samuel in 1787, attributing to it the serious depression from which he suffered throughout his life. On his way home, late one night, he fell into a deep hole on Snow Hill. He was not rescued until the following morning. A doctor recommended that he should have a small part of his skull removed, but he refused to undergo the operation. It is not impossible that this accident did contribute to Wesley's markedly depressive character, but that it cannot have been a major factor is shown by certain characteristics which had already long been apparent. He had an intense dislike of gatherings of people, and of town life in general, while his tendency towards obsession was illustrated by his inordinate concern as a boy with being in bed on time. He would walk out of a concert rather than be out of bed at eight o'clock. It is interesting to compare his general character with that of his brother. Charles was extraordinarily placid. He was easy-going and amiable, if somewhat withdrawn, but quite unable to live without protection. He was looked after by his sister for most of his life. Samuel, on the other hand, was constantly alternating between elation and despair. His attitude towards life was aggressive and independent; he was naturally distrustful of other people, but capable of deep friendships with the few who really knew him, whereas Charles remained isolated. The contrasted characters of the two brothers may well stem from those early years when Charles received such overpowering attention, while Samuel had to struggle to be noticed at all.

It was about the time that he turned to Roman Catholicism, that Samuel had to start trying to form a career for himself. At no time in his life did he ever find professional employment worthy of his talents. Most of what he earned came from teaching the piano in small schools. It is not known whether he tried to obtain an organist's appointment at this time, but if he did, his mixed background of Methodism and Roman Catholicism can hardly have seemed attractive in the

Church of England. Later he applied without success at the Foundling Hospital in 1798, and again in 1813, Lambeth Parish Church in 1815, and St. George's Hanover Square in 1824. It was in 1824 that he eventually achieved his first appointment as an organist at the unimportant Camden Chapel. It seems from a letter of Wesley's to Benjamin Jacobs, who was organist at the Surrey Chapel, that the minister, Rowland Hill, had suggested that Wesley should succeed Jacobs. Wesley's reply was that he would rather share the work with Jacobs but nothing more came of the idea. One is driven to the conclusion that Wesley did not try as hard as he might in this sphere, possibly through too great a desire to avoid rejection. Although he could not find a regular job as an organist in London, he was twice invited to open organs outside the city in the years before 1800. In 1788 he visited Sevenoaks, and in 1798 Richmond, Surrey.

Meanwhile in 1793 Wesley married an assistant teacher in one of the schools where he taught, Charlotte Louise Martin, who was about five years his senior. Although they had three children, the marriage seems to have been stormy from the start. It is not clear when Charlotte left her husband, but the couple were legally separated in 1812, by which time Wesley had settled down with his housekeeper, Sarah Suter, and had already had one child by her, Samuel Sebastian, who was born in 1810.

The younger Samuel owed his second name to his father's discovery of J.S.Bach, whose enthusiastic champion he now was. Before 1796 an English musician who had not travelled abroad had to rely on Burney's A General History of Music for his opinion of Bach. In that work, published in 1776, Burney had stated that "Sebastian Bach... disdained facility so much, that his genius never stooped to the easy and graceful." Burney had never seen "an easy and obvious passage that is not loaded with crude and difficult accompaniment." The only music

of Bach known to have existed in England at this time was a manuscript of the first 24 of the 48 Preludes and Fugues which Burney (who later admitted that he had never heard them played) had been given by C.P.E.Bach, and a manuscript containing the Credo from the Mass in B minor, the third part of the Clavierbung, and the 48 Preludes and Fugues, owned by Queen Charlotte. The first man to publish any music by J.S.Bach in England was August Kollman (1756-1829) (who in 1784 had come to England as organist at St. James' Chapel. In 1799 he published an Essay on Musical Harmony which included an analysis of the Prelude and Fugue in F minor from Book II of the 48. Three years later, in his Essay on Practical Musical Composition, he included all the Riddle Canons from the Musical Offering, with their solutions, the Prelude and Fugue in C major from Book I of the 48, the Trio Sonata in E flat for organ, and an advertisement notifying his intention to issue a complete analytical edition of the 48 Preludes and Fugues. This plan, however, came to nothing. In 1800 William Shield became the first Englishman to publish music by Bach with the appearance of the Prelude in D minor from Book I of the 48 in his Introduction to Harmony. At about the same time two foreign editions of the complete 48 Preludes and Fugues were also sold in England by London publishers: Naegeli's Zurich edition was sold by Lavenu, and Simrock's Bonn edition by Broderip and Wilkinson. In 1806 Kollman published the Chromatic Fantasia.

In his Autobiography¹ Wesley said that he was first introduced Bach's music by a young pianist, brought to England by Salomon, called George Frederick Pinto (1786-1806). Wesley can never have known more than a small part of Bach's output. He knew a fair amount of music for keyboard, some for violin, and some choral works, but probably knew nothing of Bach's orchestral music. There is evidence to show that he knew at least the following works:

Organ

"St. Anne" Fugue

Arranged by Wesley as an organ duet (See Appendix Section C, No. 15)

The six trio sonatas

Published by Wesley and C. F. Horn

Some chorale preludes including "Wir glauben all' an einem Gott"

(known as the "Giant" fugue)

Mentioned in Letter IX of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley

Canonic Variations on "Von Himmel Hoch"

Copied by Wesley in Royal College of Music Ms. 4021

The six Great Preludes and Fugues.

Mentioned in unattributed quotation in Lightwood, Samuel Wesley, Musician, p. 179.

Harpsichord

Das Wohltemperierte Klavier

Published by Wesley and C. F. Horn.

The Goldberg Variations

Copied by Wesley in British Museum Add. Ms. 14344

"Exercises", probably either suites or inventions

Mentioned in Letters VII and VIII of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley.

Violin

Sonatas for violin and harpsichord

Mentioned in Letters XII and XVIII of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley

Works for unaccompanied violin

Mentioned in unattributed quotation in Lightwood, Samuel Wesley, Musician p. 135

Choral Music

Jesu Meine Freude

Performed by Wesley at the Hanover Square Rooms, June 3rd 1809

Unspecified "Sacred Motetts" performed at the Hanover Square Rooms in 1809 and 1810.

Credo having "gigantic features" with orchestral accompaniment, presumably from the Mass in B minor.

Mentioned in Letter XXIV of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley.

In addition it is unlikely that Wesley allowed himself to miss the

Riddle Canons from the Musical Offering and the Chromatic Fantasia

which were published in London during his life-time.

Typically, Wesley quickly set himself the task of altering Burney's opinion of "Saint Sebastian"². This he did in 1807 by performing part of the 48 for the old man, who "was extremely delighted, and ... expressed his wonder how such abstruse harmony and such perfect and enchanting melody could have been so marvellously united"³; this Wesley reported to Benjamin Jacobs, also a Bach enthusiast, in a letter of September 1808. Later he arranged performances of the Goldberg Variations and Sonatas for violin and harpsichord in Dr. Burney's home.

Apart from personal contact, Wesley promoted his musical hero through Lectures given in London from 1810, through performances of his music, and through publishing. He arranged the "St. Anne" Fugue for organ duet and performed it in London, Norwich and Yarmouth. In the latter place it "was received with the same kind of wonder that people express when they see an air balloon ascend for the first time."⁴ When he performed his Organ Concerto of 1800 at Tamworth in 1809, he inserted an orchestral arrangement of the Fugue in D from the first book of the 48, which "produced a glorious effect".⁵ In the same year he directed the first English performance of Jesu Meine Freude at the Hanover Square Rooms. As a publisher of Bach's works, he collaborated with C. F. Horn (1762-1832) who had come to England in 1782; he was music master to the Queen and Princesses, and was probably responsible for the Queen's Bach manuscript, which is dated 1788. They published the six trio-sonatas for organ in separate numbers during 1809 and 1810. There was at the time no English organist or organ capable of performing them, and the editors wrote a preface explaining how Bach intended them to be played, and advising purchasers to perform them as three-handed duets, the top part being transposed up an octave. Between 1810 and 1813 they published the 48 Preludes and Fugues complete in four volumes. Again both editors put their names to a lengthy preface, but the pugnacious style of such passages as the

following betrays the authorship of Wesley. One may be sure that he was thinking of Burney in particular at the end of the first paragraph and of the oft-derided "mere Handelians"⁶ in the second.

"These introductory Remarks are not designed as a Panegyric upon Compositions which have perpetually delighted the candid Lover of Truth, Science, Taste, and Expression, and even extorted the Approbation of those whose Prejudices had formerly superseded their better Judgement.

"Too many there are who illiberally confine their notions of musical Excellence to the Compositions of one Country only (and even still more absurdly to one Composer). As our Acquaintance with the Excellence to be found (more or less) in all Countries becomes more extended, these narrow and ill-founded Prepossessions will necessarily diminish, until we may, reasonably hope they will be finally exterminated."⁷

Wesley seems also to have been involved in some way with a plan to publish an English translation of Forkel's biography of Bach which had appeared in Germany in 1802. In a letter to Benjamin Jacobs⁸, dated October 17th 1808, Wesley says that he and Horn are already preparing for the press a translation made by a banker named Stephenson. However nothing came of this scheme, and no English translation appeared until 1820 when a translation into clumsy English was published anonymously by Kollman.

The years 1809 to 1816 saw Wesley making several journeys into the provinces. In September 1809 he took part in a Music Meeting at Tamworth. The major works performed were Messiah and The Creation, in which Wesley played the organ continuo. He also improvised at the organ, and two of his own compositions were performed, the quartet Father of Light, and the Organ Concerto in which he had incorporated the Bach fugue. On his way home he took part in a concert at Birmingham, where he played a Fantazia (apparently improvised) on the piano which concluded with "Roly Poly Gammon and Spinach" and seems to have been greeted with ecstatic applause.

In October 1811 Wesley was back in Birmingham to conduct the Birmingham Festival. The concerts were held in St. Phillip's and again the chief works were Messiah and The Creation. In 1812 he gave an organ

recital in Ramsgate, and was installed as the first Grand Organist of the Freemasons (he had been a Freemason since 1788), a post which he held until 1818. He was in Norwich in October 1814, where he played for several services in the Cathedral and gave an exhibition of organ playing at St. Peter Mancroft. He performed his own Organ Duet in C, which he had first played with Vincent Novello at the Hanover Square Rooms in 1812, and also his Duet Prelude to and arrangement of the "St. Anne" Fugue. This latter he had performed, also with Vincent Novello, earlier in the year at the Foundling Hospital.

Wesley travelled to Yarmouth in July 1815. Here he gave a concert in the Parish Church on what he said was the most magnificent organ he had yet heard. It was large by English standards, with three manuals, pedals and twenty-seven stops, and on it Wesley played, once again, the "St. Anne" Fugue and the Goldberg Variations.

In August of the following year Wesley returned to Norwich, and stayed with Alfred Pettet, the organist at St. Peter Mancroft. In September he was at High Wycombe, where he played one of his own organ concertos in a "Grand Concert".

The period between his discovery of J.S. Bach and 1817 was probably the most successful, and the happiest, part of Wesley's life. Much of his greatest music was written during these years, for instance the Twelve Voluntaries Op. 6, the Twelve Short Pieces with a Full Voluntary added, the Piano Sonata in D minor, and the motet In Exitu Israel. His campaign on behalf of Bach's music was in its youthful prime and had resulted in the publication of the Organ Sonatas and the 48 Preludes and Fugues. He had travelled widely as both conductor and organist, and he was now happily "married", living with his house-keeper.

But he had always been prey to bouts of depression, and on May 5th 1817 he tried to commit suicide by jumping out of a window. He did himself remarkably little harm, but the next eight years saw much less activity. Not until 1825 did he resume his earlier pattern of

travel. In that year he visited Cambridge, and it was on another visit to Cambridge in the following year that he discovered three tunes by Handel set to hymns by his father, Charles Wesley. One of them was the famous Gopsal, still sung to Wesley's hymn, "Rejoice the Lord is King".

In 1827 Samuel visited Winchester, where he twice played for the Cathedral services. By this time his son, Samuel Sebastian, was seventeen, and he sometimes helped his father at recitals. One such recital was a "Performance of Ancient Music" given in 1827 by the Wesleys, father and son, and a blind organist named Topliff in Christ Church Newgate Street. There was also a choir and the composers represented were Handel and Haydn.

In 1828, a large organ was built in the Brunswick Chapel, Leeds. Samuel's brother Charles, now past seventy, was originally asked to open it, but he declined. So it was that Samuel played for the opening services on September 12th.

Wesley's last major journeys were, fittingly, to Bristol, the place of his birth. His first visit took place in September and October 1829, when he stayed with one D.G.Wait in Blagdon. One of his duties was to open the organ at St. Mary Redcliffe. The advertisement for the three concerts which he gave there ran as follows:

"The admirers of fine organ playing, and of Sacred Music in general, are respectfully informed that the Noble Organ of this church, which has recently been repaired and improved by Mr. Smith, will be opened by

Mr. Samuel Wesley,
the celebrated Extempore Organist and Editor of the works of the Immortal Sebastian Bach (and who has not visited Bristol for the last twenty years), and who will display his unrivalled powers on that Instrument in Three Performances of Sacred Music."⁹

Wesley was aided in these concerts by a choir and by his son, who played duets with him and performed his own variations on "God Save the King". Wesley seems to have been a great success in Bristol. On 25th September Mr. Wait wrote to Wesley's wife (that is Sarah Suter):

"My object in writing is to request you not to mention to anyone that he has more than common success, because we fear that others may try the experiment on this rich ground, which would be an injury to another journey. I have obtained a promise from the vestry, that Mr. Wesley shall also have three days next summer on Redcliffe Organ. The Church holds four thousand people."¹⁰

Samuel had to overcome one bizarre difficulty. In a note attached to the letter just quoted he mentions his brother:

"Charles has been endeavouring to prevent my Interest every way he could; and I have had the greatest difficulty to convince many of the folk here that I am the real Sam. Wesley and not an Imposter counterfeiting the name. Is not this funny?"

In a later letter Samuel shows an extraordinary and uncharacteristic bitterness towards his brother.

"The real fact is now well known that I am Samuel Wesley and that Charles is not ... He can never crow again upon his Bristol Dunghill, and clap his wing as in times past." ¹¹

After the brilliant success of the concerts, the visit seems to have turned sour. Apart from his difficulties with Charles and his supporters, Samuel was not happy about the financial results of his work. He certainly derived some benefit from his success, for later in the month he sent £80 home to his wife, but he did not believe he was receiving his due. In a letter, dated October 11th, he writes:

"The Bristolians are a shabby scabby set of (word deleted) to say no worse of them: they are trying to cheat me as much as they can." ¹²

In spite of his opinion of its townspeople, Wesley was in Bristol again in January 1830, determined "that none of the Waits will be able to pick another halfpenny out of my pocket".¹³ He stayed about two weeks; there is no evidence that he gave any public recitals, but he does write of selling and giving away books which contained either his own compositions or the Handel tunes which he had discovered in Cambridge and which were now published.

Charles Wesley died in 1834, so that for the last three years of his life Samuel received the small pension which the Methodists paid

in return for the copyright on his father's hymns. This money helped to save him from the utter poverty to which he had been uncomfortably close for most of his life.

The last great event of Samuel Wesley's life was his meeting with Mendelssohn, which did not occur until Mendelssohn's second visit to London, in 1837. Wesley was in the audience with his daughter, Eliza, which heard Mendelssohn play on the organ, recently rebuilt under the direction of Wesley's friend, Henry Gauntlett, in Christ Church Newgate Street on September 12th. The Musical World for September 15th 1837 described their meeting thus:

"Mr. Samuel Wesley, the father of English organists, was present and remained not the least gratified auditor, and expressed his delight in terms of unmeasured approbation. At the expressed desire of M. Mendelssohn who wished that he could hereafter say he had heard Wesley play, the veteran took his seat at the instrument and extemporised with a purity and originality of thought for which he has rendered his name ever illustrious. The touch of the instrument, however, requires a strong and vigorous finger, and Mr. Wesley, who is at present an invalid, was unable to satisfy himself, although he could gratify those around him."

Eliza told C.W. Pearce that Wesley's reaction to Mendelssohn's compliments was merely to say, "Ah, Sir! you have not heard me play; you should have heard me forty years ago!"¹⁴

Wesley never left his house again after meeting Mendelssohn. Only a month later The Musical World was announcing his death, which occurred on October 11th 1837.

"It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of this very extraordinary musician and accomplished scholar. Mr. Wesley expired on Wednesday last, in the afternoon, at about 20 minutes after 4 o'clock, in a calm and composed state of mind, and in total freedom from pain. His illness, which was diarrhoea (the frequent attendant upon the decay of nature) had not assumed a formidable aspect till a few days before his death. Mr. Wesley ... was in his seventy-second year."

Endnotes

1. British Museum Add. Ms. 27593
2. Letter I of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley.
3. *ibid.*

4. Letter dated July 18th 1815, to Vincent Novello. Quoted in Lightwood, Samuel Wesley, Musician p.178
5. Letter XIII of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs, ed. Eliza Wesley.
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CHAPTER II

THE ENGLISH ORGAN IN THE TIME OF WESLEY.

Although towards the end of Samuel Wesley's life the English organ entered a period of rapid change, before that time its design had remained almost static for more than a hundred years. A description of the type of organ on which Wesley played, and for which he wrote his music must therefore begin by going back to the middle of the seventeenth century.

The Civil War forced a break in the English organ building tradition; most organs were destroyed and native organ builders had to find work on the Continent. When they returned to replace the destroyed organs at the Restoration, they brought with them new ideas from Europe and began to establish an entirely new style of building. Two of the most important innovations which date from this time are reeds and mixtures.

Without doubt the two most important builders at this time were Bernard Smith and Renatus Harris. The type of organ which they had established by 1700 was still, with few variations, the standard design of 1800. Such an organ would have two or three manuals. The Great organ would contain a complete diapason chorus from unison to Mixture, a Trumpet and a Cornet. The Cornet was a compound solo stop of five ranks sounding the unison, octave, twelfth, fifteenth and seventeenth. The second manual would be the Choir containing flue stops at 8 ft, 4 ft. and 2 ft. pitches, and perhaps one or two solo reed stops. Large organs would have a third manual, the Echo, the pipes of which would be enclosed in a box. The main function of the Echo organ was to provide echo versions of the various solo stops to be found on the Great and Choir organs. Some of the organs of Smith and Harris boasted other foreign imports, mutation stops higher than 2 ft. pitch such as the Larigot, and such stop names as Gedackt and Holfleut, but these seem to have found little favour and are not to be found on later organs. Perhaps the most typical example of the style is the organ built in 1725 for St. George's

Hanover Square by Bernard Smith's nephew, Gerard.

Great

Open Diapason	8	Stopped Diapason	8
Principal	4	Twelfth	2 $\frac{2}{3}$
Fifteenth	2	Sesquialtera	IV ranks
Cornet	V ranks	Trumpet	8
Clarion	4		

Choir

Stopped Diapason	8	Principal	4
Flute	4	Fifteenth	2
Vox Humana	8		

Echo (short compass)

Open Diapason	8	Stopped Diapason	8
Cornet	III ranks	Hautboy	8
Trumpet	8	Cremorne	8

By the time this organ was built, the one important development in the first half of the eighteenth century had already occurred, the invention of the Swell box. All this meant was that the stops that had previously been put into the Echo organ, were now placed in the Swell where they could still act as echoes when the box was shut but could also provide crescendi and diminuendi if required.

The English organ, as developed in the late seventeenth century, gave rise to a national school of organ composition which reached its climax around 1750, particularly in the organ voluntaries of John Stanley. The conventions of this school in the use of the organ remained in force, with slight modifications, until the time of Wesley's death in 1837. The regular voluntary of the period was in two movements, the first being slow and the second faster, and there were three basic types of organ sound: Diapasons, Full Organ, and a variety of solo colours. The term "Diapasons" meant the combination of Open Diapason and Stopped Diapason and was used in the "Solo Voluntary". The first movement was

played entirely on the Diapasons and was similar in style to the slow movements of Corelli's trio-sonatas. The second movement featured a particular solo stop in the right hand for which the Diapasons provided the bass. The usual solo stops were the Cornet, the 4 ft. Flute, the Trumpet, the Hautboy, the Cremona, and the Vox Humana. The reed stops were combined with a Stopped Diapason. Often two solo stops were used in the same movement, for instance Cornet and Echo Cornet, or Trumpet and Vox Humana, in which case one stop would take the ritornello and the other the solo in a concerto-like movement. Full Organ was reserved for the Full Voluntary, which was a prelude and fugue played on the full organ throughout. "Full Organ" probably meant any combination on the Great from the full diapason chorus up to the Fifteenth to the entire Great Organ with the exception of the Cornet, according to the player's choice.

During the rest of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries there were gradual, but eventually significant, changes both in the registration called for in organ music and, later, in organ specifications. The change in registration was more a change of emphasis than any radical innovation. The more melodic solo stops, such as the Hautboy and the Cremona, were now used much more frequently, while the Cornet, a stop better suited to figuration, and very popular in the middle of the century, was by 1800 regarded with a good deal of suspicion. The Swell organ, called for only occasionally by Stanley, was now used frequently. Much information about conventional organ registration at the end of the eighteenth century can be gained from the introduction to a set of eighteen voluntaries by John Marsh, published in 1791. His remarks upon the contents of the Great and Choir organs indicate specifications which differ in no respect from that of the organ at St. George's Hanover Square, while what he has to say about their use differs from what Stanley might have said only in Marsh's lack of enthusiasm for the Cornet. He particularly advises against the use of the Cornet in

major keys, except on very joyous festivals. However his comments on the use of the Swell are more interesting because its use is indicated very often in the music of Wesley and his contemporaries without any further information as to which particular stop is meant. The Swell organ, like the Echo organ before it, was, until well into the nineteenth century, a short compass manual, usually running upwards from fiddle G. Marsh had this to say about it:

"The only part of the organ remaining to be described, is the Swell, the usual stops in which are The two Diapasons (1,2) which when used alone produce much the same effect as the Dulciana in the Choir organ; they are therefore generally joined at least with The Principal (3). The most beautiful stops however in the Swell are The Hautboy (4) and Trumpet (5) which being in unison together, may be used either singly or both together, but always with the diapasons. To the whole of which may be added The Cornet (6) which altogether makes what is called the Full Swell."

These remarks make it clear that the reeds were considered to be the stops most characteristic of the Swell, and therefore it may be assumed that where the direction "Swell" is placed over a right hand part, a solo reed is meant, probably of the more "expressive" sort such as the Oboe or the Vox Humana. Plainly the composer is more concerned that his music should be supplied with crescendi and diminuendi than with the precise tone colour of the solo. Sometimes all the parts are directed to be played on the Swell, in which case the bass cannot descend below fiddle G. In such music, again the point is obviously that the player should provide crescendo and diminuendo effects, and the most appropriate stops would be the Diapasons, perhaps with the Principal.

Finally Marsh's comments on the Swell Cornet are of interest. The Cornet was originally placed in the Swell organ to provide an echo to the Great Cornet, and was never intended, so far as we know, to be used in combination with any other stops except the Diapasons (the Swell Cornet, in particular, usually only contained the three or four upper ranks and therefore had to be combined with the Diapasons).

Marsh, who barely approves of Cornet voluntaries, does not mention its use as a solo stop but instead informs us that it was used as part of a "Full Swell" in which the predominant colours would be the reeds and the Cornet. The direction "Full Swell" does appear occasionally in the music of Wesley and his contemporaries, over both right hand passages and block harmony for both hands. Ex. 1 gives some illustrations of the different circumstances in which this ubiquitous term "Swell" may be found in Wesley's music and the probable ways in which it should be understood.

These changes in taste began to be reflected in organ design. From 1800 onwards the Cornet began to disappear from both Great and Swell organs, usually to be replaced by solo stops of eight foot pitch. However, the most noticeable change in organ specifications during this period was the tentative appearance of pedals, sometimes with pipes, sometimes without. The organ at St. Mary Redcliffe Bristol, built by Renatus Harris and John Byfield in 1726, had pedal keys, but no pedal pipes, and Handel's organ concerto Op.7 No.1 written in the 1740s calls for an organ with pedals, but there was no general movement in this direction until the early nineteenth century. The main obstacle to the development of pedal organs in England was of course the fact that nobody could use them and very few were prepared to learn. At first the pedals were never equipped with more than a single rank of pipes and were used merely as a convenient way of holding a pedal point. Of English composers writing before 1840, only William Russell and Wesley wrote, even occasionally, a fully developed pedal part.

However, the appearance of pedals soon became part of a general movement in organ design which was to mark the end of the era that had begun with Harris and Smith. From the last part of the seventeenth century to the beginning of the nineteenth, organs in England had remained the same size, by German and French standards rather small, but from 1820 it was plain that nineteenth century organists would only be satisfied with something a good deal larger. Samuel Wesley gave the

opening recital on a new organ at Brunswick Chapel, Leeds, in 1828: built by Edward Booth of Wakefield this organ boasted a two octave pedal board and four pedal stops including a Trombone. In the following year, Thomas Elliott, a particular friend of Wesley's, built a large organ in York Minster. Rather than put 16 ft. stops on the manuals he extended the manual compass down to CCC (one octave lower than the modern compass, and a fifth lower than the usual compass in England at that time), and built a pedal organ which contained no fewer than four 32 ft. stops, one of them a reed called a Sackbut. The most famous of these early "music mills" as their critics called them, was the organ at Christ Church Newgate Street, rebuilt in 1835 by William Hill, Elliott's son-in-law and partner until Elliott died in 1832, under the direction of Henry Gauntlett, another friend of Samuel Wesley, to whom Wesley dedicated one of his later voluntaries. Mendelssohn and Wesley both played this organ on September 12th 1837.

It will be seen that Wesley was closely associated with the principal figures in this movement, Thomas Elliott, William Hill and Henry Gauntlett, but unfortunately there is no direct evidence to show whether he took an active interest in these developments, or even whether he approved of them. Nevertheless the indirect evidence suggests that he did approve, and the fact that he was a close friend of Elliott and Gauntlett at the least, demonstrates the possibility that he was active in formulating these new ideas on English organ design. As the chief apostle in England for the music of J.S.Bach, which by the 1820s was making some headway, he provided a good reason for the development of pedal organs in this country. His own organ music consistently uses every resource which the organ he knew could offer him, and in one of his letters to Benjamin Jacobs (No. IV of those edited by Eliza Wesley) he writes:

"You may also tell Elliott that I will dine with him on some day between the 20th and 27th as desired, although I do not love 'a little Church Organ'.

"Perhaps this is only an Antiphraasis, and that he and you mean a great one."

Perhaps the history of the English organ during Samuel Wesley's lifetime can best be summed up by reference to the organ at Christ Church Newgate. I give two specifications dating from 1800 and 1835. The first is taken from Notes on English Organs of the period 1800-10 ... taken chiefly from the manuscript of Henry Leffler, published in 1911. The organ was originally built by Renatus Harris in 1690. Leffler believed that only the Great and Choir Organs dated from this time, and that the Swell was added later, but he offers no further information on this point. However, looking at all three departments of the 1800 organ, apart from the fact that the third manual is a Swell rather than an Echo, the whole could easily have been built, just as it stood, in 1690. Nevertheless it is significant that the Swell Cornet is out of action.

Some time soon after this the organ was rebuilt by Elliott and Hill, but unfortunately there is no available information about it. In any case in 1835 William Hill radically rebuilt the organ once more, this time under the direction of Henry Gauntlett. The most obvious change is the introduction of a massive pedal organ but it will be noted that the pedal pipes covered only one octave, the pedal keys operating on the Great organ for the rest. The manual compass has been shortened at the lower end from GGG to CC, thus conforming with the German organs known to Bach. The Swell organ now has the same compass as the other two manuals, and both Great and Swell have 16 ft. stops. In fact the Swell is now the second manual, rather than the Choir, as is normal today. The Great now has a powerful group of reeds at 16 ft., 8 ft., and 4 ft. pitches whereas in 1800 it had one Trumpet which operated only in the treble register. There is no sign of a Cornet anywhere on the 1835 organ. This was the organ which set the pattern in the years after Wesley's death, except in the matter of the Pedal organ which developed along much less adventurous lines. Wesley's organ music was overtaken

within his own lifetime and could already be called, along with its contemporaries, "old-fashioned" by Hopkins and Rimbault in their famous work The Organ, its History and Construction of 1855

The organ of Christ Church Newgate

In 1800		In 1835	
	Great Organ		
		Double Open Diapason	16'
		Open Diapason I	8'
Open Diapason	8'	Open Diapason II	8'
Stopped Diapason	8'	Stopped Diapason	8'
Principal	4'	Principal	4'
Twelfth	$2\frac{2}{3}'$	Twelfth	$2\frac{2}{3}'$
Fifteenth	2'	Fifteenth	2'
Tierce	$\frac{3}{5}'$	Sesquialtera	V ranks
Sesquialtera	III ranks	Mixture	V ranks
Furniture	III ranks	Doublette	II ranks
Cornet (treble to mid C)	V ranks	Double Trumpet	16'
Trumpet ("down to middle C, the bass has been stop'd up")	8'	Posaune	8'
		Clarion	4'
	Swell Organ		
		Double Diapason	16'
Open Diapason	8'	Open Diapason	8'
Stopped Diapason	8'	Stopped Diapason	8'
		Principal	4'
		Flageolet	4'
		Fifteenth	2'
		Mixture	V ranks
Cornet ("draws but does not speak")		Horn	8'
Trumpet	8'	Trumpet	8'

Hautboy	8'	Oboe	8'
		Clarion	4'
		Choir Organ	
		Open Diapason	8'
Stopped Diapason	8'	Stopped Diapason	8'
Principal	4'	Principal	4'
Flute	4'	Stopped Flute	4'
Fifteenth	2'	Fifteenth	2'
Vox Humana	8'		
		Pedal Organ	
		Great Diapason (Wood)	16'
		Open Diapason (Wood)	16'
		Open Diapason (Metal)	16'
		Principal	8'
		Twelfth	5 $\frac{1}{3}$ '
		Fifteenth	4'
		Sesquialtera	VI ranks
		Mixture	V ranks
		Posaune	16'
		Clarion	8'

EXAMPLE I

(see page 29)

Different interpretations of the direction "Swell" in Samuel Wesley's organ music.

A. No. 2 of Twelve Short Pieces

Swell indicating a solo (on a reed stop with Stopped Diapason) with "expression".

B. Voluntary in D Op.6 No.5

The left hand seems to be on the Stopped Diapason only because of the Swell's limited compass. The two manuals therefore seem to require matching rather than contrasting. Note especially how the suspended F

sharp in the Swell part of the first bar resolves onto an E played on the Stopped Diapason.

C. No. 1 of Six Introductory Movements.

Both hands are on the Swell, indicating Diapasons (perhaps with Principal) and "expression".

D. Two examples of the term "Full Swell".

- (i) Voluntary in D (composed 1817), 3rd movement.
- (ii) Voluntary No. 6 dedicated to John Harding, 1st movement.

EX. 1 $\text{♩} = 100$
Swell

A

B

Diapason
Largo Swell tr

C

Diapason
Andante
Swell

Dii

Larghetto Full Swell

(iii)

Diapason
Spirited
Full Swell

CHAPTER III

A GENERAL SURVEY OF ENGLISH ORGAN MUSIC 1800-1840

The general background against which Samuel Wesley's organ music must be studied is a conservative one. English organ composers could scarcely be said to have come to terms with the developments of the last part of the eighteenth century. Even less could they be considered ready to assimilate developments which were making the classical style a thing of the past. And yet in many ways composers of the early nineteenth century were rejecting the principles of Haydn and Mozart in favour of an older style: perhaps the only English organ composers who were really looking towards the future were those who, like Wesley, made J.S.Bach their chief model.

The first forty years of the new century proved more productive of good organ music in England than the last forty years of the old. The most notable composers after Samuel Wesley were his elder brother Charles (1757-1834), William Russell (1777-1813), Thomas Adams (1785-1858) and William Crotch (1775-1847). In addition, for the first time there was the influence of foreign organ composers, most notable being, among the living, Johann Rinck (1770-1846), and among the dead, J.S.Bach.

As one might expect of a period which hovered between memories of Handel and anticipations of Mendelssohn, organ music exhibited a great variety of styles, and composers wandered freely from one to the other. However, three main tendencies can be traced, the conservative, the galant, and what one may term the "neo-baroque".

Music of the conservative type drew its inspiration from the organ concertos of Handel and the voluntaries of Stanley. That the latter were still popular in this period is shown by the appearance of a new edition in 1810. A particularly striking example is Matthew Camidge's Op.13 which consists of six concertos for organ solo, published about 1815. Camidge, who was organist at York Minster, put the following note on the title page:

"N.B. The author in this work has endeavoured to imitate the particular style of music which has been so long admired namely that of Handel and Corelli, this acknowledgement will he hopes secure him from the critics' censure."

The beginning of the second movement of Op.13 No.2 (Ex. 2) would certainly have caused no great stir had it been written one hundred years earlier. Charles Wesley was as fervent a champion of Handel as his brother was of Bach, and much of his organ music shows a conservative approach. Each of his voluntaries dedicated to the Prince Regent, which also appeared about 1815, contains a movement taken from Handel.

If Handel was the model for the organ composer in the early nineteenth century when he was trying to write a fugue or a "French Overture" introduction, then surely the predominant influence on the rest of his music was that of the galant style, chiefly represented in England by J.C.Bach. It was due to this influence that the popularity of the Cornet, Trumpet and Flute had waned in favour of the Oboe, Cremona and Bassoon. It was due to this influence that the Swell had become such an important part of the organ. Galant ideas had become gradually more apparent in the English voluntary since the days of Stanley, and were shown particularly in a liking for gentle affected melodies which did not fit in with the traditional types of movement, the Diapason or Full Organ prelude, the fast solo movement, and the fugue. Consequently the general tendency towards 1800 was to increase the number of movements in the voluntary to make room for the new style. Later the influence of the new piano music, pioneered in England by Clementi, began to be felt, and generally English galant organ music of the period can be divided into music where tone colour is of great importance and which is written under the influence of the orchestra, and music dominated by pianoforte style where dynamics are more important than tone colour.

The voluntaries of William Russell, published in two sets of twelve in 1804 and 1812, probably include the most successful examples of the orchestral galant style. His voluntaries are written in up to

five movements, which include such new types as the march and the short melodic character piece in addition to all the traditional forms. His Voluntary II from the 1812 set is one of the most interesting examples of the galant tendency (Ex. 3). Russell was almost certainly the first English composer to set organ music out on three staves, something which Wesley never did even though he was still writing organ music twenty years after Russell's death. This voluntary is in two movements, both completely galant in feeling. The first contrasts Oboe and Diapasons, while the second alternates Oboe and Cremona before using both in duet accompanied by the Diapasons played on the pedals (Ex. 4). It should be noted how much care Russell takes over his stop directions. He is not content simply to write "Diapasons" for example, but specifies Open or Stopped or both.

Russell's voluntaries are still plainly genuine organ music but some of the more galant examples of the period give the impression of being better suited to the piano or orchestra. For instance, Thomas Adams' Variations on Paesiello's Favourite Air "Quant e Pui Bella" with their frequent stop changes seem to foreshadow the orchestral transcriptions of later in the century. Similarly there is a good deal of organ music inspired by piano style which seems to make no concession to the character of the organ. A particularly bizarre example is the last of three voluntaries by Samuel Webbe the younger, dedicated to Samuel Wesley. The only indication other than on the title page, that the piece is for organ, is the occasional use of the pedals. There are no stop directions, but merely forte and piano marks. The tradition of the multi-movement voluntary is abandoned in favour of a single movement in a crude sonata form. Ex. 5 is the last page of the voluntary and consists mostly of a cadenza.

An important development of the 1830s was the appearance of a mass of short organ pieces by German composers, especially Rinck, whose Complete Practical Organ School was published in two English translations, one possibly made by Wesley himself. These compositions were of the type

usually referred to as character pieces, although most of them were sadly lacking in that quality (Ex. 6). They were designed to provide religious background and to be as musically unobtrusive as possible: their influence on English organ music in the nineteenth century was to be all too marked.

The third tendency, the neo-baroque, was based entirely on the discovery by English organists of J.S.Bach. This was marked by a renewed interest in the fugue, but composers' attempts were now based on the works of Bach, especially the 48 Preludes and Fugues, rather than on those of Handel. There was a marked concentration on special contrapuntal skills, combining themes, inversion, augmentation and diminution. The three composers most eminent in this group were Samuel Wesley himself, Thomas Adams, and William Crotch. Adams' five-part fugue in F minor shows how closely the latter two sometimes tried to imitate their master (Ex. 7). It comes from a set of six fugues dedicated to Henry May and published about 1820. They prove that the "St. Anne" fugue had a powerful effect on at least one composer. Four of these fugues are in three sections, the subjects of the first two being combined in the third. The close relationship of the subject of Adams' fugue to that of the "St. Anne" is plain enough, and of course both fugues are written in five parts. Some of Adams' subjects have the sound of Mendelssohn about them. The subject of his Fugue II from the same set of six certainly has that limpid quality which one associates with the nineteenth rather than earlier centuries (Ex. 8), while another subject, from a set of twelve voluntaries (all but one of which are in the form of Prelude and Fugue) published by Hodsoll, is not dissimilar to the fugue subject in Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata No.3 (Ex. 9). These Organ Sonatas, with their sometimes disturbingly discrete treatment of baroque and post-classic features of style, are directly descended from the English organ music of earlier in the century, which is at least as mixed in style. It should be remembered that Mendelssohn originally intended to call these sonatas Voluntaries.

In his Elements of Musical Composition, published in 1812, William

Crotch made some remarks on the proper way of writing organ voluntaries which typify the views of the more ardent (and more narrow-minded) "Bachists".

"Organ voluntaries should consist of fugues, with introductions for the full organ, upon the model of Sebastian Bach and Handel. Soft movements for the Diapason and Swell should be slow and sweet, or mournful and pathetic, and may be in the Italian style of the seventeenth century. English voluntaries for the Trumpet, Echo, Voxhumane, Cornet, Oboe and other solo stops, are too often vulgar trifling, and ridiculous; being equally void of science, taste, and that decorous gravity of style which should ever characterize church music."

Crotch's position can be summarised in the following five points, and allowing something for their pedantic and sanctimonious author, they represent the tendency to compose the works of Bach anew.

1. Emphasis on the Prelude and Fugue.
2. Emphasis on "science", the ability to bring off extraordinary technical feats in composition.
3. Complete rejection of the English Solo Voluntary tradition.
4. A degree of prettiness may be put into slow movements for the Swell, but Crotch still prefers an antique style, "the Italian style of the seventeenth century."
5. Crotch's "decorous gravity" appears to banish all liveliness from organ music composed for the church.

There is a strong temptation to link the efforts of Adams and Crotch to re-establish the style of a composer who had been writing one hundred years before their time with the contemporary beginnings of the Gothic Revival. In both cases there is the feeling of the unfitness of modern styles to church use, and the conviction that there is one style more fitted than any other which should be perpetuated for ever.

EX. 2

Camidge

Handwritten musical notation for Exercise 2, featuring two systems of bass clef staves. The first system consists of two staves with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature of one flat. The second system also consists of two staves with the same time signature and key signature. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

EX. 3

Largo
Swell R Hand

Russell

Handwritten musical notation for Exercise 3. It includes three staves: the top staff is for 'Stop Diapason and Hautboy' in treble clef with a common time signature 'C'; the middle staff is for '2 Diapasons Great Organ' in bass clef; and the bottom staff is for 'Pedals' in bass clef. The tempo is marked 'Largo' and the instruction 'Swell R Hand' is written above the first staff. The composer's name 'Russell' is written in the top right. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns and accidentals.

EX. 4

Russell

Handwritten musical notation for Exercise 4. It includes three staves: the top staff is for 'Hautboy' in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature; the middle staff is for 'Cornetta' in bass clef with a 3/4 time signature; and the bottom staff is for 'Pedals' in bass clef with a 3/4 time signature. The composer's name 'Russell' is written in the top right. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns and accidentals.

EX. 5

Cadenza

Waltz 11

The musical score is presented on ten staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, often grouped in triplets. A section labeled 'Cadenza' is indicated by a bracket. Dynamic markings include 'a tempo' and 'rallent'. The score concludes with a final cadence. The notation includes various ornaments and articulation marks.

EX. 6

Rinck

EX.7

Adams

Bar 1

Bar 65

Bar 82

EX.8

Adams

Dolce

EX.9

Adams

Mendelssohn

The image contains three examples of handwritten musical notation, each on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs).

- EX.7:** Consists of three systems. The first system is labeled 'Bar 1' and 'Adams'. The second system is labeled 'Bar 65'. The third system is labeled 'Bar 82'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p' and 'pp'.
- EX.8:** A single system of music labeled 'EX.8' and 'Adams'. It features a melodic line in the treble clef with a 'Dolce' marking below it.
- EX.9:** Consists of two systems. The first system is labeled 'EX.9' and 'Adams', featuring a melodic line with a trill ('tr') and a fermata ('F'). The second system is labeled 'Mendelssohn' and shows a more complex melodic line with many beamed notes.

CHAPTER IV

A DIVISION OF WESLEY'S ORGAN MUSIC INTO FOUR PERIODS AND
A CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGAN MUSIC WRITTEN BEFORE 1800.

The great bulk of Wesley's organ works belongs to the nineteenth century rather than the eighteenth. Although from his youth Wesley was celebrated as an organist, it seems that it was only the study of Bach which prompted him to look seriously at the possibilities of the organ as a solo instrument. Without that impetus he might have presented a case, like that of Bruckner, of a composer whose output for his own chief instrument was minimal. Thus the turn of the century, bringing with it the inspiration of Bach, represents an important dividing line in Wesley's output of organ music, although the two sides are far from being of equal weight, either in the number of works or in their importance. The years before 1800 and the years after can in their turn be divided into two periods, making four periods in all. The divisions between the first three periods are stretches of inactivity, so far as organ composition is concerned, but there is no such division between the third and fourth periods, the difference in this case lying only in the music itself.

The first period covers a group of very youthful compositions dating from 1774 and 1775, comprising voluntaries, fugues and cornet pieces. The second period, running from then to 1800, is notable for the almost complete lack of any solo organ music. Then comes the influence of Bach and a renewed interest in organ music resulting in the works of the third period, which runs from about 1800 to 1816. During these years Wesley was particularly interested in writing large-scale organ works in the grand manner. The chief work of the third period is a set of twelve big voluntaries published at intervals throughout the period as his Opus 6. Two other important large-scale organ works from this period are the Duet in C of 1812, and the Full Voluntary in D minor, published with his Twelve Short Pieces in 1817. Large-scale works written at the same time, but outside the scope of this thesis, include at least one symphony (that

in B flat of 1802), a magnificent Piano Sonata in D minor, published in 1808, and the motet In Exitu Israel, composed in 1810. The fourth period covers the remainder of Wesley's life, that is up to 1837, and is marked by a much greater diversity of type in his organ works. Wesley's interest in writing grand voluntaries continued into his sixties but now there was an opposite tendency at work, the tendency to concentrate rather than expand. This was shown by a new interest in the possibilities of the short character piece, first and most brilliantly revealed in the Twelve Short Pieces, composed in 1816. The Short Piece had a marked influence on Wesley's fourth period voluntaries. The largest examples often included movements of the "Short Piece" type, while in other voluntaries the same influence led to a greater compactness reaching its most extreme form in the Six Organ Voluntaries Composed for the Use of Young Organists, published late in 1831 or early in 1832. The characteristics of Wesley's four periods of organ composition can be summarised as follows:

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|-----|-----------|--|
| I | 1766-80 | Juvenile attempts at imitation of older composers. |
| II | 1780-1800 | Very little interest in writing for the organ. |
| III | 1800-16 | Concentration on large-scale organ works. |
| IV | 1816-37 | Interest in both large and small scale forms,
the latter having some influence on the former. |

It is probable that all the surviving organ works of Wesley's first period were written within a few months of each other in 1774 and 1775. They amount to four fugues, two voluntaries and three pieces for Cornet. They are remarkable enough as the products of an eight year old composer, but their intrinsic value is small. One sees in them that talent for mimicry which is natural in children, applied to music. All the conventions of mid-eighteenth century organ music, with which Wesley must have been surrounded from birth, are there. The voluntaries include a typical Diapason movement and conventionally appropriate music for the Trumpet and Cornet stops with their Echo equivalents. There is a movement in the minor for Swell written in the approved "pathetic" style,

suites to crescendi and diminuendi, which reminds one of Daines Barrington's account of Wesley's improvising a similar piece on the Swell in that same year. Three of the four fugues are written on subjects which are eighteenth century "types". One has a subject in triple time beginning with repeated quavers, the subject of Fugue No.3 is derived from the descending chromatic scale, while that of the last is built on a sequence and belongs to a type frequently used by Stanley (Ex. 10). Barrington, in this case talking of the young Wesley as an extemporiser, refers to his habit, natural in one of his age, of mimicking his older contemporaries:

"After he had seen or heard a few pieces of any composer, he was fully possessed of his peculiarities, which, if at all striking, he could instantly imitate at the word of command, as well as the general flow and turn of the composition. Thus I have heard him frequently play extemporary lessons, which, without prejudice to their musical names, might have been supposed those of Abel, Vento, Schobert and (J.C.) Bach."¹

Although he was able to reproduce the essential characteristics of the music he heard with such astonishing facility, the young composer was not always so secure in the technical details of composition. There are occasional awkward-sounding passages caused by such failings as consecutive octaves and fifths or unconvincing treatment of suspensions (Ex.11).

The greatest degree of originality is to be found in the structure of these early pieces, and in one or two cases in the use of the stops. One of the pieces for Cornet alternates that stop with the Stopped Diapason rather than the conventional Echo Cornet. The end of the Voluntary in D shows originality both in design and in registration. For the most part it is a perfectly conventional Trumpet voluntary with a slow movement for Diapasons followed by a quicker movement for Trumpet and Echo Trumpet over a Diapason Bass. However, with childish enthusiasm, Wesley then directs the player to "pull out all the Trumpets you have on the organ" for a Pomposo coda (Ex.12) which is in octaves throughout,

and which is almost certainly unique in the English Voluntary both as a structural device and in its use of the Trumpets. The last movement of the Voluntary in C is equally experimental, being in four sections, all to be played Full Organ, alternating Adagio and Allegro. The first three sections are each only five or six bars long, only the final Allegro section being a little more extended. The second fugue is in a Da Capo pattern, the middle section consisting of four bars of homophonic writing in the relative minor.

For completeness two other pieces which are listed among Wesley's early organ works by the British Museum should be mentioned. Both are to be found in Add. Ms. 35039. The first is described, apparently by Eliza Wesley, as "probably the first attempt at composing a voluntary", but in fact it is an incomplete copy of Stanley's Op.7 No.1. The other is an Overture in G, composed in January 1775. It shows no sign of having been conceived for the organ, but seems to be a rough sketch for an orchestral composition. Towards the end there are references to "bassoons" and "tutti".

The characteristic style of Wesley's second period was galant. He wrote a good deal of music for the piano, and also vocal music for the Roman liturgy. Perhaps his greatest work of the period is the Mass which he dedicated to the Pope in 1784. This work, written in the grand manner, uses the regular galant idiom of the time, and Burney likened the style to that of Pergolesi. It seems that in common with his greater contemporaries Wesley did not consider the organ suitable to the new style of music. Certainly there is only one solo organ work extant from this period, and even this solitary example seems to be more suited to the piano in many places than the organ. It is a Voluntary in D, completed on May 16th 1788, and consists of two movements, an Andante Maestoso which is a complete movement in binary form, and a long fugal Presto. The first movement has a measure of grandeur. It is marked Full at the beginning and then alternates Forte and Piano markings. It is dominated by a

dotted rhythm, a feature shared with many of Wesley's later first movements, which is grand and dramatic in the Forte sections, but softened with a degree of galant grace in the Piano passages. In several places Wesley shows some harmonic resource in obtaining dramatic effects, for instance the passage at bar 37 (Ex.13). This opening movement is an effective piece of organ music, but the second movement is less satisfactory and raises serious doubts as to whether this is a true organ work. It is a double fugue, very freely treated and some ten pages long. One presumes it is meant to be taken extremely fast in view of the four bar rest to be found near the end. There are none of the usual organist's directions, while passages such as that in Ex.14 are not the stuff of eighteenth century organ style. It can only be concluded that this particular voluntary started out as organ music and finished as piano music.

More important than the Voluntary of 1788 is the music for organ with accompaniment. There are traces of five works by Wesley for organ and orchestra, and ironically the three which are still complete all belong to the second period, which is so poor in solo organ music. In eighteenth century England the organ tended to be treated as a different instrument when it was united with an orchestra. The organs available in the places where organ concertos were likely to be required, for instance the concert room in the house in Chesterfield Street or the theatre in Covent Garden, were extremely small, and could be treated in much the same way as a piano or a harpsichord, provided the texture remained reasonably clear. Thus the problem of style which so affected late eighteenth century organ music in the church was not apparent in the concert room. Here it could follow the developments of pianoforte style with very little adaptation, at least until the end of the century.

The earliest of Wesley's surviving works for orchestra with an organ part is the Sinfonia Obligato per violino, organo e violoncello, composed in 1781 when Wesley was fifteen. It was performed at a Chesterfield Street subscription concert on January 31st 1782, and probably

repeated at later concerts in May of the same year and in April 1783. The organ is somewhat less prominent than the violin and 'cello which both have very demanding parts, but the music which it plays well illustrates the lack of any stylistic cleavage between the organ as a concerto instrument and the pianoforte or harpsichord (Ex.15). Since Samuel played the violin concertos and Charles the organ concertos in the Chesterfield Street concerts, Samuel may well have played the violin solo in this symphony rather than the organ. If so, he must have been a fine violinist. The symphony is in three movements, with a particularly charming slow movement for strings alone with no solo parts. Strangely, the finale anticipates in one of its themes the last movement of Mozart's Concerto K.414, composed in the following year (Ex. 16).

Wesley's organ concertos have suffered cruelly from the disappearance of vital parts which make realistic reconstruction impossible. Scores or orchestral parts of four concertos are to be found in the British Museum, their dates ranging approximately from 1787 to 1815, but only in the first two concertos are the organ parts still extant.

The first of these works is in A major. It bears no date, but the British Museum estimate the date of the paper as 1787. In fact it is entitled Quintetto, but it is clearly an organ concerto nonetheless. Indeed the "quintet" of organ and strings is joined in the finale by two horns. Much more substantial than this decidedly minor work, is the second concerto. It was completed on March 22nd 1800, and Wesley almost certainly performed it during a performance of Haydn's Creation under Salomon at Covent Garden on April 21st. The specification of the organ which Wesley played is preserved and serves as a good example of the type of instrument for which organ concertos were composed.

1 manual GG to d³ (55 notes)

Open Diapason	8	Stopped Diapason	8
Principal	4	Twelfth	2 $\frac{2}{3}$
Fifteenth	2	Tierce	1 $\frac{3}{5}$
Trumpet	8		

In 1808 both theatre and organ were burned down. The new theatre was built in 1809 and equipped with an organ almost identical to its predecessor.

The concerto seems originally to have been written in the conventional three movements. There is nothing in the first movement other than the necessarily very simple directions for registration to suggest that it is not part of a piano concerto. In the second movement, and to a lesser extent the third, the prevalence of a plain chordal texture makes more obvious demands on the organ's extra sustaining power. The last movement is a set of variations on an attractive hornpipe tune (Ex.17) which Wesley later published in an arrangement for piano. The organ is joined by a solo violin on almost equal terms.

In 1808, after hearing some of Bach's fugues arranged for string quartet by Horn, Wesley, as we learn from a letter to Benjamin Jacobs,² conceived the idea of arranging them for orchestra. He wrote of the "glorious effect" which the string quartet versions produced and added, "What must they do in a full Orchestra?" Consequently, when he took his concerto to the Tamworth Music Meeting in 1809, Wesley inserted the fugue in D from Book I of the 48 between the second and third movements. He played the entire fugue as an organ solo, and then repeated it with an orchestra of horns, trumpets, trombones, kettledrums and strings. Apart from the fugue, the trumpets, trombones and kettledrums play only at the end of the last movement. Wesley seems to have been well pleased with the reception accorded both to the concerto and to the fugue. In a letter written to Benjamin Jacobs a few days after the performance, he writes:

"... the effect of the Fugue among the Orchestra was such that they were perpetually humming the Subject whenever I met any of them in the streets, either by Day or by Night."³

Endnotes

1. Daines Barrington Miscellanies 1781.

2. Letter III of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs,
ed. Eliza Wesley.
3. Letter XIII of Letters of Samuel Wesley to Mr. Jacobs,
ed. Eliza Wesley.

EX.10

Allegro

Fugue II

Handwritten musical notation for the first system of Fugue II. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

A Tempo Giusto

Fugue III

Handwritten musical notation for the first system of Fugue III. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Fugue IV

Handwritten musical notation for the first system of Fugue IV. It features a bass clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

EX.11

Fugue I

Voluntary in D

Handwritten musical notation for Fugue I and Voluntary in D. Fugue I is in the left hand with a treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), and common time (C). Voluntary in D is in the right hand with a treble clef, key signature of two sharps (D major), and common time (C). Both pieces feature block chords and simple melodic lines.

EX.12

Pull out all the Trumpets you have on the organ

Pomposo

Handwritten musical notation for EX.12. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The piece is marked 'Pomposo' and includes several trill ornaments (marked with 'tr') over the melody. The notation is dense with sixteenth and thirty-second notes.

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EX.13
Andante maestoso

Handwritten musical notation for the first system of EX.13. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Andante maestoso'. The music features a melody in the treble staff and a supporting bass line in the bass staff. A dynamic marking 'p' is present in both staves.

EX.14
Presto

Handwritten musical notation for the second system of EX.14. It consists of two staves. The tempo is marked 'Presto'. The music is more rhythmic and includes a dynamic marking 'f' in the treble staff.

Handwritten musical notation for the third system of EX.14. It consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a melodic line with slurs and dynamic markings '(f) p' and '(f)'. The bass staff contains a bass line with triplets and dynamic markings 'p' and 'f'.

Handwritten musical notation for the fourth system of EX.14. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a melodic line with slurs and dynamic markings 'f' and '(f)'. The bass staff has a bass line with slurs and dynamic markings 'p' and 'f'.

Handwritten musical notation for the fifth system of EX.14. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a melodic line with slurs and dynamic markings 'f' and 'f'. The bass staff has a bass line with slurs and dynamic markings 'Dolce' and 'f'.

EX. 15

Allegro maestoso

Musical score for Example 15, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The treble staff contains a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

EX. 16 *Allegro molto*

Wesley

Musical score for Example 16, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The treble staff is labeled "(strings)" and contains a melodic line. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

Allegretto

Mozart

Musical score for Example 17, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

EX. 17

(Organ)

Musical score for Example 17 (continued), featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

Musical score for Example 17 (continued), featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. The treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes. The bass staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

CHAPTER V

THE THIRD PERIOD AND OPUS 6

Wesley was one of the first composers to cultivate a deep knowledge of old music. During his Roman Catholic period in the 1780s he studied Gregorian Chant and sixteenth century polyphony, and both these ancient musical styles had a permanent effect on his church music. Similarly when he became acquainted with the music of J.S.Bach, he made the rest of his life a crusade on behalf of "Saint Sebastian", as he called him. There can be little doubt that to Wesley the publicising of Bach was much more important than the fate of his own music.

It seems certain that Bach's keyboard music provided the inspiration for the large-scale organ works of Wesley's third period, heralded by the first of his twelve voluntaries Opus 6. These voluntaries, his first mature attempt at writing solo organ music, dominate the third period and represent the first fruits of his painstaking and systematic study of J.S.Bach. A subsidiary influence may have been the first set of voluntaries published by his friend William Russell in 1804, to which both Charles and Samuel Wesley subscribed, but it is quite likely that Samuel had already started writing his Opus 6 by then.

Taken as a whole, Opus 6 is by far the largest of Samuel Wesley's organ works, and must take a position in his output for the organ of the first importance. It is therefore especially unfortunate that these voluntaries have proved so difficult to date. The earliest possible date is 1800, since Op.4 appeared in 1799 and Op.5 is thought to have been published about 1800, but estimates vary from 1800 in Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart, and 1805 in the British Museum catalogue, to 1820-1830 in Peter Williams' preface to his modern edition of Op.6 No.3.

The first fact which seems fairly evident is that the whole of Opus 6 did not appear at the same time. The voluntaries were published separately by two different firms with three different title-page designs. William Hodson published the first six. Numbers 7 to 10 were then

published, with a new title page, by Robert Birchall. Finally William Hod-
soll published the last two, No. 11 with Birchall's title page and No. 12
with another new title page.

Thus each voluntary really needs to be dated separately, but some
guidance is given by two voluntaries which can accurately be dated. The
first of these is Voluntary No. 7, the first published by Birchall. This
is advertised in a publisher's catalogue mainly devoted to piano music,
which is in the possession of the British Museum (Hirsch IV iiiii (2)).
The British Museum estimate the date of this catalogue as 1806, but compar-
ison with another Birchall catalogue, definitely dated 1806, shows the first
one to be slightly later, either late 1806 or 1807. The two facts that Wes-
ley's voluntaries are not mentioned in the earlier catalogue and his eighth
voluntary is not mentioned in the later catalogue suggest that the seventh
voluntary had only just been published. This establishes that Voluntary
No. 7 was published in late 1806 or 1807.

The second voluntary which can be dated with certainty is No. 10.
This is the only part of Opus 6 which still exists in autograph. It is
dated January 1814, and was performed by Benjamin Jacobs at the Surrey Chap-
el as "New Voluntary No. 10" on 24th May the same year. That it was given
the number 10 shows that the previous nine had already been published and
it seems very probable that No. 10 had also been published by the time
Jacobs performed it.

Finally there are reasons, which will be discussed at greater length
later, to suppose that Op. 6 No. 12 was published after 1817. The basic reason
for this supposition is that there is a voluntary in manuscript dated Nov-
ember 1817 which is headed "Voluntary 12th", suggesting that this was orig-
inally intended to be Op. 6 No. 12, but was for some reason replaced. The
voluntaries of 1817 and Op. 6 No. 12 will be discussed in Chapter IX, since
there are internal reasons for placing them in Wesley's fourth period.

It is therefore established that the first seven voluntaries had
appeared by 1807, that voluntaries 8 and 9 were published between 1807 and

1813, the tenth voluntary in 1814, the eleventh between 1814 and 1817, and the twelfth after 1817. It should be mentioned, since this has no doubt added to the past confusion, that when Hodsoll published the twelfth voluntary he also reissued the whole set in two books, which are advertised on the title page of Voluntary No.12.

The voluntaries of Opus 6 should not be considered in isolation from the small number of other large-scale organ works which are their contemporaries, the Full Voluntary in D minor which was published with the Twelve Short Pieces in 1817, the Duet in C, written in 1812, and the smaller duet, written in 1814 as a prelude to a four hands arrangement of Bach's "St.Anne" fugue.

It may be helpful at this point to list the works which are to be considered in the following two chapters:

	Publisher	Date of Publication
Voluntary in D minor Op. 6 No.1	Hodsoll	not later than 1806
Voluntary in C Op. 6 No.2		
Voluntary in C minor Op. 6 No.3		
Voluntary in G minor Op. 6 No.4		
Voluntary in D Op. 6 No.5		
Voluntary in C Op. 6 No.6		
Voluntary in E flat Op. 6 No.7	Birchall	1806/7
Voluntary in D Op. 6 No.8		1807-13
Voluntary in G minor Op. 6 No.9		
Duet in C	Unpublished	Composed 1812
Voluntary in F Op. 6 No.10	Birchall	1814
Prelude (Duet) to the "St.Anne" fugue	Unpublished	Composed 1814
Voluntary in A Op. 6 No.11	Hodsoll	1814-17
Full Voluntary in D minor	Clementi	1817

All the twelve voluntaries in this list are marked by a spirit of high seriousness. There is no doubt that Wesley intended them to be major works. This matches his attitude both to the organ, his own main instrument,

and to J.S.Bach under whose shadow he felt himself to be working, for he spoke of his work as an organist and especially as an interpreter of Bach's music as a divine mission. The other immediately discernible feature of these voluntaries is their considerable technical difficulty. A general tendency for English organ music of the early nineteenth century to make greater technical demands on the player is first seen in the music of Russell and Wesley. In both cases this was no doubt encouraged by the composers' exceptional keyboard skills, and, in Wesley's case at least, by the even greater difficulties to be encountered in Bach.

Something has already been said of the tremendous variety of style to be seen in English organ music of the period, and the contrasts to be seen in the work of other composers are equally apparent in Wesley's music. The contrast between galant and baroque styles, however, is most apparent in the first half of Opus 6, and then, especially towards the middle voluntaries, more between voluntaries than between the individual movements of any single voluntary. Wesley's greatest difficulty lies in his melodic writing, which, at the time when he was writing the first voluntaries of Opus 6, still abounded in the rather cloying chromatic graces of J.C.Bach. It cannot be said that the opening of the second movement of Op.6 is entirely at ease in the same voluntary as the forthright subject of the fugue that is the following movement (Ex. 18). However, in his later organ works, Wesley, no doubt helped by a greater knowledge of J.S.Bach's non-fugal music, evolved a more consistent personal style which owes something to all the influences he felt in his early maturity.

In his choice of keys Wesley is surprisingly cautious. The study of J.S.Bach generally encouraged composers to experiment with more extreme keys. Adams' two fugues in F minor have already been mentioned, and there is another fugue of his, written in 1810 and never published, which is in D flat. Russell, who was writing his voluntaries at the same time as Wesley was writing his Opus 6, also showed some interest in the less common keys, and Wesley himself composed a set of preludes for the piano in all twenty-four major and minor keys. Yet, out of the fourteen organ works just listed

no less than eleven are in the keys of C, D or G. Only seven of the forty or so voluntaries written by Wesley which still survive have key signatures of three sharps or flats, and there is just one movement written in E major. The reason for Wesley's conservatism in this respect lies in the fact that until well after his death, English organs continued to be tuned in mean tone temperament.

Half of the voluntaries (Op. 6 Nos. 1-11, the Full Voluntary in D minor) are in two movements. Of the remaining six, four are in three movements and two have four movements. Nine of the voluntaries contain fugues, and in each case the fugue forms the climax of the voluntary. Only in Op.6 No.5 is there no important fugal element in any of the movements. Generally they represent a reversal of the late eighteenth century trend towards multiplying the number of movements in a voluntary. Wesley's two most important contemporaries writing organ voluntaries between 1800 and 1815, Charles Wesley and William Russell, still generally preferred the voluntary in three or four movements. In particular the frequent use of the Prelude and Fugue, and the special emphasis on the fugue generally, was something of a reaction, influenced no doubt by the Forty eight Preludes and Fugues and foreshadowing the work of slightly later Bach enthusiasts, such as Crotch and Adams.

Five of the six two movement voluntaries are Preludes and Fugues (Opus 6 Nos. 3, 8, 9 and 11 and the Full Voluntary) while the sixth (Op.6 No. 6) is similar except that the second movement combines fugue with elements of rondo and variations. All the fugues are for Full Organ and there is always considerable use of Full Organ in the Preludes, thus creating a clear link with the eighteenth century Full Voluntary which was also a Prelude and Fugue. The Preludes have a number of features in common. They all make prominent use of dotted rhythms; they all end on half closes; and all except Op.6 No. 3 have clear ternary designs marked by a strong dynamic contrast, either a loud section framed by quiet outer sections, or the other way about.

The three movement voluntaries are the first, fourth, fifth and seventh in Opus 6. In each case at least two movements are joined by a half close, so that there are never more than two musical "spans". This was Wesley's usual practice in three movement voluntaries. Op. 6 Nos. 1 and 7 start with a movement for Diapasons only, leading through a louder second movement to a final fugue which is the first point at which Full Organ is used. Op. 6 No. 4 also opens quietly, using Diapasons and Swell, but here the fugue comes second, and the voluntary ends with a Trumpet movement. Op. 6 No. 5 is constructed in a particularly unusual way. An almost symphonic slow introduction leads into a faster, louder movement which, in turn leads through a half close to a theme and two variations. Thus all three movements are joined in one span, while the inclusion of a set of variations in a voluntary is, as far as I know, unique.

The two four movement voluntaries, Op. 6 Nos 2 and 10, both follow the traditional slow-fast-slow-fast pattern with the third movement in the relative minor. In both cases the slow movements are quiet and the fast movements loud, but there is a difference of balance in that the main movement of Voluntary No. 2 is the second, while the tenth voluntary reaches its climax in the fourth movement, a particularly fine fugue.

Wesley's registration follows eighteenth century convention in the letter more than the spirit. Essentially it is marked by limited use of solo stops and greater care in specifying the use of chorus stops. Perhaps the greatest difference between the voluntaries of Russell and those of Wesley is in the use of solo stops. Russell was the last composer to make worthwhile use of the extended solo movement in voluntaries, but Wesley, as has already been noted, was ill at ease with straightforward melody in his earlier organ works, and consequently avoided solo stops as far as possible. There is only one full-scale solo movement in the whole of Opus 6, the movement for Trumpet and Swell (Echo) which completes Voluntary No. 4. The only other complete solo movement in Opus 6 is that for Cremona or Dulciana which concludes the twelfth voluntary, but this is really an early

example in Wesley's work of the short character piece, in which he made his most significant use of the solo stops, finding a place in the voluntary. Otherwise solo stops make only brief appearances in these voluntaries. The most frequent solo direction is "Swell", and its interpretation has already been considered in Chapter II. Other examples are the variation in Op.6 No.5 for Flute or Dulciana and the fanfares at the beginning of Op.6 No. 8 for Full Organ with Trumpet. Finally it may be noted that there is not one note for the Cornet in Opus 6, the Full Voluntary, or either of the duets.

The small amount of solo music naturally leads to greater emphasis on chorus work, and Wesley takes great care in specifying the exact combination that he wants. The direction "Full Organ" is frequently qualified by "with" or "without Trumpet". In the first and tenth voluntaries he asks for "Diapasons, Principal and Fifteenth" on the Great, while the second movement of the seventh voluntary requires a "Mixture" which seems to mean something similar since in one of the Twelve Short Pieces (No.6), he asks for "a Mixture of Diapasons, Principal and Fifteenth".

Wesley was much less bold in the use of pedals than Russell. In the whole of Opus 6, the Full Voluntary and the duets there are only six separate uses of the pedals. In the fifth, tenth and twelfth voluntaries of Opus 6, and the last movement of the Grand Duet, the pedal is used to hold a single dominant pedal point. In Op. 6 No. 6 there is a short slow-moving pedal passage, but only in the first movement of the Full Voluntary is there a genuine fully-fledged pedal part.

Opus 6, being written over a period of some twenty years, shows a considerable development of style. For the purpose of a closer examination it will be advisable to split the voluntaries into two groups of six, the division that was made when Hodsoll published them complete in about 1820. The first six, which will be considered in Chapter VI, appear to have been written fairly close together and show the most marked contrasts of style between baroque and galant. They also make less use of the fugue than the later voluntaries, there being only two regular fugues. The second group

of six are much more spread out, their date of composition ranging approximately from 1806 to 1818. They are contemporary with at least three other voluntaries by Wesley and extend into his fourth period. Those that lie within the third period, Voluntaries 7-11 and also the Full Voluntary are marked by a more integrated style and a particular emphasis on the Prelude and Fugue. They will be considered in Chapter VII.

EX. 18 *Allegro moderato*

2nd movement

Grand

Choir

Spiritoso

3rd movement

Spiritoso

CHAPTER VI

THE FIRST PART OF OPUS 6

Wesley wrote very few examples of the traditional Diapason movement. He generally preferred to alternate the Diapasons with passages for the Swell, which was more in the modern manner. It is consequently easy to see the first movement of Op. 6 No. 1, which is for Diapasons throughout, as the result of the composer's keeping cautiously close to mid-eighteenth century convention in his first published work for the organ. However, a closer inspection of the movement (Ex. 19) reveals features far from typical of the traditional Diapason movement. The four-part texture, rich in dissonance, is in strong contrast to the clear Corellian three-part texture normally associated with Diapason music, even in the voluntaries of William Russell. Wesley carefully avoids any suggestion of a final cadence before reaching a dominant pedal at bar 19 which continues through the remaining seven bars. This is another respect in which he departs from English convention. Diapason movements frequently ended on a half close, but never over an extended pedal. The harmonic idiom, depending on incidental dissonance caused by the "haphazard" clash of part with part rather than carefully prepared and predictable suspensions, is derived more from J.S.Bach than from Stanley. The long dominant pedal with the series of dissonant chords running above it also suggests the influence of Bach.

The more galant nature of the second movement has already been illustrated in Ex. 18. The minor mode of the first movement is replaced by the major in an Allegro Moderato, written in a simple sonata form without repeats. Although much of the melodic decoration is galant, there is a basically baroque element in the regular harmonic movement and the texture. In the accompaniments there is no use of the broken chord figurations which are so characteristic of the galant style. Typical of the more baroque features which prevent the movement from seeming completely out of place are the passage which does duty for the second group (Ex. 20) and the circle of fifths which leads, with a certain skill in that a very well -

prepared move still comes as a surprise, into the recapitulation (Ex.21). Five bars before the end there is a pause which may indicate a short cadenza.

The climax of the voluntary, in loudness, speed, and musical weight, is the third and last movement, a fugue marked Spiritoso. Built on a subject with the feel of the 48 about it, it lasts eighty-four bars and maintains the vigour of its opening almost to the end. It is constructed with great care. After a three part exposition, the further entries of the subject trace a circle of fifths running downwards from B minor to G before rising again to A and settling on D for the final entry. The entry which is the turning point in this scheme, that in G, is preceded by a dramatic preparation (Ex.22) which combines the first three notes of the subject with a rushing scale figure and stands out from the rest of the fugue by reason of its almost homophonic character. The final entry of the subject in bar 70 is the climax of a consistently vigorous and closely constructed fugue. However, the final part of the movement is somewhat strange and certainly poses a serious problem in performance. Wesley, in common with most contemporary writers of fugues, especially those that had studied J.S.Bach, was fond of introducing contrapuntal tricks such as inversions, augmentations and strettos into his fugues. In this case he rounds the fugue off with an inversion of the subject, duly labelled, in the soprano. The effect is a little square because the parts tend to move together, but in fact at this juncture it is quite effective and brings the music neatly to a halt on a dominant seventh. Then follows a passage (Ex.23) of eleven bars marked Adagio, each bar consisting of one single thickly-scored chord. It is hard to believe that one is supposed to play this passage exactly as directed, and Francis Routh in his book Early English Organ Music suggests that the chords are meant to be used as the basis for improvisation. However, it must be said against this that neither in this instance nor in the few similar cases, mostly dating from the 1830s,

does Wesley give any hint that improvisation is expected, and there is no eighteenth century convention of "improvisation chords" at the end of organ fugues as Francis Routh implies. The successions of chords in harpsichord music marked "arpeggio" are so distinctly a harpsichord effect that they can hardly be invoked in this case. Furthermore, Wesley's careful filling in of each chord and, presumably, careful application of ties could not be retained in an improvised version. There remains the by no means untenable musical argument that an improvisation might sound less unpleasant than the bare chords.

The player therefore has to choose from two options. He may make these last eleven bars the basis of an improvisation, which may be difficult in practice; or else he can play them exactly as written, in which case he may assume that the Adagio indicates what the passage will sound like anyway rather than any great slowing of the crotchet beat. A very common way of ending an eighteenth century fugue, of course, was, after a pause on a discord, either a diminished seventh or a dominant seventh, to resolve it with a short cadential formula marked Adagio. Perhaps the most likely explanation is that Wesley was, in his search for grandeur, unwisely extending this technique. However this passage is played, it is at least plain that Wesley has failed to bring this fugue to a satisfactory conclusion. The most difficult part of writing a fugue for most composers, especially since 1750, is finishing it, and at this stage Wesley was not a match for the task.

In the first half of Opus 6, Voluntaries 2 and 4 are generally less interesting than the others, while Voluntaries 3, 5 and 6 represent most clearly the contrast of galant and baroque in Wesley's earlier organ music, and also a remarkable attempt to combine the two. The second voluntary, in C major, is in four movements, of which the most interesting are the last two, a Larghetto in A minor, and an Allegro Moderato. Both are short movements which point ahead to his later, very successful, development of the short character piece. The Larghetto is

a pretty piece in a concise binary form for Swell (mostly in two parts) with Diapason accompaniment; the Allegro Moderato, also in binary form, puts an attractive melody over a perpetuum mobile bass running in semi-quavers.

The fourth voluntary is built round a fugal piece based on the canon Non Nobis Domine. This is introduced by a slow movement in the minor mode for Diapasons and Swell, and followed by the only full-scale solo movement to be found in Opus 6. The directions for registration are not entirely clear, but it seems that Wesley's use of his solo stops, a Trumpet and an echo Trumpet on the Swell, is far from conventional. Rather than using one or perhaps two Trumpet parts over a Diapason bass, Wesley appears to use the Trumpet for all three parts, and certainly there are Trumpet solos in the bass register. The Swell Trumpet does not echo what the Trumpet has already played, its conventional function, but is rather heard in dialogue with it. Previous composers had restricted their organ Trumpets to the notes of the harmonic series in order to obtain a closer imitation of the natural trumpet, but Wesley casts this convention aside, although he is not yet ready to sacrifice the usual fanfare music associated with the trumpet. At about the same time as Wesley was writing this Trumpet movement Russell also gave up the direct imitation of the natural trumpet when he wrote what was almost certainly the first Trumpet movement in the minor mode.

The third and fifth voluntaries stand at opposite extremes in the development of Wesley's organ style. The third voluntary is the only one in the first part of Opus 6 written in the form of a Prelude and Fugue, the fugue being one of his most completely baroque movements. The fifth voluntary on the other hand is the only work in the whole of Opus 6 in which none of the movements has an important fugal element. Here he is much more concerned to exploit the varied tone colours of the organ and the style is much more galant. Then comes the remarkable sixth voluntary, which in some places is quite as baroque as the third, and in others

at least as galant as the fifth.

These three voluntaries are all alike in opening with grandiose preludes in a "symphonic" style using a good deal of Full Organ. The style is very dramatic, with strong dynamic contrasts, and sudden interruptions and silences. The contrast between these introductions and the solemn first movement of an eighteenth century voluntary, or for that matter, the almost unassuming preludes to Op. 6 Nos. 1, 2 and 4, could not be more marked.

Voluntary 3 begins with a Largo, in which, most unusually for Wesley, the dynamic contrasts are indicated by forte and piano markings, rather than Great and Choir, or Great and Diapasons. The sudden silences and unexpected harmonies are all there, but, as befits a movement which forms the prelude to a particularly severe fugue, there is also vigorous harmonic movement with clashing discords, and a little energetic double counterpoint.

The fugue is based on two subjects (Ex.24), a procedure not often used by Wesley, and extends to well over one hundred bars. One of the subjects, a rising scale in cantus firmus style even notes, bears a strong similarity to a subject in Bach's Eight Short Preludes and Fugues for organ, although Wesley is unlikely to have known this, and it also bears a family resemblance to the subject from Russell's Voluntary 12 of 1804, which he certainly did know (Ex.25). This fugue is certainly the most successful movement in the first half of Opus 6, and one of the finest in the whole of Wesley's organ works. The main part is managed with the same skill as the fugue in Op. 6 No.1, but in the final section (Ex.26) it far surpasses the earlier piece. The return to the tonic is approached by a ten bar passage in which the first subject, in the bass, is developed like a cantus firmus, played first forwards (bars 100-106, the first two notes being in the harmony rather than actually spelt out), and then backwards (bars 106-111). A cadence in C minor is reached at bar 115, at which point there is a stretto between the first

subject in diminution, and the same subject in its original note values accompanied by the second subject. The final climax is achieved with an entry in the bass of the first subject, lower than it has appeared before in the fugue, accompanied by the second subject in a loose stretto. The first subject in the bass rises chromatically to a held dominant, and with two bars of Adagio ends a peroration of great power, which shows Wesley's true stature as an organ composer for the first time.

The unusual structure of Op.6 No. 5 has already been mentioned. The three movements - Largo, Poco Allegro, and Theme with Variations - follow on without a break, so that the last movement, rather than providing a climax to the voluntary as the third movement of Op.6 No.1 does, comes as a resolution of the tension caused by the incompleteness of the first two movements. The Largo is clearly related to the slow introductions of Haydn's London Symphonies. The "question and answer" opening (bars 1-4) has many parallels in the London Symphonies, while the plan is very similar to that used in the slow introduction to Haydn's Symphony No. 104. Both are in three sections, each starting with a close variant of the same idea (Ex.27). Each of the three sections in the Wesley contrasts the Swell, sometimes with Diapason accompaniment, with passages for Full Organ which develop the dotted rhythm of the first bar, and in the third section (bars 26-31) there is a passage for Diapason or Choir. The previous passage (bars 24-27), which consists of three separated chords for Full Organ, Swell, and Diapason or Choir respectively, illustrates well enough Wesley's particular interest in tone colour in this Voluntary.

The second movement in some respects points ahead to the style of some of Wesley's fourth period voluntaries. It is written in a simple ritornello form; the Full Organ takes the ritornelli, which are all in the tonic and vary in length from two to eleven bars, while the episodes are played on the Swell and Choir organs. The first statement (Ex.28) again points to Wesley's later style in the way that an appar-

ently homophonic opening gradually opens out into a more contrapuntal texture. The chief material of the episodes is in fact hidden in the bass of the first statement at bars 5-7. This melody and that in bars 1-5 show a considerable advance in the development of Wesley's mature melodic style, never square and often jagged in outline. The final ritornello is based only on the theme heard in the bass at bars 5-7, first in octaves and then in two parts over a dominant pedal, which is the first note directed to be played on the pedals in Wesley's organ music. The dominant resolves onto a tonic, immediately superseded by a bridge-passage on the Swell, which leads into the Theme and Variations. We are told that the theme is "a melody of the late Mr. Stephen Paxton" who died in 1789. The theme, marked Grave, is played twice, first on Soft Organ and then Full, and is followed by two variations, marked Andante Allegretto. The first consists of a running melody in semi-quavers for Flute (4 ft.) or Dulciana over a sustained accompaniment for Stopped Diapason. The second variation, for Full Organ, is of a type which Wesley used on other occasions to conclude sets of variations. The theme is given, simplified rather than decorated, over a dense four part texture in which the inner parts are mostly moving in quavers.

So ends a voluntary, one of the most original in Opus 6, the merit of which should not be obscured by the fact that the affected character of Mr. Paxton's theme and the slightly over-dramatic style of the first movement are not altogether in accordance with modern notions of idiomatic organ music.

The sixth voluntary attempts to combine the severe contrapuntal style of the third and fourth voluntaries with the prettier, more colour-conscious style of the fifth, without in any way fusing the two styles, and at the same time producing the grandest possible overall effect. The first movement is marked *Largo e Maestoso*, and apart from two bars for the Choir in the middle is to be played Full Organ throughout. It opens with a magnificently dramatic gesture: a simple imitative point

is used to build up a scale which rises through two octaves and a third, culminating in the seventh bar, in a chord of C minor which begins a broad progression of chromatic harmony. Although no key other than C major is definitely established, the movement abounds in chromatic chords, diatonic relief being provided by the periodic returns of the opening figure. Rhythmically the movement is dominated by rushing scales in the bass and the dotted rhythm which Wesley used so frequently in his slow introductions.

The second movement combines a galant air and variations with a baroque fugue in a rondo-like structure in which the fugue forms the episodes. Wesley presents an unassumingly pretty melody in binary form (Ex.29). Each half is played twice, once on the Choir, once with the right hand on the Swell. The whole thirty-two bars seem devised to strike the greatest possible contrast with the grandiose first movement. However, the melody is all but interrupted by a vigorous fugue subject given out for the Full Organ (Ex.30). This subject falls naturally into a $\frac{3}{4}$ pattern working against the basic $\frac{4}{4}$ time of the music as a whole. Thereafter variations on all or part of the rondo-theme, mostly exploiting the organ's quieter sonorities, alternate with fugal sections which make exclusive use of the Full Organ. These latter present considerable contrapuntal complexity: at one point part of the rondo-theme appears as a cantus firmus in the bass, and the fugue subject appears in various stretti. In the final section (from bar 112) the second part of the air is presented with added chromatic harmony and partially inverted, before this remarkable voluntary is brought to a surprise conclusion *pianissimo*.

EX.19
Adagio

Diapasons

EX.20 *Allegro moderato*

EX.21

EX.22 *Spiritoso*

(Subject)

EX.23

Adagio

EX.24

Moderato

EX.25

Wesley

Bach

Russell

EX.26

Handwritten musical notation for measures 100-105. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. Measure numbers 100, 105, and 110 are written below the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Handwritten musical notation for measures 110-115. The system consists of two staves in the same key signature as the previous system. Measure numbers 110 and 115 are written below the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Handwritten musical notation for measures 115-120. The system consists of two staves in the same key signature. Measure numbers 115 and 120 are written below the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Handwritten musical notation for measures 120-125. The system consists of two staves in the same key signature. Measure numbers 120 and 125 are written below the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Handwritten musical notation for measures 125-130. The system consists of two staves in the same key signature. Measure numbers 125 and 130 are written below the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Handwritten musical notation for measures 130-135. The system consists of two staves in the same key signature. Measure numbers 130 and 135 are written below the staves. The word "Adagio" is written above the staves. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

EX.27

Largo

Bar 1

Swell

Diapason Bass

Bar 9

Swell

Bar 17

Swell to

Diapason

EX.28 Poco Allegro

Full

EX. 29
Andante Larghetto

Choir

EX. 30

Swell

Full

Diapason

8 [i.e. in octaves]

CHAPTER VII

LATER THIRD PERIOD VOLUNTARIES AND DUETS

The voluntaries which Wesley wrote in the decade after 1806 are more than ever dominated by the fugue. Never before had this form held so important a position in the English Voluntary. Four of the six voluntaries which date from this period are of the Prelude and Fugue type, while in the other two a fugue still forms the most important movement.

The finest of the four Preludes and Fugues, perhaps the finest of all Wesley's voluntaries, is the Full Voluntary in D minor. This was the final part of Twelve Short Pieces with a Full Voluntary Added published by Clementi in 1817, and, according to the obituary, composed at Clementi's own request. Wesley worked at a bad time for minor composers. There were no safe conventions within which a composer could produce effective, if unexceptional, music, as was the case, for example, in the first half of the eighteenth century. The early years of the nineteenth century were more suited to the genius of Beethoven than the talent of Wesley, and the majority of Wesley's works fall all too obviously below the high aims of their composer: yet he did produce a handful of works, among them his famous motet, In Exitu Israel, and this Full Voluntary, which stand head and shoulders above the rest of his output. In their own highly individual way they are genuinely great, and justify the study of his work as a whole.

Both movements of the Full Voluntary contain many typical features of Wesley's style, some of them only recently evolved, all of them carried through with an unusual degree of success. He casts the Prelude in the three part form, reinforced by a strong dynamic contrast, which he regularly used for this type of movement. In this case a quiet middle section is framed by outer sections for Full Organ with the Trumpet. The first few bars (Ex.31) again show Wesley's favourite dotted rhythm, and also the abrasive harmony which is a special feature of his best work. The parts move quite independently without concern for incidental dis-

sonance, such as the consecutive sevenths between the inner parts in bar 3 or the working out of the cadence at bars 3 and 4. This was the first of Wesley's organ pieces to have a thorough-going pedal part, an indication of the particularly grand effect at which he was aiming.

The middle section of the Prelude illustrates a feature of Wesley's style which was new. It has already been remarked that in most of the Opus 6 voluntaries Wesley avoids purely melodic writing as far as possible because his melodic style is too galant for the basically baroque character of the voluntaries, as the second movements of No.1 and No.6 indicate. However, by about 1814 Wesley had assimilated much more of J.S.Bach's style, which hitherto had been most apparent in the fugues. He now evolved a new melodic style which brought him much closer to achieving a coherent personal manner of writing.

There are four main features in this new melodic style, all of which are to be seen in the middle section of the Prelude (Ex.32).

1. A continuous flow is maintained, avoiding any suggestion of a regular division into two or four bar periods by making one phrase flow straight into the next.
2. The phrase structure, deliberately blurred in the melody, is made clear by the harmony. There is a marked tendency to use regular patterned basses, scales are especially common, and very clearly prepared cadences. For instance in Ex. 32 there is a complete circle of fifths from A at bar 22 through A again to D at bar 26. There is then an ascending scale of D minor from D to B flat leading to a very obvious perfect cadence at bar 28. Another circle of fifths leads to another equally obvious cadential formula and a return of the opening material at bar 33.
3. The melody presents an angular contour, with awkward unvocal intervals, a feature of Bach's melodic style.
4. Chromaticism, a feature of galant melody, becomes less sweet, though more common, through the influence of Bach's treatment of the device. Compare the beginning of the second movement of Op.6 No.1 with its

single chromatic note (Ex.18) with the last two bars of Ex.32 and the end of the Sarabande from Bach's Partita No.2 (Ex.33).

The final loud section of the Prelude recalls the opening bars and then, after some unusually lively work for the pedals and a succession of left hand trills, settles on a dominant pedal over which the movement comes to an end. In his Preludes and Fugues Wesley almost invariably ends the Prelude on a half close.

The Fugue is in many ways typical of Wesley's treatment of this form, and is in any case worth looking at in some detail. It is generally true that the effectiveness of a Wesley fugue depends on the individuality of the subject. Wesley's attitude to the fugue is "romantic" rather than "classical". He is not interested in producing a perfectly balanced piece of polyphony on anonymous material. The more marked the character of the subject, the better he responds to it. Again, Wesley turns for inspiration to Bach, and many of his subjects have a distinctly "Bachian" sound (e.g. Op.6 No.1 Ex.18; Op.6 No.10 Ex.34). The fugue subject of the Full Voluntary certainly suggests the influence of Bach more than that of anyone else, but really it expresses, perhaps more perfectly than anything else he wrote, the quixotic personality of Wesley himself (Ex.35).

Typically there is no regular countersubject. Wesley wrote a small number of double fugues, of which Op.6 No.3 is an example, but wrote no fugues at all with subject and regular countersubject. He prefers to treat the subject almost as a basis for variations, finding new counterpoints for it at each entry. One of Wesley's more important predecessors, John Keeble, in the preface to his Select Pieces for the Organ of 1777 expresses the same idea:

"The subject proper for a Fugue may be considered as a kind of Canto Fermo, on which a great variety of Descant (i.e. Counterpoint) is discovered."

Ex. 36 shows some of the counterpoints applied to the subject in the Full Voluntary. It is noticeable that for the first few entries (up

to the one at bar 17) Wesley keeps the accompanying counterpoint rather plain, so as not to distract the listener from the subject itself. Only later does he allow more florid counterpoints. His liking for bass lines founded on the scale has already been noted in connection with his melodic style. The counterpoint to the entry of the subject at bar 28 likewise makes use of the descending scale in the bass, and at bar 39 the whole subject is set against a decorated descending scale. At bar 50 the subject is found, improbably, to work in canon at half a beat's distance.

In one respect Wesley goes completely against Bach's practice. He very rarely writes strictly in a set number of parts. He often uses fill-in notes which have no contrapuntal significance, and although this fugue is basically in three parts, it would be impossible to set it out on three staves, not only because of the fill-in notes and the occasional passages in four parts, but because the three basic parts are not continuous. The middle part is quite likely to lead into the bass while a completely new middle part takes over above it. This irregular part writing is an exclusive feature of keyboard counterpoint, and may well have its origin in Wesley's habit of improvising fugues.

In common with most post-baroque composers, Wesley is particularly interested in making his fugues build up to one or more "events" which give a sense of climax. For this he generally uses the well-tried devices of stretto, augmentation, diminution, and inversion. In the Full Voluntary there is a minor event at bar 50 where the subject appears in close canon (Ex.36), but the grand climax of the fugue involves a remarkable use of augmentation. Wesley leads up to this final section with a passage which combines canon and double counterpoint (Ex.37, bars 74-81). The subject then appears in the bass, so augmented that what originally took three bars now fills twelve (Ex.37 bars 82-93). The augmentation is not regular, some notes being twelve times their original value, while others are merely doubled. The subject is thus turned into a Cantus Firmus over which it is heard in its original time values in D minor (bars

82-85), in F major (bars 85-87), and then, with the first bar or so transposed, in D minor again (bars 90-92). Just as with the Canti Firmi in sixteenth century polyphony, with which Wesley was familiar, the augmentation is so great that the listener who has not seen the music is very unlikely to notice it, although once detected it can be picked out; yet it fulfills the structural purpose of creating a single sentence large enough to bring the fugue, which runs to more than 100 bars, to a final climax.

The autograph of this voluntary no longer exists. In fact autographs of Wesley's published works are very rare. However, the autograph of the Twelve Short Pieces, with which the Full Voluntary was published, is still to be found at the Royal College of Music, and with it there is a sketch of the fugue starting with the augmentation at bar 82. It includes a continuation from bar 95 which was later rejected and a pair of consecutive fifths in bar 95 which was avoided in the final version (Ex.38).

The augmentation of the subject reaches its conclusion in bar 94, from which a sequence leads rapidly to a long dominant pedal. The magnificent effect of the syncopated detached chords in bars 103-105 may be derived from a similar passage near the end of Bach's "Great" C major Prelude and Fugue. The voluntary ends on a five bar tonic pedal, over which Wesley makes use of the opening figure of the subject augmented, and some admirable treatment of discords.

Wesley was fond of finishing his fugues in the grand manner with a long tonic pedal, sometimes preceded by an equally long dominant pedal. This was noticed as a characteristic of his work at the time. In his obituary in The Musical World the writer remarks that "the art which Wesley indicated in the prolongation of his final cadences was very great", and refers especially to the organ works. This is a feature of style not often found in earlier English organ music, although it is more evident in choral works, for instance the gloria to Boyce's unfinished Service in A and Battishill's anthem O Lord look down. However the device is often to be found in the voluntaries of Russell as well as in the compositions of those composers after Wesley who were influenced by

J.S.Bach. There is probably a second, less obvious, influence at work here, that of the galant/classical style with its greater concern for varying the harmonic pace. Many eighteenth century English organ fugues end with a pause and a final cadence marked Adagio, but in a prolonged cadence it is the harmonic speed which slows down, while rhythmically the music remains at the same speed. The same idea of a built-in rallentando can be found in the repeated cadences and tonic chords at the end of almost any classical symphonic movement.

The other five voluntaries written between 1806 and 1817, Op.6 Nos. 7 to 11, are similar to the Full Voluntary, although only one, Op.6 No.10, approaches it in quality, and therefore they can be treated much more briefly.

Op.6 No.7 is in three movements but the fugue which forms the last movement is no less dominating than in the two movement voluntaries. This is one of the two voluntaries in Op.6 which begin with a movement for Diapasons only. As in the case of the first voluntary it is written in four parts rather than the conventional three. It is particularly rich in chromatic harmony and this is because, according to his obituary in The Musical World, Wesley wrote this voluntary "under circumstances of the severest domestic distress". Indeed, as he wrote this voluntary, Wesley was plagued by illness and financial worry to the point where he looked forward to death with more than equanimity. The middle movement is more lively: it begins in C minor on a "mixture" (Diapason, Principal and Fifteenth or something of that sort), but ends on a more subdued note on Diapasons only, in the key of G minor.

The eighth voluntary is one of the weakest. The Trumpet fanfares, which are the principal feature of the prelude, may have had more novelty when they were written, but now they seem extremely trite. The fugue is of the alla breve type, based on a brief and rather uninteresting subject. However, it does offer the first example of another type of event which Wesley sometimes used in his later fugues, the passage in octaves. In

this case it appears at the end of the fugue and consists of the subject with an extension (Ex. 39). Apart from his later organ works, Wesley uses the same device in his motets, notably In Exitu Israel and Exultate Deo, and in the long fugue which is the chief movement of his Piano Sonata in D minor. Although yet again he was anticipated by Bach in his Fugue in E minor from Book I of Das Wohltemperirte Klavier, this practice stems from Wesley's desire to make the fugue as dramatic a form as possible. Passages in octaves begin to appear more frequently in non-fugal forms at about the same time, and indeed there is such a passage in the first movement of Op. 6 No. 8

Op. 6 No. 9 is another Prelude and Fugue. The Prelude is a particularly fully developed movement in G minor stretching to sixty-four bars. Wesley reverses his more usual three part plan, framing a loud section with quiet outer sections for Diapasons and Swell. There is a passage in the middle section reminiscent of the twenty-third of Bach's Goldberg Variations, which Wesley had arranged for two keyboards (Ex. 40). The Prelude is followed by a bright fugue in G major, but there is a significant section built round G minor, and this leads to entries of the subject in D minor, B flat major and F major, keys which, for Wesley, are unusually remote from the tonic.

The first movement of Op. 6 No. 10 presents another example of the florid melodic style which Wesley had recently adopted. The second movement (Ex. 41) shows very clearly the influence of Bach's inventions. The end of this movement shows some assured handling of chromatic harmony (Ex. 42). There follows a simple Diapason movement in the relative minor, which is in binary form with an additional link passage ending on a half close in F major. This movement is most notable for some very large left hand stretches and the use of triplet and duplet crotchets (Ex. 43). The fugue, which forms the last movement and is the corner-stone of the voluntary, is another example of Wesley's responding to an interesting subject (Ex. 34), the chromatic possibilities of which are fully realised. The

architectural grasp discernible in this fugue is especially impressive. The essential features are three entries of the subject in the tonic over pedal-points. The first occurs immediately after the three-part exposition and is over a tonic pedal. About two thirds of the way through the fugue the subject (still in the tonic) enters over a dominant pedal and the final entry, over another tonic pedal completes the design. Wesley builds up to the dominant pedal with a somewhat discursive section which includes another passage in octaves. The subject enters on the first and third beats as well as the regular second, thus shifting the accents. Wesley used this device on other occasions, and it is also to be found in Beethoven's fugues, notably in the last movement of the Hammerklavier Sonata.

Wesley uses the prolonged cadence technique at the end of this voluntary, but the effect is quite different from that at the end of the Full Voluntary. Here Wesley achieves a delightful run-out as the fugue gracefully unwinds over the final tonic pedal (Ex.44). It is certainly strange that this voluntary is not to be found in a modern edition.

The eleventh voluntary is a Prelude and Fugue constructed on similar lines to the others. This time two loud sections with the usual dotted rhythms frame a quieter more lyrical middle section. The third section begins with another passage in octaves. Francis Routh, in his book Early English Organ Music, suggests that the subject of the long fugue which follows is derived from the beginning of the first movement (Ex.45). Routh sees many such connections, most of them less obvious than this, between movements within Wesley's voluntaries. However they are not sufficiently clear to be entirely convincing, or, even if they do exist, to have any particular point to them.

There are also two duets for organ which date from the same period as these voluntaries. The smaller of the two was written as an introduction to a four hands arrangement of the "St. Anne" Fugue. This fugue seems to have had the greatest effect of all Bach's works on English

organists of the time. Wesley performed it in his duet arrangement in various parts of the country. In a letter to his mother written in January 1810, he mentions having performed it with his brother at St. Paul's Cathedral: apparently even Charles was impressed, although as a rule, to Samuel's despair, he showed very little enthusiasm for Bach. The influence of this work, both thematic and structural, is often to be seen in English organ music of the period, notably in the work of Russell and Adams.

There are four manuscript copies of Wesley's arrangement of the "St. Anne" Fugue with his introduction. One of them belonged to Vincent Novello and on it he wrote a note describing the circumstances of its composition:

"This introductory movement was written on purpose for me, on the occasion of our performing this duet together for the benefit of Mr. Russell's Widow, when the oratorio of "Job" was performed at the Foundling Hospital Chapel in the year 1814. Mr. S. Wesley of course played the treble, and I played the bass part of the Duetto."

William Russell, who had been organist at the Foundling Hospital, died in 1813 at the age of thirty-six, leaving a wife and two children. Job was his own composition.

Wesley's prelude has the character of a lament for Russell and is in sombre mood throughout, being mostly in C minor although the fugue is in E flat major. The prelude is cast in a ternary form similar to that which Wesley used for the preludes to his own fugues. In this case a Full Organ mid-section with massive syncopated chords and discords, and runs in quavers and semiquavers, is framed by two quiet sections as in the first movement of Op.6 No.9. In the first section he seems to have been influenced by the sonority of Bach's organ trios, employing a web of three different tone colours, Diapasons, Oboe, four foot Flute, and three different motives which fit together, although he never uses more than two at the same time. The first of these motives is a second version of the solemn phrase with which the introduction begins (Ex.46). At the end the subject of the "St. Anne" Fugue is heard in B flat on the Swell and Choir over

a running accompaniment, and the prelude ends on a chord of B flat.

The largest of Wesley's extant organ duets was also written to be played with Vincent Novello. It is the Duet in C, finished on May 24th 1812 and intended to be played at the Hanover Square Rooms. The organ there had been built by Wesley's friend, Thomas Elliott, in 1804 at a cost of £700. Like most organs in halls and concert rooms, it was fairly small, much smaller than the organ at the Foundling Hospital for which the 1814 Duet was written. It will be seen that although it had a very complete Great organ and even a few pedal pipes, there was no Choir and the short-compass Swell was of little use for anything but solos.

Great (GG - f³)

Open Diapason I	8
Open Diapason II	8
Stopped Diapason	8
Principal	4
Twelfth	2 $\frac{2}{3}$
Fifteenth	2
Sesquialtera	IV ranks
Trumpet	8

Swell (f - f³)

Open Diapason	8
Stopped Diapason	8
Hautboy	8

Pedals

Large pipes CCC to F sharp 19 pipes

(Specification from Notes on English Organs of the period 1800-1810 ... taken chiefly from the manuscript of Henry Leffler, published 1911).

Wesley's obituary in The Musical World indicates that there were two Grand Duets for the organ and that the other was published by Lonsdale. It is strange that the C major Duet, which never existed except in manuscript, has survived, while the other duet, which was published, seems to

have disappeared without trace. According to the obituary, the published Duet was "as a whole, the greatest composition for the organ which has appeared since the days of Sebastian Bach," but "the composer preferred (the C major Duet) to the other, and considered it his best composition for the organ."

The Duet in C is a fairly large-scale sonata in three movements. It is completely unclassical, and this is particularly apparent in the first movement. Conventionally it should be in sonata form, which depends upon balance, upon variety and integration of texture and rhythm, and upon the resolution of tonal tension. In the first movement of the C major Duet there is none of this. Instead there is a succession of episodes which have a cumulative rather than a formal effect. Each episode has a dominant, often continuous, rate of movement, crotchet, quaver, triplet quaver, or semiquaver, and this negation of rhythmic integration, together with the use of terraced dynamics, gives the movement what shape it has. So far as tonality is concerned, there is just sufficient movement towards the dominant for Wesley to be able to stage the effect of a recapitulation, no more.

The second movement, in F major, is more classical in design, being in normal sonata form with the tonic-dominant-tonic pattern clearly marked. As in parts of the later Introduction to the "St. Anne" Fugue, Wesley creates a texture reminiscent of the trio-sonata. The Primo part is played entirely on the Swell, the Secondo on the Great Diapasons, and for much of the movement the Primo and Secondo right hand play two contrapuntal parts over an accompaniment provided by the Secondo left hand. Reference to the three-stop Swell at the Hanover Square Rooms makes Wesley's ubiquitous direction "Swell" unusually easy to interpret. In the occasional passage where the Primo part acts as an "echo" commentator on the Secondo, the Diapasons must have been used, while for the rest the Hautboy must have been added to form a solo combination. In this movement he uses a very effective duet sonority, which is also to be found in the

Introduction to the "St. Anne" Fugue, in which triadic figuration in two tone colours intertwines using the same three or four notes (Ex.47). There is more confident use, in both the first and second movements, of long melodies than is to be found in most of Wesley's contemporary voluntaries. For instance in the second movement there is another long-breathed "spinning-out" type of melody in the second group (Ex.48). The false relation in the fourth bar of Ex. 48 is typical of the composer, and milder than many of the examples in his work.

The final movement is a gigantic double fugue, nearly three hundred bars long, and all but ten bars directed to be played Full Organ. The second subject is a lightly disguised version of B-A-C-H, the only instance in Wesley's music (Ex. 49). After some ninety bars there is an extensive treatment of the first subject in its inversion. Half way through the movement there is a brief modulation to E flat which for pure impudence is unsurpassed (Ex.50). It is no more than an effect of the moment, and within seven bars the tonic is reestablished. The fugue reaches its climax over a dominant pedal lasting no less than twenty-eight bars. At this point the writer of our oft-quoted obituary "could scarcely refrain from shouting and screaming with delight", which is not the reaction most often encountered in modern performances of the work. Over the pedal, the first subject in augmentation is heard accompanied by figures from both subjects at their original speed.

The effect of this movement is cumulative indeed: the final trumpeting repeated notes, the homophony, and the enormous last chord only make more explicit what Wesley has been trying to do all along. Anyone who approaches this fugue in terms of the eighteenth century, will surely misunderstand it: rather it serves as a reminder that Wesley has at least as much connection with the new romantic school of Schubert and Mendelssohn as the old baroque of Handel and Boyce.

EX. 31

$\text{♩} = 84$

Full Organ with the Trumpet

Pedal

EX. 32

Swell

22

Diapason or Choir Organ

25

30

E

EX.33

EX.34

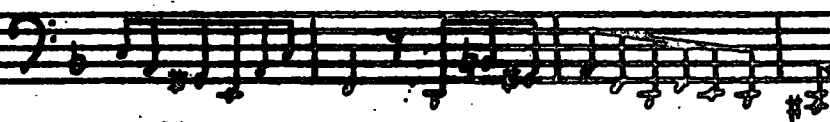
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EX.35

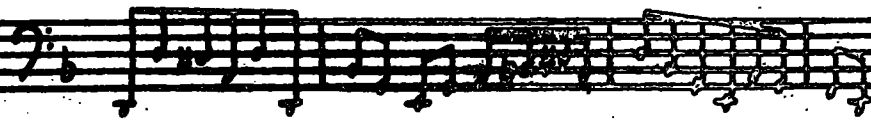
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EX. 36

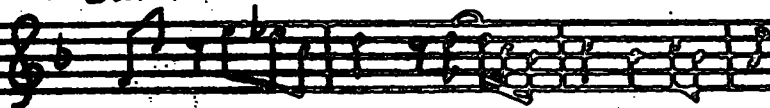
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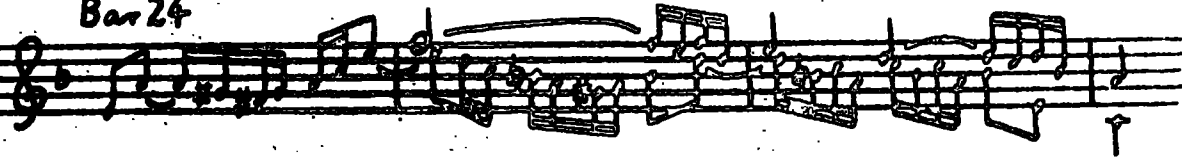
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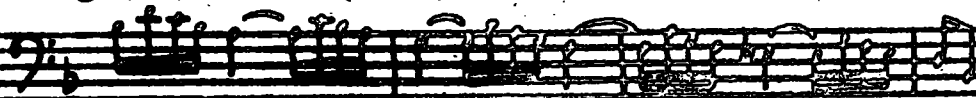
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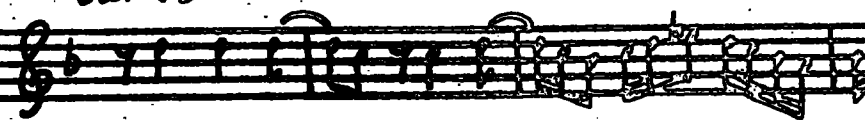
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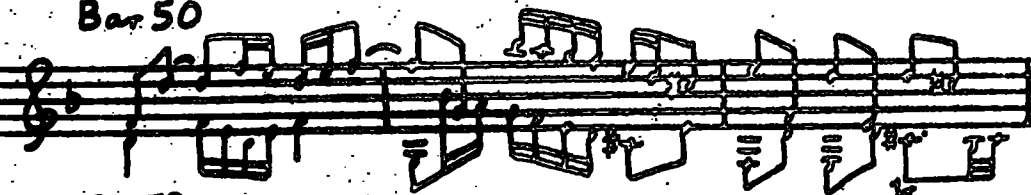
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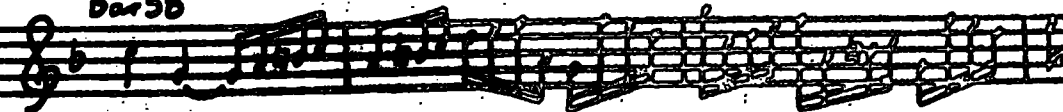
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Bar 50



Bar 58



EX. 37

Handwritten musical score for EX. 37, consisting of piano and violin parts. The score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the violin and a bass clef for the piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked with a quarter note followed by a '4', indicating a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into systems, with measures 74, 80, 85, and 90 explicitly labeled. Measure 74 is the first measure of the first system. Measure 80 is the first measure of the third system. Measure 85 is the first measure of the fourth system. Measure 90 is the first measure of the fifth system. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines, while the violin part plays a melodic line with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with '(3)' above the staff in the second system. The score concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth system.

95

This system contains measures 95 through 99. The treble clef part features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass clef part provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and rests.

100

This system contains measures 100 through 104. The treble clef part continues the melodic development with some chromaticism, and the bass clef part includes a piano (*p.*) dynamic marking.

105 110

This system contains measures 105 through 110. The treble clef part shows a change in texture with some chords and rests, and the bass clef part features a series of piano (*p.*) dynamic markings.

EX. 38

95

This system contains measures 95 through 99 of Exercise 38. The treble clef part has a melodic line with eighth notes, and the bass clef part has a rhythmic accompaniment.

100

This system contains measures 100 through 104 of Exercise 38. The treble clef part features a melodic line with some chromaticism, and the bass clef part includes a piano (*p.*) dynamic marking.

EX.39

Spiritoso

EX.40 *Larghetto*

Wesley

Bach

EX.41

Moderato

EX.42

EX.42 is a piano exercise consisting of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature of one flat and a 2/4 time signature. It begins with a whole note chord in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand. The second system continues the piece with similar textures. The notation includes various note values, rests, and articulation marks.

EX.43
Lento

EX.43 is a piano exercise marked *Lento*. It consists of a single system with treble and bass staves. The key signature has one flat and the time signature is 2/4. The piece features a melodic line in the right hand with a triplet of eighth notes and a steady accompaniment in the left hand, also containing triplets.

EX.44
Allegretto

EX.44 is a piano exercise marked *Allegretto*. It consists of two systems with treble and bass staves. The key signature has one flat and the time signature is 3/4. The first system shows a melodic line in the right hand with eighth-note patterns and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The second system continues the piece with similar textures and includes dynamic markings like *p*.

EX. 45

Allegro Commodo

Fugue

A single musical staff in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a melodic line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, and ending with a half note G3.

Larghetto Maestoso

Prelude

Two musical staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The music is a prelude for piano, featuring chords and moving lines in both hands.

EX. 46

Two musical staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The music is for Diapasons, showing sustained notes in the bass and chords in the treble.

Oboe

A single musical staff in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line for the Oboe.

A single musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line for the Oboe.

A single musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line for the Oboe.

An empty musical staff with five lines.

An empty musical staff with five lines.

EX. 47
Andante

Swell

Diapasons

EX. 48
Primo

Swell

Secondo Diapasons

A handwritten musical score consisting of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It features a complex melodic line with many beamed eighth and sixteenth notes, including some triplets. The middle and bottom staves are in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

EX.49

Handwritten musical score for Exercise 49, consisting of two staves in bass clef with a common time signature (C). The top staff contains a melodic line with notes labeled with letters B, A, C, and H. The bottom staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

EX.50

Handwritten musical score for Exercise 50, consisting of four staves. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The score features complex melodic lines with many beamed notes and rests, and a dense harmonic accompaniment.

CHAPTER VIII

THE SHORT PIECES

Two opposite tendencies can be discerned in the music of the early nineteenth century. One is the expansion of the forms of the late eighteenth century, shown, for instance, in the piano sonatas of Beethoven, Schubert and Clementi. On the other hand such works as Chopin's Preludes and Beethoven's Bagatelles illustrate the opposite tendency towards concentration, the desire to express fully perhaps a single idea within the shortest possible span. It was a time when a piece of only a few dozen bars could vie in importance with music on the grandest scale.

Both tendencies are represented in Wesley's organ music. In Opus 6, the chief monument to his third period of organ composition, the Voluntary was invested with a grandeur it had never known before. In his fourth period Wesley's achievements as an organ composer were more diverse, and the period may be said to start with the appearance of his first short pieces for the organ, in which concentration rather than expansion is the underlying principle. They were published by Clementi under the title Twelve Short Pieces for the organ with a Full Voluntary added, composed and inscribed to organists in general. The autograph is dated July 10th 1816, and Clementi entered his edition at Stationers' Hall on June 7th 1817.

Wesley's development of the short piece holds a position of central importance in his entire organ output. This is partly because it represents the appearance of a genre new to Wesley, which was to engage him for the rest of his life; but this is not the most important aspect since none of his later short pieces achieved the brilliance of his first set. It is more important for the influence it exerted on the Voluntary, the central form in Wesley's organ works. That influence is to be seen in the much smaller dimensions of some of his later voluntaries, notably the "miniature" voluntaries of Opus 36, and in many individual movements of those voluntaries still written on a grand scale. Thus the essential

difference between the third and fourth periods is the appearance of the short piece, and the changes in the later voluntary brought about by its influence.

In fact the Twelve Short Pieces are themselves voluntaries, members of a genre to which Wesley had made no previous contribution. Since the last quarter of the eighteenth century, a number of composers had used the term "pieces" rather than "voluntaries" to describe their organ music. The most distinguished of these composers were John Keeble who published four sets of Select Pieces between 1777 and 1780, and Thomas Sanders Dupuis who published sets of pieces in 1785 and 1792. In actual fact each of Keeble's "pieces" is a voluntary in several movements, while Dupuis' pieces are arranged in groups according to key, and thus form voluntaries. An example closer in time to Wesley's Short Pieces, where the interchangeability of the two terms is admitted, is George Guest's Sixteen Pieces or Voluntaries Op.3 of 1808, while another example, slightly bizarre, was published by Jonas Blewitt in about 1798 and consisted of twelve pieces "which may be used either separately or in continuation so as to form One Compleat (sic) Voluntary". Wesley's Short Pieces actually number thirteen, but the last piece but one is deprived of its number so that there appears to be only twelve pieces. This device is to be found in the autograph as well as in the first edition, so we must assume that it was Wesley himself who thought that twelve Short Pieces sounded better than thirteen. They are arranged to form four voluntaries:

Short Piece 1] Voluntary in G
2	
3	
Short Piece 4] Voluntary in A minor
5	
6	
7	
Short Piece 8] Voluntary in F
9	
10	

Short Piece 11a	} Voluntary in D
11b	
12	

The careful dynamic grading in each group of pieces, beginning with the quietest and ending with the loudest, confirms the impression given by the grouping according to key that Wesley thought of these pieces in groups or voluntaries, and not singly.

The Twelve Short Pieces exploit colour, especially solo colour, to a greater extent than any other of Wesley's organ works. The English voluntary of the mid-eighteenth century made extensive use of solo stops, and special styles of writing developed round such stops as the Cornet, the Trumpet and the Horn, but such writing was now out of fashion in the full scale voluntary, and the comparatively minor role played by solo stops in Opus 6 has already been noted. One of the advantages for Wesley of the miniature (none of the Twelve Short Pieces is longer than 44 bars) was that it enabled him to use for short stretches solo colours which were no longer considered proper when used on the extended scale demanded by the Solo Voluntary. Even in these Short Pieces he never uses one solo colour from beginning to end but prefers to use two or three different colours in a single piece. For instance in the eighth piece, he uses an unspecified solo stop on the Swell, the Cremona or Vox Humana, and the four foot Flute. Five of the thirteen pieces make use of solo stops. In the remainder Wesley continues to exercise great care over the grading of the chorus, using many combinations between "Diapasons" and "Full Organ with the Trumpet".

Formally, the voluntaries created by the Short Pieces are radically different from Wesley's earlier voluntaries, which consisted of movements varying greatly in length, some of which could stand as independent pieces while others, lacking a final cadence, were merely pre-ludes to the larger movements that followed them. Each movement in a "Short Piece" voluntary is independent, of about the same length as its

fellows, and of equal importance. Three of the four voluntaries have three movements, the other has four. In each case the movements get progressively louder, the last movement being for Full Organ with or without the Trumpet. Some of the pieces intended for the chorus stops are in recognised small forms such as binary (No.6) and ternary with repeats (Nos.9 and 11b). The last piece is a fugue (it was the convention to end a set of voluntaries or pieces with at least one fugue), and the third is a fugue with a short introduction, while the seventh is in fugal style. Many have little or none of the thematic repetition necessary to give form to music written on a larger scale. The eighth piece, for example, is in four sections using contrasted solo stops, three of which begin with slight variations on the same four bar phrase, but it gains its cohesion and sense of direction from another source. It has already been observed that Wesley had a liking for regular bass lines which draw heavily on sequence. The bass line of this piece consists, with only the slightest simplification, of an ascending scale framed by two descending scales, and this is the piece's most essential formal pattern. The bass line of the fifth piece is an almost uninterrupted descending circle of fifths (Ex.51) which, combined with the division of the piece into sections for Cornet and Swell, provides a taut musical organisation with only minimal use of themes or motives.

Both the Short Pieces and the Full Voluntary in D minor, which was published with them, are given metronome markings rather than speed indications, but in the autograph some of the pieces are given English speed indications in addition. Wesley never used metronome markings in his organ music again, but the English speed directions appear frequently in his fourth period.

The first voluntary (that is pieces 1, 2 and 3 in G major) begins with a Diapason movement, a nod to convention like the first movement of Op.6 No.1, since Wesley rarely wrote a whole movement for Diapasons. However, like the earlier movement, it owes little to the

style of the traditional Diapason movement. It is really one long flexible melody over two parts whose function is essentially one of accompaniment, although they contribute the occasional aside when the top part reaches a long note. The second movement, described in the autograph as "lively but not quick", is in three sections, a solo for the Swell accompanied by Diapasons between two sections for Diapasons and Principal, each beginning with a variant of the same idea. The voluntary concludes with a "lively" introduction and fugue played on Full Organ.

The Voluntary in A minor comprises the next four pieces. The first, in $\frac{9}{8}$ time, begins with brief solos for Hautboy and Flute. The remainder, for Diapasons, balances an ascending with a descending circle of fifths. It is the bass part which takes the lead for much of the time, beginning with a strange passage in which the second and fourth bars are almost exact inversions of the first and third bars (Ex.52). Apart from some pieces written before he was ten the fifth piece contains all the notes that Wesley is known to have written for that once popular stop, the Cornet. It is interesting to note its use in the minor mode in view of John Marsh's warning against using the Cornet in major keys (see page 22), and the prevalence of semiquaver figuration traditionally associated with the Cornet stop. The third movement, for Diapasons, Principal and Fifteenth, features two parts over a bass moving steadily in quavers, while the last movement is a brilliant and concise treatment of a simple triadic figure and its inversion (Ex.53).

The first two movements of the Voluntary in F, generally known as "Air and Gavotte", are by far the most popular of Wesley's organ works. This is understandable since the so-called Air (No.8) is a particularly attractive example of Wesley's long-breathed sinuous brand of lyrical melody, and the so-called Gavotte (certainly it is one although Wesley does not so name it) is his contribution to the remarkably large number of memorable gavottes written by eighteenth century English composers. The third movement is a lively piece which keeps up an almost continuous stream of semiquavers and creates some unusual effects of texture by its

use of octaves (Ex.54).

The last three pieces form a Voluntary in D. As in the two previous voluntaries, the first movement exploits solo effects, in this case the Flute, Swell, and Diapasons with Flute (a most unusual solo combination). It may be observed at this point that Wesley keeps to the quieter solo stops in the Twelve Short Pieces with only one exception. That is in the four movement A minor voluntary where he has room to include a Cornet piece after one featuring quieter solo stops. The Trumpet, although used several times in the chorus, is never given a solo. The second movement, one of the more extended pieces, is a two-part invention for Diapasons, Flute, Principal, Twelfth and Fifteenth with occasional passages in three parts. The principal idea is one of the rare examples of double counterpoint in Wesley's music (Ex. 55). The last piece is a compact alla breve fugue in which the subject is combined with its own inversion (Ex.56).

The complete book of the Twelve Short Pieces and the Full Voluntary in D minor, representing as it does some of Wesley's best music in both small and large scale forms, is the greatest single monument to Wesley's achievement as an organ composer. The two remaining extant groups of short pieces for the organ hold a much less prominent place in Wesley's output. One, entitled Scraps for the Organ is of uncertain date and may even be earlier than the Twelve Short Pieces: the other, a set of six Introductory Movements was written seven years before Wesley's death.

The gracelessly named Scraps for the Organ have three sources, which disagree over many details. Only one is an autograph, part of Ms.4021 in the library of the Royal College of Music. It bears no date, and no title. The second source, also at the Royal College of Music, is part of Ms.1151. It is a copy, made by a Bath organist named Windsor, and taken, as it states "from the author's manuscript in the possession of Miss Ogle". However, Miss Ogle's manuscript was not that in Ms.4021 but,

apparently, another version made by Wesley. The four pieces which make up the set are not arranged in the same order. The first piece has a speed direction which is missing in Ms.4021, and the speed directions over two others disagree with those in Ms.4021. Finally there are many discrepancies in the actual text. Ms.1151 is the only source for the set's title. The third source is less important: the "Scraps" were not published in Wesley's life-time, but his friend and champion, Vincent Novello, included them in two volumes of his Short Organ Melodies, published in 1848. A note at the head of one of the pieces says that it comes "from an unpublished Ms. by Samuel Wesley, formerly in the possession of Miss Ogle of Bath". As expected, wherever the two manuscript sources disagree, Novello's version follows Ms.1151, but there are other places where it agrees with neither source. Presumably this is the result of alterations made by Novello himself. Novello almost certainly obtained the "Scraps" from Windsor, since the autograph of an Air for the Organ in C minor contains the following note written by Vincent Novello.

"Having had this tasteful specimen of Wesley's Impromptu style engraved for insertion in my collection of "Melodies for the Organ", I have now the pleasure of presenting the original Manuscript to my esteemed friend and brother Musician, Mr. Windsor of Bath, as a little keepsake from myself, and in memorial of my late and illustrious and beloved friend, Samuel Wesley, one of the greatest musical Geniuses that England ever produced. July 7th 1848."

All four "Scraps" are in binary form. In style they seem to fall between the Twelve Short Pieces and the Six Introductory Movements of 1830. There are no indications of registration in the two manuscript sources (the few vague directions in Novello's edition are unlikely to go back further than Novello himself), but there are no opportunities for the use of solo stops in the three pieces which are obviously meant to be quiet. In this respect they differ from the Twelve Short Pieces, in which most of the quieter pieces contain solos, and suggest the duller registration of the later pieces. On the other hand the "Scraps" are contrapuntally much more interesting than the Introductory Movements and in this respect are closer to the Twelve Short Pieces. The most extended of the "Scraps" is the one

in E flat which is the last of the set in both manuscript sources. It is a moto perpetuo, seventy bars long, in which the use of sequences and the spinning out of a long unbroken melody in even notes show Bach's influence with special clarity.

It is possible that Wesley composed these Scraps for the Organ as a single work, rather than as independent pieces. Both the order adopted in Ms.4021 and that in Ms.1151 appear logical if unconventional:

	Ms.4021	Ms.1151
No. 1	D minor	G
2	B flat	D minor
3	G	B flat
4	E flat	E flat

The first order is built on a descending pattern of thirds, which happens to correspond exactly with the key scheme of Schubert's first four Moments Musicaux: the second uses a mixture of dominant and mediant relationships. It is noticeable that wherever two consecutive pieces are a third apart, the first note in the top part of the second piece is common to the tonic chords of both pieces, and in every case except one (Nos. 2 and 3 in Ms.4021) that same note completes the top part in the first piece. Novello divides the four pieces between two different volumes of his Short Organ Melodies, but this is of no help since Novello would not have wanted to group together four pieces by the same composer in a work designed to give the impression of variety.

The Six Introductory Movements were originally named Desk Voluntaries and were arranged in a different order from that which they assumed on their publication. Three of them remain in autograph as Desk Voluntaries Nos. 3, 4 and 5, published as Introductory Movements Nos. 3, 6 and 1. Desk Voluntary No. 3 is signed and dated August 27th 1830. Like the Twelve Short Pieces, but unlike any other of Wesley's organ works, they were published by Clementi. The date of publication, 1831, is established by the plate number. They follow the plan of the earlier work in that the short pieces are followed by a single full-scale voluntary. However, they

are undeniably duller than the earlier pieces and share a common lack of distinction with the short organ pieces by German composers, such as Rinck and Sechter, which were becoming known in England at about this time. The full title given to the set is not insignificant, since it contains a clue to the character of the pieces:

Six Introductory Movements / for the / ORGAN / intended
for the use of Organists as soft / VOLUNTARIES, / to be
performed at the commencement of services / of the /
Established Church, / to which is added / a Loud
Voluntary with Introduction and Fugue

The Loud Voluntary is headed "for the conclusion of the Service". Thus these pieces were written to fulfil a definite function in a church service, and that a not very glorious one. By 1830 the general attitude to the services of the church was a good deal more solemn than it had been in the previous century. The music played by the organist before or during the service was expected merely to provide proper devotional background. He was not supposed to "push himself forward" in any way, and while he played music like Wesley's Introductory Movements there was no danger of his doing so. The ear-tickling effects produced by solos on stops like the Cornet and the Cremona in the Twelve Short Pieces are banned. All six pieces begin on Diapasons, with occasional relief from the Swell, and the very occasional addition of the Principal. Coupled to this dull registration is a faceless anonymity which amounts to themelessness. A comparison of the third piece (Ex.57) with any of the Twelve Short Pieces shows the difference between music written for its own sake, without any prescribed function, and music prevented by the purpose for which it was composed from being more than competently written background music. In only one respect are the Introductory Movements more adventurous than the Twelve Short Pieces and that is in the use of the pedals. It will be seen that the third Introductory Movement (Ex.57) contains two quite long passages in which no great pedal technique is required but which are some way beyond the odd pedal note here and there which is all that Wesley's earlier organ works demand. The Loud Voluntary which follows the Intro-

ductory Movements and will be more fully discussed in Chapter XII contains even more exacting passages for the pedals.

In addition to these three sets of pieces and the three very early Cornet Pieces there remain seventeen short pieces by Wesley which are certainly or almost certainly for organ. Six have Novello's Short Organ Melodies as their only source, and this is an edition which includes many arrangements, while it is not always possible to be sure for what instrument a manuscript piece is intended. There are several attractive pieces among them, but they do not add any new features to the picture drawn by Wesley's three chief collections.

EX.51

Handwritten musical notation for Exercise 51, consisting of five staves of bass clef music. Each staff includes guitar chord diagrams below the notes. The notation includes various chord symbols such as E6A, DGC, FBE, ADGC, FBE, A, C, FBERD, G, C, FBE, A, DGC, FBEA, 4[D]6, C, EADG, A2, AD, G, C, FBb, EA, D, G, C, F, B, E, A, D, EA, D, 6, ADG, C, G, C, FBE, A.

EX.52

$\text{♩} = 116$

Handwritten musical notation for Exercise 52, consisting of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system includes a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 116$. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *mf* and *sfz*.

EX. 53 J. 92

Full Organ
without the Trumpet

Bar 17

EX. 54 J. 96

Full Organ
without the Trumpet

EX. 55 J. 69

Diapasons Flute
Principal 15th 12th

Bar 5

$\text{♩} = 80$

INVERSUS

RECTUS

Musical notation for Exercise 56, consisting of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'INVERSUS' and the bottom staff is labeled 'RECTUS'. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The music is in 4/4 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes with rests.

EX. 57

Larghetto

2 Diapasons

First system of musical notation for Exercise 57, consisting of two staves. The tempo is marked as 'Larghetto' and '2 Diapasons'. The music is in 4/4 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes with rests.

Second system of musical notation for Exercise 57, consisting of two staves. A 'PED.' marking is present below the staves, indicating the use of a sustain pedal. The music continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Third system of musical notation for Exercise 57, consisting of two staves. A 'PED.' marking is present below the staves. The music continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Fourth system of musical notation for Exercise 57, consisting of two staves. A 'Suzuki' marking is present below the staves. The music continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Fifth system of musical notation for Exercise 57, consisting of two staves. A 'Suzuki' marking is present below the staves. At the bottom of the system, there is a 'PED. DOPPIO' marking. The music continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

CHAPTER IX

THE VOLUNTARIES OF 1817 AND OP.6 NO.12

The last voluntary of Op.6 differs in several respects from its predecessors. In its printed form it strikes one immediately by its new cover design, as typically nineteenth century as the two earlier designs remained faithful to the eighteenth century style. The speed directions are printed in English, and although the autograph of the Twelve Short Pieces includes some English speed directions, Wesley's published organ music had always used Italian directions or, in the case of the Twelve Short Pieces and the Full Voluntary in D minor, metronome marks. English speed directions are common in the organ music which Wesley published in the 1820s and 1830s. The style of the music itself is subtly changed. The grand rhetorical manner of the earlier voluntaries has been replaced by a more intimate, domestic character. This change of style leads to a change in structure. The voluntary ends on a note of deliberate understatement with a finale which is in fact a Short Piece in ternary form for Dulceana (sic) or Cremona. No other voluntary in Op.6 ends so modestly. Indeed the only other voluntary in Op.6 to have a quiet ending is No.6, and this is only a surprise ending to a particularly grandiose last movement.

However, the very features which divide the twelfth voluntary from the rest of Op.6, the English speed directions, the intimate style, the brief, quiet last movement, connect it with two unpublished voluntaries written in 1817. The first, in D major, was written in October, the second, in B flat, was completed in November. There is also another link between the 1817 voluntaries and Op.6 No.12. The autograph of the Voluntary in B flat bears the title, "Voluntary 12th". This is impossible to explain unless the voluntary was originally intended to be the final instalment of Op.6. If this is the case, it must have been replaced before publication by the present Op.6 No.12, which is presumably a later work. It seems that the two voluntaries of 1817 and Op.6 No.12 form the first

group of Fourth Period voluntaries. Op.6 No.12 was probably written late in 1817 or early in 1818, about four years after Op.6 No.10, the last voluntary in the set which can be given a definite date.

These three voluntaries share the same basic structure. A slow movement leads through a half close into a faster second movement, largely or entirely for Full Organ, which is the principal movement of the voluntary. The last movement is shorter and quieter, in the style of a Short Piece.

The first movement of the Voluntary in D, marked Very Slow, consists largely of flowing three part counterpoint, but there is one passage with a Swell solo (Ex.58) in which the hint of pathos perhaps reflects the fact that 1817 had not been a happy year for Wesley who had survived an attempted suicide in May. Indeed the whole movement has an unusually grave, even elegiac character.

The second movement is a Full Organ fugue of a more lively disposition. After a three part exposition there comes a series of entries of the subject in an upward circle of fifths from D to F sharp, which is balanced by a more rapid sequential circle of fifths back to D again. The inverted subject is then presented in a full exposition before being combined with its original form. This fugue has one of the more successful examples of the discursive ending, with very free treatment of the part-writing and the last complete entry in the improbable key of E minor (Ex.59). This is probably the sort of peroration which concluded Wesley's improvised fugues and so impressed his hearers. Between the two As of a double dominant pedal, Wesley manages to combine the two halves of his subject (bars 81-83). There is much effective use of diminished seventh chords, while over the final tonic pedal there is an augmentation of part of the subject reminiscent of the same point in the Full Voluntary in D minor.

Wesley completed the Fugue on October 8th. Ten days later, perhaps as an afterthought, he added a third movement. It is a binary move-

ment in pastoral vein for two parts played on the Full Swell over a Diapason bass. At some time later in the month, Wesley appears to have had a further afterthought, and added a Coda for Full Organ, which was presumably intended to refer back to the Full second movement. This coda, which is twenty bars long, has the character of a short improvisation based on the third movement. In experimenting with the use of a quiet miniature to conclude a voluntary, Wesley was adopting a procedure which William Russell had used in his Voluntary in E minor, published as far back as 1804. However, it seems that Wesley was not yet prepared to give up the grand ending, and therefore produced this somewhat awkward compromise.

The first movement of the Voluntary in B flat is more extrovert than its equivalent in the Voluntary in D. Apart from one more lyrical passage with another solo on the Swell, the movement is for Full Organ with much use of passages in octaves and syncopations. The second movement is disappointing, and may be the reason for the voluntary's rejection as Op.6 No.12. It is an attempt to write a full scale movement in a contrapuntal texture, without the aid of fugue. The thematic material lacks distinction, and Wesley can only fill the movement out with strings of commonplace sequences. However, the movement is notable as the first attempt at a problem which he was to solve more successfully in later voluntaries, particularly those dedicated to John Harding.

In the third movement Wesley succeeds in combining the quiet last movement and the loud ending less crudely than he had done in the previous voluntary. The bulk of the movement, marked Moderately Slow, is for "Soft Organ" and in the gently lyrical style of some of the Short Pieces; but after eighteen bars there is a passage, entirely in octaves, for the Full Organ. The Soft Organ returns for a further seven bars before giving way once more to the Full Organ, again mostly in octaves, which concludes the voluntary in another five bars. It will be seen that the last movement contains much the same ingredients as the first but reverses the proportions. In this case the third movement was completed

only one day after the first two movements (November 5th and 6th).

The two voluntaries just described, and also the set of variations on "God Save the King" written immediately afterwards, all have cryptic inscriptions on the autographs, consisting of initials and abbreviations. It seems impossible to discover the meaning of most of them, but from those of which the meanings can be guessed, it appears that they are connected with the depression that afflicted Wesley in 1817. For instance, at the end of the second movement of the Voluntary in D, apart from Wesley's signature and the date, there are three further inscriptions. The first is S D G which stands for Soli Dei Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone), something Wesley often wrote at the foot of a composition. The second, of inscrutable meaning, is E.M.E.E!!!! while the third inscription is a Greek word ἐλΣομαι which is probably meant to be ἐλΣομαι meaning "I strive" (presumably without success). At the end of the Voluntary in B flat is written the word perd. which may be an abbreviation of perditus meaning "lost" or "destroyed".

The twelfth voluntary of Op.6 is the last of a set which had been gradually appearing in print for more than fifteen years. It also seems to represent the fruit of Wesley's experiments in the two unpublished voluntaries of 1817. The first movement is the least remarkable, a quiet, serene piece of three part counterpoint, alternating Diapasons with Swell, which ends in the dominant. The second movement of the Voluntary in B flat has already been described as an attempt, by no means entirely successful, to write the principal fast movement of a voluntary in a contrapuntal idiom, without its actually being a fugue; in the second movement of Op.6 No.12 Wesley makes a second attempt at the problem, and produces a much improved solution. He fits a series of fugal episodes, all based on the same subject, into the framework of a homophonic ritornello, thus adopting a procedure which Mendelssohn was to use in his Organ Sonatas, for instance in the last movement of No.4. The important elements in the ritornello are its homophonic character, which contrasts with the fugal

episodes, and its rhythm. No fewer than eight of the twelve notes in the subject are Cs, and since the dominant naturally requires an answer from the tonic, the subject is answered in the subdominant rather than the usual dominant. Another point concerning the subject is that, although on its first appearance it clearly implies the key of F modulating to C, it can be harmonised in other keys without the pitch of the melody being altered, and Wesley does this later in the movement. The whole movement, together with the third movement is reproduced in Ex. 60. The basic plan of the movement is as follows:

bars 1 - 8	Ritornello	F major	
8 - 23	Fugue		Three entries of the fugue subject in F, B flat and F.
24 - 34	Ritornello	F to C	
34 - 41	Fugue	C minor	subject in soprano.
		G minor	answer in bass.
42 - 54	Ritornello	D minor to A minor	Note the enharmonic modulation in bars 50-51
54 - 74	Fugue	A minor	subject melodically in D minor.
		A minor to G minor	Episode (bars 58-69)
		G minor	subject melodically in E flat but extended to end in G minor rather than B flat.
75 - 90	Ritornello	G minor to F	
90 - 98	Fugue	F	subject over dominant pedal with homophonic continuation based on the rhythm of the subject, ending with a pause on a

bars 98 - 106 Coda

dominant seventh chord.
A broad homophonic conclusion, with the Trumpet added to the Full Organ.

The only change of registration is the addition of the Trumpet stop for the last few bars. This is something which Wesley had never asked for before, but it appears several times in his later voluntaries. There is no attempt to break the movement into sections by changes of manual, although this device is common in fast movements in the first part of Op.6, and is to become common again as Wesley makes further use of ritornello form.

It will be seen that there are several alterations to the text in the copy reproduced in Ex. 60 (e.g. bars 2,5,6,8). This copy is one of a complete set of Op.6 in the library of the Royal College of Music. The other eleven copies belonged to Wesley himself and bear his signature, but it cannot be established whether the copy of the twelfth voluntary, and therefore the alterations in it, also belonged to him. Some of the alterations, for example the E flats in bar 77 and the E natural in bar 79, are either obvious corrections or merely warnings which do not change the reading. Others such as the B flat in bar 30, could represent the corrections of printers' errors but the original printed readings are not impossible, and therefore it would be helpful to know who made the alterations. Finally, there are some alterations, for instance those in bars 2,5 and 6, which seem very unlikely to be printers' errors, but rather to be straightforward changes in the text. Again it would be helpful to know whether these represent Wesley's own second thoughts, or another organist's improvements. The least that can be said is that all the manuscript alterations in this copy seem sensible, and tend to improve rather than mar the original version.

The last movement gives this voluntary a balance quite different from anything else in Op.6. It is the logical conclusion, so far as

the finale is concerned, of the tendency seen in the two unpublished voluntaries of 1817. The compromise with the loud ending made by those two works has disappeared, leaving a quiet, unpretentious movement, in which the tension and grandeur of the previous movement is gently dissipated, and given a more distant perspective. A sinuous, song-like melody forms the first part of this "Short Piece", giving way to a middle section characterised by a more lively bass line; finally the first part returns to bring the work to a peaceful conclusion. Surprisingly, the simple ternary form of this movement is unique in Wesley's organ music.

Wesley was not the only organ composer of the time who experimented with making the finale a deliberate anticlimax to what had gone before. It has already been mentioned that in 1804 William Russell had published a Voluntary in E minor with an overall form very similar to that of Wesley's Op.6 No.12. A line can be drawn from the brief slow movement for quiet organ which concludes Russell's voluntary, through Wesley's voluntaries of 1817 and Op.6 No.12, to the last movements of Mendelssohn's third and sixth Organ Sonatas, written in 1844 and 1845, which fulfil just the same function. In another medium, Wesley had used the same idea in his Piano Sonata of 1808. Here, a prelude ending on a half close, and a dramatic large-scale fugue on a subject by Salomon, are followed by an undemonstrative finale written on a much smaller scale.

EX. 58
Very Slow
Swell

The first system of EX. 58 consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a series of notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a series of notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The word "Diapasons" is written below the bass staff.

Diapasons

The second system of EX. 58 continues the musical notation from the first system, with treble and bass staves. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff continues with notes and rests.

EX. 59

The first system of EX. 59 consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a series of notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The word "Full" is written below the bass staff.

Full

Bar 80

The second system of EX. 59 continues the musical notation from the first system, with treble and bass staves. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The word "Pedal" is written below the bass staff.

Pedal

The third system of EX. 59 continues the musical notation from the second system, with treble and bass staves. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The number "85" is written below the bass staff.

85

90

The fourth system of EX. 59 continues the musical notation from the third system, with treble and bass staves. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The number "95" is written below the bass staff.

95

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a treble clef, a key signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The first two measures of the treble staff have notes with circled numbers (3) and (3) below them. The first measure of the bass staff has notes with circled numbers (3) and (3) below them. The system ends with a double bar line and the number 100.

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff. The system ends with a double bar line and the number 105.

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff. The system ends with a double bar line and the number 110.

A set of five empty musical staves.

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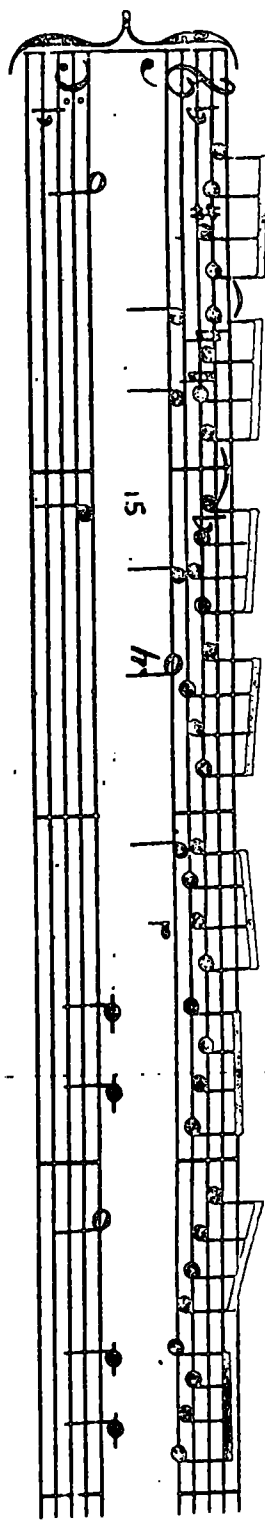
EX. 60

Full Organ without Trumpet.

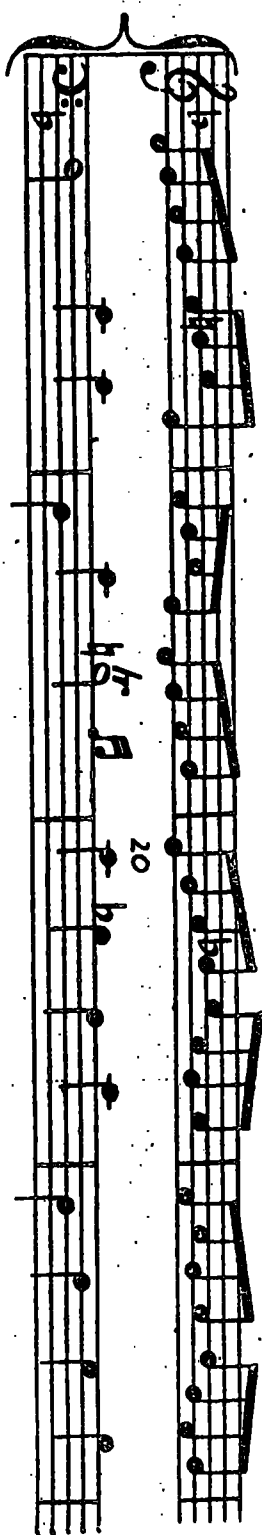
WITH SPIRIT

BUT NOT QUICK


The musical score for EX. 60 is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a single bass staff. The second system also consists of a grand staff and a single bass staff. The music is in 2/4 time and features various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is marked 'WITH SPIRIT' and 'BUT NOT QUICK'. The first system includes a measure marked '10' and a measure marked '5'. The second system includes a measure marked '5'. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The first system includes a measure marked '10' and a measure marked '5'. The second system includes a measure marked '5'. The music is marked 'WITH SPIRIT' and 'BUT NOT QUICK'. The first system includes a measure marked '10' and a measure marked '5'. The second system includes a measure marked '5'. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.



Musical notation system 1, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The system contains two staves of music. The upper staff has a melodic line with various note values and rests. The lower staff has a bass line with chords and single notes. A measure number '15' is written below the first staff.



Musical notation system 2, continuing the piece. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The system contains two staves of music. The upper staff has a melodic line. The lower staff has a bass line with chords and single notes. Measure numbers '16' and '20' are written below the first staff.



Musical notation system 3, continuing the piece. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The system contains two staves of music. The upper staff has a melodic line. The lower staff has a bass line with chords and single notes. Measure numbers '25' and '30' are written below the first staff.

Wesley No. 12, Op. 6.

Musical notation system 1, consisting of a Treble clef staff and a Bass clef staff. The Treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Bass staff contains a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in the Bass staff.

Musical notation system 2, consisting of a Treble clef staff and a Bass clef staff. The Treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Bass staff contains a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A measure number '35' is written below the Bass staff.

Musical notation system 3, consisting of a Treble clef staff and a Bass clef staff. The Treble staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Bass staff contains a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure numbers '30' and '3' are written below the Bass staff.

Musical notation for the first system, measures 40-49. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a minor key, indicated by a flat sign on the bass clef staff. The melody in the treble staff features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. Measure numbers 40 and 49 are printed at the beginning and end of the system respectively.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 50-59. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music continues in the same minor key. The treble staff melody is characterized by frequent sixteenth-note patterns. The bass staff continues with a consistent accompaniment. Measure numbers 50 and 59 are printed at the beginning and end of the system respectively.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 60-69. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music concludes in the same minor key. The treble staff melody shows some variation with dotted notes and rests. The bass staff accompaniment remains steady. Measure numbers 60 and 69 are printed at the beginning and end of the system respectively.

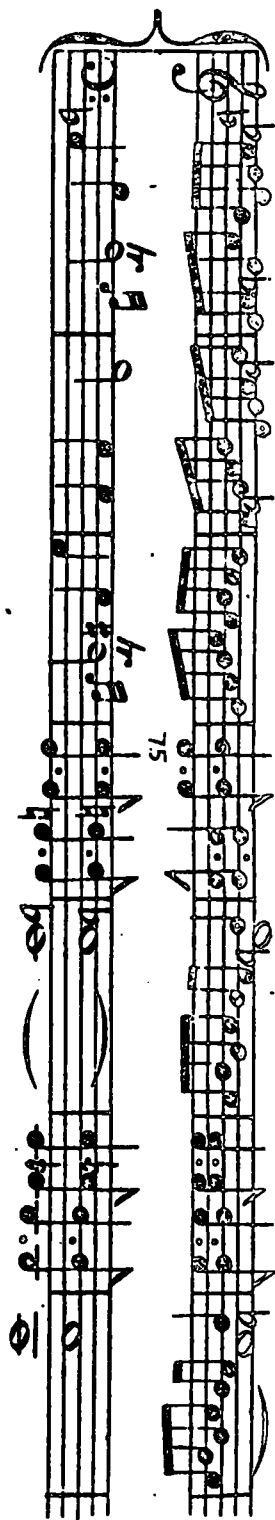
Wesley N^o 12, Op. 6.

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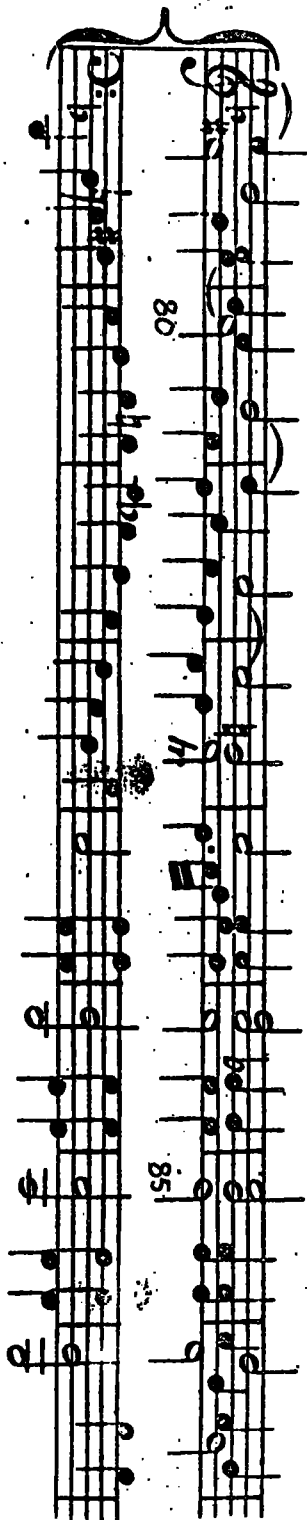
Musical notation for measures 55-59. Measure 55 is marked with a fermata. Measure 56 has an *h.* marking. The notation includes treble and bass staves with various notes and rests.

Musical notation for measures 60-64. Measure 60 is marked with a fermata. Measure 65 is marked with a fermata. The notation includes treble and bass staves with various notes and rests.

Musical notation for measures 69-73. Measure 70 is marked with a fermata. The notation includes treble and bass staves with various notes and rests.



Musical score system 1, measures 75-80. It features two staves: a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a supporting line. Measure 75 is marked with a fermata. Measure 80 is marked with a fermata. The key signature has one flat.



Musical score system 2, measures 81-85. It features two staves: a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a supporting line. Measure 81 is marked with a fermata. Measure 85 is marked with a fermata. The key signature has one flat.



Musical score system 3, measures 86-90. It features two staves: a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a supporting line. Measure 86 is marked with a fermata. Measure 90 is marked with a fermata. The key signature has one flat. The word "Ped:" is written below the bass staff, indicating a pedal point.

Wesley No. 12, Op. 4.

Trumpet

Musical score for Trumpet, measures 95-105. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Measure numbers 95, 100, and 105 are indicated at the beginning of their respective measures.

Dulciana or Cremona Treble.

Musical score for Dulciana or Cremona Treble, measures 95-105. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

MODERATELY

SLOW.

Musical score for Diap. Bass, measures 95-105. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Diap. Bass.

Musical score for two staves, measures 95-105. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Wesley No 12, Op. 6.

The image displays a musical score for Wesley No 12, Op. 6, consisting of two systems of staves. Each system includes a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano parts are written on grand staves with treble and bass clefs, while the vocal parts are on single staves with treble clefs. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings. The first system shows the beginning of the piece, and the second system continues the composition. The score is presented in a clear, black-and-white format.

CHAPTER X

VARIATIONS

The group of organ pieces which Wesley wrote in 1817 includes, in addition to the voluntaries in D and B flat, the best of his few sets of variations.

Wesley's variations were not intended for church services. Their purpose was to provide lighter entertainment for the less musical sections of his audiences at organ recitals. Because of this, they are all, with the exception of those in Op.6 No.5, based on popular tunes.

There are only two independent sets of variations extant which were published during Wesley's own lifetime. One is based on "God Save the King", the other on "Rule Britannia". They were published in No. 1 of Beauties for the Organ by W. and D. Galloway. The autographs, which are at the Royal College of Music, are not dated, but an approximate date is given by the fact that the firm of publishers existed only for about two years up to 1816. There are three variations on "God Save the King", only one on "Rule Britannia", and both are very slight works.

There are two further sets of variations, again of little musical importance, which exist only in printed editions published after Wesley's death, so that it is impossible to be sure that they were originally true organ works, and not written for the piano. One set is on "The Old Christmas Carol", a version of "God Rest You Merry", the other on "An Old English Melody" which, according to the editor, Vincent Novello, "was one that Samuel Wesley's old nurse used to sing to him when he was quite a little boy". There are also variations on various popular melodies in manuscripts dating from Wesley's last years.

Finally there is this second set of variations on "God Save the King", completed on December 1st 1817. It is Wesley's only considerable example of the form written for the organ. There are eight variations and a coda, the latter being a feature shared with the first set of variations on this theme. The National Anthem is divided into two parts, each part repeated, in the usual manner; the variations which follow show a consid-

erable degree of imagination and individual character, to the point of causing the original melody to recede into the background during much of the work.

Ex.61 gives the first part of the theme and its treatment in each of the variations.

Variation I is strictly in two parts. The bass throughout the variation is identical to that which Wesley put to his theme. Above it there is a florid melodic line, in which the outline of the original melody can still be made out, although it is very much obscured.

Variation II is derived from the harmonic scheme of the theme rather than its melody. There are two and sometimes three parts, rich in syncopation and suspensions, above a moving bass, which is mostly in quavers.

Variation III moves entirely in semiquavers. It is mostly in two parts which are frequently imitative. Again the harmony of the theme is more in evidence than the melody, which is barely suggested.

Variation IV sees a restatement of the melody in the tenor, while above it there is a descant, probably intended to be played in a contrasting tone colour.

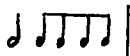



Variation V betrays no hint of the melody. It is in three or four parts with the frequent suspensions forming an important element in its character.

Variation VI again keeps to the harmonic outline of the theme but avoids almost all reference to the melody. There is a passage in octaves at the beginning of the second part, derived not from the melody but from the bass, while towards the end there is a degree of chromaticism.

Variation VII has a graceful imitative opening. The original melody can be detected in the first part, but is absent from the second.

Variation VIII achieves the grand full effect with which Wesley liked to end his longer sets of variations. The first part of this variation in particular is a fine piece of four part harmony. The melody of

"God Save the King" returns in the second part, shared between soprano and bass.

The coda has an improvised sound. This is especially true of the first ten bars, which are based on the repetition of two rhythms  |  (bars 11-12 of the theme) and  |  (bars 1-2). There is a further variation on the second part of the theme to complete the work, extended by a pause after the fourth bar, the augmentation of the fifth bar, and an extra cadence at the end.

As has already been implied, these variations are based on a harmonic rather than melodic formula. However, each variation does not have an identical scheme of harmony; it is rather that the harmony of each variation fits the melody of the theme, even when it is not actually there.

Unlike the two sets of variations published by William and Daniel Galloway, which have detailed directions for registration, this set has no directions at all. However, the characters of the variations suggest that with the coda they fall into three groups of three. Variations I and IV should almost certainly be played on two manuals.

Quiet	Variation I	IV	VII
Louder	II	V	
Loud	III	VI	VIII (Full without Trumpet)
Very loud			Coda (Full with Trumpet)

Like the other organ pieces of 1817, the variations end with a cryptic inscription; in this case it appears to read, "sink. P.O".

In the early nineteenth century the National Anthem seemed as suitable a theme for variations as any other well-known melody. It is unfortunate for Wesley that now there are few people prepared to take such a work seriously. Nonetheless, those who can listen to variations on "God Save the King" without embarrassment will be able to appreciate an attractive work of some merit and perhaps a little humour.

EX. 61

The main musical notation for EX. 61 consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The music features a series of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. I

VAR. I is a variation of the main piece. It features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns and a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. II

VAR. II is a variation of the main piece. It features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns and a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. III

VAR. III is a variation of the main piece. It features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns and a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. IV

VAR. IV is a variation of the main piece. It features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns and a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. V

VAR. V is a variation of the main piece. It features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns and a steady bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VAR. VI

Musical notation for Variation VI, consisting of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, with corresponding chords and rests in the left hand.

VAR. VII

Musical notation for Variation VII, consisting of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The right hand part is characterized by a dense, rapid sequence of sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

VAR. VIII

Musical notation for Variation VIII, consisting of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The right hand part features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes.

Five sets of empty musical staves, each consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, arranged vertically. These staves are currently blank and contain no musical notation.

CHAPTER XI

THE HARDING VOLUNTARIES

In a letter (British Museum Add. Ms.35012) to his son, Samuel Sebastian, written on August 1st 1825, Wesley writes:

"I have written to Harding (and I think your mother will hear from him by Wednesday) nothing doubting that he will come forward with the requisite £5."

Since at that time £5 was the conventional "fee" for a dedication, this letter indicates that Wesley had just contacted John Harding about the set of six voluntaries of which he did indeed receive the dedication. In an advertisement attached to an Encyclopaedia or Dictionary of Music, also dated 1825, the publisher, Thomas Preston, announces that he has six voluntaries by Samuel Wesley "in the press". These six voluntaries must be those which Wesley dedicated to Harding, and so they must have appeared in print late in 1825 or early in 1826. They were published in two sets of three, and each set cost four shillings.

The Harding Voluntaries share a number of characteristics with the last voluntary of Op.6. Wesley again uses English speed directions, showing the same hint of musical nationalism that can be seen in the German speed directions sometimes used by Beethoven and Schubert. There is still the tendency to replace the fugue, which had become a regular feature of the voluntary in the second half of Op.6, with freer contrapuntal forms. The influence of the "Short Piece" remains and shows itself in a variety of ways. The voluntaries tend towards a less rhetorical, more intimate style. A number of individual movements are remarkably like "Short Pieces", following the lead of the last movement of Op.6 No.12. Some of these, for instance the opening movements of the first and second voluntaries, have more in common with Wesley's later Short Pieces, which are duller in character and often seem to be competently written examples of background music, but others, for example the second movement of Voluntary I, still have the slightly quirky brightness of the Twelve Short Pieces.

In one respect the Harding Voluntaries differ from nearly all

Wesley's other works in this form. It was his normal practice to join at least two movements in a voluntary by means of a half close. There is not one voluntary in Op.6 in which all the movements are independent. The "voluntaries" formed by the Twelve Short Pieces naturally consist entirely of independent movements, but outside this work only the Harding Voluntaries demonstrate this characteristic to any great extent. Indeed they contain only two movements that do not end on a full close in the tonic. On the other hand, after the three and four movement "voluntaries" of the Twelve Short Pieces, Wesley returns to his old preference for voluntaries in fewer movements. Four of the Harding Voluntaries have only two movements, while the other two have three.

Wesley's directions for registration show little change. He continues to avoid the frequent or extended use of solo stops, and to make more gradations in the strength of the chorus than had been usual in the previous century. The one new tendency, already to be seen twice in Op.6 (Nos. 5 and 12) and so not entirely new, is the suggestion of alternative registrations. This occurs three times in the first two voluntaries, but not at all in the remainder.

The first voluntary, in D major, begins conservatively with one of the few movements which Wesley wrote for Diapasons throughout. It begins in three parts, but typically the middle part all but disappears before long, while the top part develops into a flowing melody over an accompanying bass. When this movement, together with others from this set of voluntaries, was republished in 1882, the editor, J. Pittman, felt obliged to add a middle part to many of the passages which Wesley had left in two parts, indicating an academic despair at the way in which Wesley's middle part disappears, returns for a couple of notes, and then disappears again. The second movement (Ex.62), marked "Lively" is a bright chattering solo for the 4 ft. Flute or Dulciana, a typical "Short Piece". As in the last movement of Op.6 No.12, the same solo stop is used throughout the movement, which constitutes, for Wesley, an unusually extended solo. The last move-

ment is a little fugue on a simple subject which grows naturally out of a brief chordal introduction. In fact, as Ex.63 shows, the subject fits over the harmony of the introduction itself.

The main interest of the second voluntary lies in the second movement, the first being an unpretentious prelude in $\frac{6}{8}$ with a brief solo for Swell or Cremona. The second movement, one of the six movements in the set marked 'Lively', is another example of Wesley's employing fugue as just one element in a movement which relies on ritornello form for its basic structure. However, the treatment of the idea differs from that in Op.6 No.12. In this movement Wesley uses changes of registration to clarify the form instead of employing Full Organ throughout, and makes the fugal element a feature of the ritornello rather than the episodes. The first eleven bars serve merely as an introduction, and do not appear again. The remainder of the first section is in fact a fugal exposition, the only irregularity being that the third voice presents the subject, like the second voice, in the dominant rather than the usual tonic. However, the subject is accompanied from its very first entry, so that there is none of the gradual build-up of voices which one associates with the beginning of a fugue. Indeed, at no time is the subject given any special prominence until it is presented in stretto almost at the end. Although in the final movements of Op.6 No.23 and the first voluntary dedicated to Harding Wesley had avoided starting with the fugue subject, it had eventually been presented in the conventional way, making clear its status as an important theme. In this movement, the subject has become merely a convenient device for maintaining the flow of counterpoint. There are three sections for "Diapasons and Principal with (or without) Fifteenth and Twelfth" (sic), which are based on the fugue subject, divided by two sections for Diapasons, in which the subject does not appear, although they are dominated by related rhythms.

In the third voluntary, the Prelude and Fugue, which dominated the last part of Op.6, stages a return, and brings with it many of the features which are notably absent in the other Harding Voluntaries. The slow first movement immediately strikes a grandiose attitude with strong dotted rhythms

on the Full Organ, soon to be contrasted with more feminine sounding phrases on the Swell. Wesley's liking for dissonance is well illustrated by passages such as that in Ex.64. As in all Wesley's previous preludes and fugues, the two movements are linked by the prelude's ending on an imperfect cadence (in this case prolonged by a six bar dominant pedal), even though the general tendency in the Harding Voluntaries is for each movement to be complete in itself. The fugue, composed on an interesting subject (Ex.65), is energetic and effective almost to the end, but after a pause, which gives the organist plenty of time in which to obey the instruction to add the Trumpet, Wesley chooses to conclude the voluntary with a coda, completely lacking in counterpoint and quite unconnected with the subject, which is something of an anticlimax.

Wesley employs the organ pedals (or rather pedal, since only one note is involved) twice in the third voluntary, to hold one dominant pedal in each movement. His use of the pedals in these voluntaries is even more cautious than in the voluntaries of Op.6.

The second volume of voluntaries begins with an example that is striking for the stress which it lays on melody as opposed to counterpoint. It is one of the few Wesley voluntaries in which there is no trace of fugue. As a result of the music's strong melodic character, the sweetened melancholy of the first movement, and the unusual adoption of a dance rhythm in the second movement, this voluntary serves as an especially clear example of the more intimate style discernible in Wesley's voluntaries of this period. The first movement, based on a tender melody in E minor (Ex.66), alternating Diapasons and Swell, leads into a movement in E major marked "Chearful (sic) not brisk". It is unusual in a number of ways. Firstly it is in the rhythm of a gavotte, and the main tune is somewhat similar to the gavotte in Twelve Short Pieces (Ex.67). Secondly it is in the form of a rondo, being one of only three rondos in Wesley's organ works (the others are in Op.6 No.6, and A Short and Familiar Voluntary, written soon after the Harding Voluntaries). Finally the directions for registration are of interest. The movement begins with Diapasons and Principal. At the beg-

inning of the main episode the Fifteenth is added, and the Twelfth is brought in for the coda. This cumulative registration was to become commonplace later in the century, and still is now, but it was not called for in organ music written before the middle part of the last century. Wesley had often used the idea of making succeeding movements in a voluntary build up to a Full Organ finale (the whole of the Twelve Short Pieces is built on this idea), but this was the first time that he used the same procedure in a single movement. The addition of the Trumpet stop for the last few bars of movements for Full Organ in Op.6 No.12, and the third and sixth voluntaries of the present set, may be seen as a move in the same direction.

The last two voluntaries present many parallels to their counterparts in the first volume, numbers two and three. Like the second voluntary the fifth is in two movements, a quiet slow movement followed by a louder fast movement in which elements of fugue and ritornello are combined. The sixth voluntary recalls the third in its grander effect and its ending with a fugue.

Wesley's later style of writing for Diapasons is well illustrated by the first movement of Voluntary V. Most of the musical argument is carried on in the treble and bass with occasional wisps of counterpoint and odd notes to complete the harmony in the space between them. Consequently, with the middle voice in rudimentary form where it exists at all, the top part develops into a free rhapsodic melody over an accompanying bass. In his third period, represented by the voluntaries of Op.6, Wesley had made the conventional three part texture of Diapason movements more complex by adding a fourth part. Thus Wesley's fourth period practice of reducing the texture of his Diapason movements to something thinner than the conventional three parts presents a strong contrast to his earlier work.

Having based his ritornello on harmony and rhythm in Op.6 No.12 and fugue in the second voluntary dedicated to Harding, Wesley now turns to a tune (Ex.68), which is presented first on the Great, and then as a Swell solo over a Diapason bass. A fugal exposition on a brief subject,

(Ex.69), still in the tonic, leads to a return of the ritornello in G (the dominant). The pattern is repeated: further treatment of the fugue subject leads back to the ritornello, now in C major once more. In the coda which follows, Wesley again adds a further stop to the chorus, this time the Sesquialtera.

There are only three voluntaries by Wesley, of those still in existence, which begin with a fast movement, and of those three the sixth dedicated to Harding is the first and most substantial. It represents an interesting compromise between the sonata and the traditional voluntary. The three movements fall into the fast - slow - fast pattern which is typical of the sonata but which makes this work, as a voluntary, unique in Wesley's output. The slow movement is a simple song-like piece in binary form which could be transferred to a piano sonata without a note needing to be changed. On the other hand, the first movement develops a form of its own which owes nothing to sonata form, while the last movement is a fugue, and carries rather more weight than the first movement, a balance more typical of the voluntary than the sonata.

The main theme of the first movement, which is marked "Spirited", is a slightly eccentric melody used in both its direct and (freely) inverted forms (Ex.70). Development of this theme on Full Organ is interspersed with contrasting passages for Full Swell, Swell solo over Diapason bass, and Choir. Much of the development is by means of strong sequences such as those quoted in Ex. 71.

The middle movement is among Wesley's most successful miniatures. It is in E flat major, the subdominant, and this is another indication of the influence of the sonata on this voluntary, since very few of Wesley's voluntaries contain a movement which is not in the tonic. Each half of its binary form begins on "Soft Choir Organ" and ends with a solo on the Swell. Rather than modulate to the dominant, the first half moves to G minor, which is the mediant minor. The final passage of this movement (Ex.72) well illustrates the hallmarks of Wesley's lyrical style, the clash between

the sharp and flat seventh (E flat and E natural in bar 13), the long flowing passages in even notes (bars 13, 14), the syncopated rhythms (bar 15), and the chromaticism (bars 15, 16); particularly characteristic is the use of the flattened sixth in the final cadence.

The voluntary ends with a lively fugue in triple time which owes much to the fugue in E flat minor from Book I of the 48. The subjects are remarkably similar (Ex.73), and both fugues make important use of strettii, although Wesley makes no attempt to match the complexities at his model. There are two strettii in Wesley's fugue, each involving two parts of the octave. In the first the parts enter at a bar's distance, while in the second the distance between them is reduced to one beat. If taken fast enough, this fugue sounds effective, but there remain certain weaknesses. The episodes rely too heavily on over-extended sequences (which, it must be said, moved the writer of Wesley's obituary to tears, apparently tears of rapture not despair), while, like the fugue in the third voluntary, the movement has a weak homophonic ending, which gains what effect it can from the addition of the Trumpet.

There is one other voluntary, which was published separately, but nonetheless belongs, spiritually and chronologically, with the other voluntaries described in this chapter. Wesley called it A Short and Familiar Voluntary, and it was published (and entered at Stationers' Hall) in February 1827. The term "familiar" refers to the intimate, unpretentious style of the work, and might have been applied to the voluntaries of 1825 with equal justice. This voluntary bears an especially close affinity to the fourth Harding voluntary. Like that work it is in two movements, the first quiet and pastoral in character, the second a cheerful rondo.

The dominant characteristics of these voluntaries are compactness of design and moderation of feeling. After the expansive, all-embracing grandeur of the Op.6 voluntaries, they seem limited both in scale and in expression. Where in the earlier voluntaries Wesley aspired to the sublime, in those of the decade up to 1827 he was content to be effective.

Because during this period he attempted less, Wesley could not compose works of the same calibre as the Full Voluntary or Op.6 No.10, but he achieved a more consistent level of success than in his earlier compositions, and still produced a few works, such as the second Harding voluntary, which may be numbered amongst the best voluntaries of the period.

EX.62

Lively
Flute Stop or Dulciana

First system of musical notation for EX.62. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, including triplet markings. The bass staff contains a bass line with eighth notes and rests.

Second system of musical notation for EX.62. It continues the two-staff format from the first system. The treble staff features more complex rhythmic patterns with triplets. The bass staff continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

EX.63

Musical notation for EX.63, consisting of two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The treble staff contains a simple melody of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests, with the numbers 6, 6, 5, and 7 written below the notes.

EX.64 Slow

Musical notation for EX.64, consisting of two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo marking is 'Slow'. The treble staff contains a melody with half notes and eighth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords and eighth notes. The text 'Full Organ (without Trumpet)' is written in the left margin.

EX.65

Lively

Musical notation for EX.65, consisting of two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo marking is 'Lively'. The treble staff contains a melody with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with quarter notes.

EX.70

Musical score for EX.70, measures 1-10. The score is written for a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The instrument is labeled "Full Organ". The music features a melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic, accompanimental line in the left hand. Measure numbers 10 and 25 are indicated below the staff.

EX.71

Musical score for EX.71, measures 11-40. The score continues from EX.70, written for a grand staff in the same key signature and time signature. The right hand part features more complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth notes and dotted rhythms. Measure numbers 25, 37, and 40 are indicated below the staff.

EX. 72 Moderately Slow
Swell

Musical notation for EX. 72, measures 13 and 14. The piece is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and common time. Measure 13 shows a melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. Measure 14 continues the melodic line in the treble clef and has a simpler bass line.

Choir

Musical notation for EX. 72, measures 15, 16, and 17. Measure 15 shows a melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. Measure 16 has a first ending bracket above the treble clef and a bass line. Measure 17 has a second ending bracket above the treble clef and a bass line.

EX. 73

Bach

Musical notation for EX. 73, top staff. The piece is in a key with three flats and common time. The notation shows a melodic line in the treble clef.

Wesley

Musical notation for EX. 73, bottom staff. The piece is in a key with three flats and common time. The notation shows a melodic line in the bass clef.

CHAPTER XII

THE LATER LARGE-SCALE VOLUNTARIES

After the appearance of the voluntaries dedicated to John Harding in 1825, there comes another series of voluntaries which were published separately during the last twelve years of Wesley's life. This group of works has been singularly unfortunate in that a number are now lost, but what remains shows that Wesley had returned to the large scale on which he had worked in Opus 6. Apart from the Short and Familiar Voluntary, published in 1827, which is very much in the mould of the Harding Voluntaries, and the Loud Voluntary in D which was published with the Six Introductory Movements in 1831, each of Wesley's later published voluntaries is dedicated to a fellow musician.

Voluntary in C minor dedicated to Thomas Adams

Voluntary in G dedicated to Thomas Adams

Voluntary in G dedicated to Henry Gauntlett

Voluntary in G minor dedicated to William Linley

Voluntary in B flat dedicated to Thomas Attwood.

Only the voluntaries in C minor and B flat are still extant in the form in which they were originally published. The fugue from the Voluntary in G dedicated to Thomas Adams has survived in an arrangement by W.T. Best. The voluntaries dedicated to Gauntlett and Linley have disappeared completely.

The history of the Voluntary in C minor is somewhat obscure. It is in three movements, a prelude evidently for Full Organ, an "Arietta", and a long fugue of some 150 bars. The autograph of the fugue is dated 24th July 1826, but the whole voluntary was published by D'Almaine and Co., a firm which did not begin trading until about 1834. Thus Wesley composed and published at least three voluntaries while the fugue in C minor, with or without its preceding movements, remained in manuscript. When it was eventually published it appeared as the first of a series of Exercises for the improvement of the hands, a series, however, which may never have been continued.

In his Autobiography Wesley said of Thomas Adams, a London organist and composer nineteen years his junior, "Among our modern organists there seems to be none of more versatile ability than Mr. Thomas Adams. His great skill and ability in the management of the pedals are deservedly admired." It may be on this account that Adams received the dedication of the voluntary which contained Wesley's first fugue in which the pedals are entrusted with playing the subject.

According to his obituary that subject was not composed by Wesley himself.

"This composition originated in rather a laughable circumstance. A schoolmaster, a friend of the composer's, and a tolerable amateur, considered that fugue writing was a mechanical sort of operation, not requiring any great stretch of imagination; and wishing to put Wesley to the test, gave him this subject, at the same time desiring the composer to give him one in return. This was done, but although Wesley produced his, that of the schoolmaster was never forthcoming."

The fugue is conceived on the grandest scale. The subject is presented both rectus (Ex.74) and inversus before the two versions are combined. Then, after 113 bars, the subject is presented on the pedals in augmentation, a device used by Bach in his Great Prelude and Fugue in C major for organ. Wesley then reaches a dominant pedal, prolonged for ten bars, over which the subject is presented in double augmentation (Ex.75). Only in the Full Voluntary in D minor, where he makes equally daring use of augmentation, does Wesley achieve a fugal climax of similar power.

The first two movements of the voluntary, which may have been composed much later, are of slighter build, and the fact that they do not appear in the autograph of 1826 may lend some credence to the obituary's account of the fugue's origin. The first movement, marked *Maestoso*, suggests the scale of what is to come with its solemn tone and dramatic use of Wesley's favourite suspensions and dotted rhythms, but without being anything more than an introduction itself. The Arietta would have been perfectly at home in a collection of Short Pieces; it is a ternary structure with a wistful little tune written over the ubiquitous descending bass

(Ex.76). Neither movement makes any use of the pedals so that their full effect is saved for the entry of the augmented subject in the fugue.

It might just be mentioned that W.T.Best did not share Wesley's high regard for Adams' pedal technique. According to him, Adams' idea of playing Bach on the organ was to serve up one of the 48, putting in the odd pedal point with his feet "when his bunions were propitious."

It is only through W.T.Best that we know anything of the other voluntary which Wesley dedicated to Adams. It is mentioned in Wesley's obituary but not in the catalogue of Wesley's works which follows it. It does however include the item Preludes and Fugues, or Exercises for the Organ. The Voluntary in C minor dedicated to Adams is of course the first, indeed the only proven part of this work, and it seems at least feasible that the Voluntary in G, dedicated to the same man, is the second. Fortunately the obituary contains some remarks on the fugue from this voluntary which have made it possible to identify it with a Fugue in G major arranged by W.T.Best and published by him in Book XI of his Cecilia series of organ music which appeared from 1883. There is no trace at all of the original voluntary, and therefore no trace of the other movements.

The fugue is even longer than that in the Voluntary in C minor, and almost invites comparison with that in the Duet of 1812. Indeed there are some similarities. As in both the C minor Voluntary and the Duet, there is an especially long dominant pedal towards the close, and the sudden and brief modulation to E flat major which occurs in the middle of the Duet fugue finds an echo in the last few bars of the G major piece (Ex.77). It is far less successful here than in the Duet, and seems merely to "rock the boat" at the last minute. The most interesting link between the two fugues, however, is the insertion of a quiet lyrical episode shortly before the end. The Duet fugue had been unique amongst Wesley's works in this respect for fifteen years or more until the device was reintroduced in this fugue and also the fugue in the Voluntary of 1829 dedicated to Attwood. The most striking development to be seen in these late voluntaries is the greater variety of registration used in the course of the fugues. The ex-

ception is the Voluntary in C minor in which there are no directions for registration at all.

In his arrangement W.T. Best turned Wesley's fugue into a virtuoso work for the late nineteenth century organ, with an extremely difficult pedal part. It is impossible to be sure what additions he made in the process, but it does seem likely that, as Wesley wrote it, this fugue, like its companion in C minor, had a fairly full pedal part, to take further advantage of Adams' "great skill and ability" in that department.

The Voluntary in B flat is the third, and at present the only extant representative, of three voluntaries dedicated to Henry Gauntlett, William Linley, and Thomas Attwood respectively. The first two voluntaries were at least until 1960 to be found in the library at Clare College, Cambridge, but have since disappeared. As it is hard to believe that the books have actually been destroyed, it is to be hoped that they will eventually reappear. Attwood had long been a friend of Wesley's, and since his appointment as organist of St. Paul's (in competition with Charles Wesley), Samuel had often deputised for him. The voluntary which he dedicated to Attwood was completed on February 27th 1829, and published by Hodsall, who entered it at Stationer's Hall on April 27th 1830. Like the Voluntary in C minor, it is in three movements and is dominated by a long final fugue. The first movement, marked "Moderately Slow", combines a chaste opening for Diapasons, recalling Stanley, with a dialogue between Swell and Diapasons more typical of the nineteenth century (Ex.78). An energetic movement for Diapasons, Principal and Fifteenth which follows, contains a brief but interesting solo for the Trumpet (Ex.79). Not only does Wesley turn his back on the eighteenth century convention of using the Trumpet in the same way as an orchestral natural Trumpet (he had already done this in Op.6 No.4) but he pays scant regard to the fanfare style of writing for it which was an even stronger convention. An earlier age would have thought his rapid passage-work more suited to the Cornet. So far as one can tell from his extant work, these are Wesley's first notes for the Trumpet stop in almost

a quarter of a century. The second movement ends quietly over a dominant pedal, in preparation for the fugue.

Although it does not employ those special effects of which Wesley was so fond (extreme augmentation, long pedals and strettis are not to be found), the Fugue is one of the most dramatic Wesley wrote. It has a very distinctive subject which ranges over an octave and a fourth (Ex.80). It strides down by intervals which increase by a semitone at each step, and then climbs smoothly up again with a scale of quavers. The subject is inverted and also appears with its accents shifted; it is rarely absent in the first part of the fugue, there being fifteen entries in the first hundred bars, yet in the remaining sixty bars the subject appears only three times. In many of Wesley's fugues there is a tendency for the subject to appear less frequently towards the end. An extreme case is the Voluntary in G major dedicated to Adams, which has just been discussed. There are no entries of the subject at all in the last sixty of that fugue's 185 bars. Wesley was of course famous above all as an improviser of fugues, and his ability to develop a great climax to an improvised fugue, in which he gave full rein to his fancy, was especially admired. Those of his fugues which have long discursive final sections in which the subject is alluded to but seldom quoted in full, probably have much in common with Wesley's procedure in improvisations. In the less successful examples, the effect is one of rambling, but in the best fugues, and the fugue in B flat is one, the result is as impressive as contemporary accounts of Wesley's improvisations lead one to expect. A series of vigorous sequences bring the music to a five bar pedal on C at bar 85. It creates a considerable sense of expectancy which is answered by an entry of the subject in C major on the Swell accompanied in the left hand by the Diapasons. At the time this was an original stroke. It has already been mentioned that in the Duet of 1812 and the Voluntary in G dedicated to Adams (which may of course have been written before or after this fugue) Wesley had inserted short quiet episodes using subsidiary material towards the end of a fugue. Many earlier

composers, notably Stanley, had written extensive episodes of a free non-contrapuntal nature in the course of their fugues, and Adams had written a fugue in three distinct sections each to be played on a different manual. But a sudden, unexpected change to a quieter manual, at the point of an entry of the subject, was new. When Wesley returns to the Full Organ, twelve bars later and after two further entries of the subject, he temporarily abandons both his contrapuntal texture and the subject, and adopts block chords (Ex.81) in the region of B flat and E flat minor. The texture soon becomes freer, but the subject does not return, so that at bar 116, after twelve bars of unexpected quiet and fifteen bars without any sign of the subject, Wesley is able to stage a full recapitulation, subject, answer and subject, as dramatic in its effect as the recapitulation in sonata form. The final entry of the subject is completed in bar 128: the rest is coda, in which one finds massive chords with dramatic harmony (bars 132-143), a rising sequence with allusions to the scale figure in the subject (bars 144-148), a more sentimental downward sequence on the Swell (bars 149-153), and a magnificent approach to the final plagal cadence from the extreme flatward region of D flat. This is no text-book fugue, but its dramatic impact is undeniable.

The autograph of the Loud Voluntary in D is dated Sept. 6th 1830, and although it is by no means a miniature, it is not on the scale of the other voluntaries discussed in this chapter. It is a Prelude and Fugue directed to be played on Full Organ for all but two bars of echo in the first movement. The first four bars, to all appearance a parody of the waltz, must have seemed sufficiently bizarre when they were written, but now seem even more so, since it is impossible to hear them without immediately thinking of Rubenstein's Melody in F (Ex.82). After this extravagance, the prelude settles down to normality and ends firmly in the dominant. The second movement bears the title "Fughetta", the only instance of the term in Wesley's organ works, but it is 86 bars long and only a fughetta by comparison with the fugues of 150 bars and more in the vol-

untaries of the previous few years. At one point the player is given the option of using the pedals or the left hand in octaves for an entry of the subject in the bass. The tendency to make much greater use of the pedals is as marked in this voluntary as in its larger fellows. The fugue is considerably more relaxed than those in the greater voluntaries, especially in the largely homophonic episodes, but the final section, though less strenuous, makes effective use of many Wesley trade marks (Ex.83). After a passage of running quavers in the bass under held chords (there is a very similar effect in the fugue of Op.6 No.10), a sequence rises rapidly to the main event of the fugue, a passage in octaves, for which Wesley adds a Trumpet and the pedals (no choice for the organist this time). The octaves lead in their turn to a nine bar dominant pedal, over which the subject and its answer (both duly marked) are heard once more; and after the resolution onto a tonic pedal of exactly equal length, the fugue ends with a few detached chords.

It is obviously dangerous to generalise about a group of voluntaries when so many of them are missing. However, from those that remain, it seems that, with the exception of the Loud Voluntary, Wesley preferred the three movement form to the Prelude and Fugue which dominates the latter part of Opus 6. The Voluntary in B flat follows a plan which Wesley had used on many previous occasions, starting as far back as Op.6 No.1. As the obituary mentions that the voluntary dedicated to William Linley contained an Arietta, it seems likely that it had the same plan as the Voluntary in C minor where an Arietta is placed between a grand introduction and a final fugue. Thus the influence of the Short Piece on even the most large-scale of Wesley's later organ works is demonstrated. In the fugues Wesley continues to aim at the grandest possible style. In addition to all the devices used in the fugues of Opus 6, he now calls to his aid more extensive use of the pedals, and greater variety of registration which helps him to achieve more dramatic contrasts and more powerful climaxes.

EX.74
Moderato

The first system of EX.74 consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a few notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.

The second system of EX.74 continues the two-staff notation. The treble staff features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes. The bass staff continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

EX.75

The first system of EX.75 consists of two staves. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. It contains a melodic line with some slurs and a measure marked with the number 115. The bass staff has a bass clef and contains a few notes.

Pedale

The second system of EX.75 consists of two staves. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. It contains a melodic line with slurs and a measure marked with the number 120. The bass staff has a bass clef and contains a few notes.

The third system of EX.75 consists of two staves. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. It contains a melodic line with slurs and a measure marked with the number 125. The bass staff has a bass clef and contains a few notes.

The fourth system of EX.75 consists of two staves. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. It contains a melodic line with slurs. The bass staff has a bass clef and contains a few notes.

Musical score for the first system, measures 130-134. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes. The number '130' is written above the first measure.

Musical score for the second system, measures 135-138. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand maintains the bass line. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Two empty musical staves.

EX.76
Allegretto ma non troppo

Musical score for EX.76, measures 1-4. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto ma non troppo'.

Two empty musical staves.

EX.77

Musical score for EX.77, measures 1-4. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. The first measure of the right hand includes a fingering '7' above the notes.

Two empty musical staves.

Two empty musical staves.

EX.78

Moderately Slow

Diapasons

Swell Diapasons Swell Diapasons

EX.79 Lively

Swell Trumpet

Swell Trumpet

Diapasons

EX.80

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EX.81

Musical score for Exercise 81, measures 105-115. The score is written for two systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and slurs. Measure numbers 105, 110, and 115 are indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The first system (measures 105-110) shows a melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The second system (measures 110-115) continues the piece, with a prominent slur over the final measures.

Wesley's Voluntary.

The image displays a musical score for 'Wesley's Voluntary'. It is organized into two systems, each consisting of two staves. The first system contains measures 1 through 124. The second system begins at measure 125, which is explicitly labeled. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a variety of rhythmic values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The score is presented in a traditional, handwritten style with clear staff lines and musical symbols.

The image displays two systems of musical notation, likely for piano. Each system consists of two staves joined by a brace on the left. The top staff of each system is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system includes a measure number '135' at the end of the first staff and a 'Ped' (pedal) marking below the second staff. The second system includes a measure number '140' at the end of the first staff. The notation features various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). The music is written in a traditional, somewhat dense style characteristic of 19th-century piano literature.

Woolley's Voluntary.

The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 145-150) includes a treble clef staff with a *Swell* instruction and a piano staff with a *Ped* instruction. The second system (measures 155-160) includes a treble clef staff with a *Full* instruction and a piano staff with a *Ped* instruction. The tempo marking *STO* is placed between the systems. The score contains various musical notations including notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

EX.82

Andante

Great Organ Full

con pedale

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with a series of eighth notes, a dotted quarter note, and a half note, ending with a fermata. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains a bass line with a series of eighth notes, a dotted quarter note, and a half note, ending with a fermata. The instruction 'Great Organ Full' is written between the staves, and 'con pedale' is written below the bass staff.

EX. 83

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The musical score for EX. 83 is presented in three systems. The first system consists of two staves: the upper staff is a piano part with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), and the lower staff is a trumpet part with a bass clef and the same key signature. The piano part begins with a half note G4, followed by a series of eighth notes. The trumpet part begins with a half note G3, followed by a series of eighth notes. The second system also consists of two staves: the upper staff is a piano part with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp, and the lower staff is a trumpet part with a bass clef and the same key signature. The piano part begins with a half note G4, followed by a series of eighth notes. The trumpet part begins with a half note G3, followed by a series of eighth notes. The third system consists of two staves: the upper staff is a piano part with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp, and the lower staff is a pedal part with a bass clef and the same key signature. The piano part begins with a half note G4, followed by a series of eighth notes. The pedal part begins with a half note G3, followed by a series of eighth notes. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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Pedale 8va

Trumpet, Full.

8va con Ped

This page contains three systems of musical notation, each consisting of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The first system includes measure numbers 80 and 85, and ends with the word "FINE." and a double bar line. The second system includes measure number 75. The third system includes measure number 72. The notation features various note values, rests, and dynamic markings, all enclosed within a large bracket on the left side of the page.

CHAPTER XIII

DIDACTIC MUSIC

There has always been a strong tradition of music written avowedly or actually for the purposes of teaching. In the nineteenth century the volume of such music became greater than ever, ranging, in the realm of the piano, from the technical exercises of Clementi and Czerny to the studies of Liszt and Chopin, which possess a significance reaching far beyond mere digital dexterity. In the last ten years of the eighteenth century John Marsh and Jonas Blewitt had written brief tutors and sets of pieces directed at the young English organist. Wesley's contributions to this genre date from the latter part of his life. Altogether he wrote five pieces or sets of pieces for the organ described as "exercises" or "for young organists".

Six Organ Voluntaries composed for the use of young organists Op.36.

Six Fugues with Introductions for young organists.

A Book of Interludes for young organists.

Studio for the Organ exemplified in a series of exercises.

Voluntary in C minor "intended as Exercises for the improvement of the hands," dedicated to Thomas Adams.

The Voluntary in C minor is only an exercise in the sense that Scarlatti's Essercizi or Bach's Clavierubung are exercises, and has therefore already been discussed along with Wesley's other late large-scale voluntaries. Since the Interludes and the Studio for Organ are both lost, only the Voluntaries Op.36 and the Six Fugues remain as examples of Wesley's teaching music.

The Six Voluntaries Op.36 exist both in autograph and in print. The autograph, which is in the Royal College of Music, is undated, but the printed edition, published by John Dean of 148, New Bond Street, can be dated by its plate numbers to late 1831 or early 1832. These voluntaries are not "studies" of the type written by Czerny and many others for the piano in that they do not present special technical difficulties for the "young organist" to overcome. Wesley seems mostly to be concerned with

what one might call a good organ technique rather than an advanced keyboard technique, and indeed, the need for great rapidity in early nineteenth century organ music was much less than it had been eighty years earlier when the Cornet Voluntary held sway. Much of the writing in Op.36 seems aimed at developing skilful legato playing, and most of Wesley's fingering is designed for this end. All the voluntaries except the third require rudimentary use of the pedals, but at a time when fully developed pedal parts were an extreme rarity in English organ music, the young organist is not expected to show any particular skill in their use. Wesley's didactic aim in these voluntaries appears to have been to produce a series of pieces which would introduce the student to idiomatic organ writing and the problems of touch peculiar to organ playing. The brevity of the voluntaries would enable the young organist to concentrate on short passages, rather than to dissipate his efforts in pieces of normal length.

The voluntaries of Op.36 need to be considered not only as teaching pieces but also in relation to Wesley's other voluntaries. From this point of view they are seen to carry to its logical conclusion the tendency towards compression already observed in the voluntaries dedicated to John Harding. If those voluntaries could be described as "compact", those in Op.36 are "miniature". The lengths of the movements vary from 11 bars to 34 bars with one exceptional case of 69 bars (of quick three in a bar however). All have two or three movements, but although the first, second and fifth voluntaries follow the Twelve Short Pieces and most of the Harding Voluntaries in consisting of independent movements, the other three voluntaries, coerced by their exceptionally small dimensions, use the technique of stretching one binary structure across two movements (Ex.84). This arrangement has a superficial resemblance to the conventional introduction leading through an imperfect cadence to another movement of greater importance, but here the two sections or movements are of equal weight, and neither is capable of standing alone. It is far better to look on these two movements as forming one binary structure in which the two repeated

sections are not thematically related and differ in speed and metre (the second movement is always faster), thus compressing two movements into the space normally taken by one. Naturally many of these brief movements are similar in style to Wesley's short pieces, although they are less fully developed and less individual than his best examples. Several of the final movements are markedly jolly in character (Ex.85) and may represent an attempt to appeal to the young player's taste. There is just one fugue, the last movement of the sixth voluntary, and in thus closing the set, Wesley maintains the old eighteenth century tradition which he had observed in the Harding Voluntaries. One type of movement notable for its complete absence is that using a solo stop. It seems a strange omission in a work which is didactic in aim and might therefore be expected to include as many different types as possible. However, Wesley's general dislike of solo effects in voluntaries seems to have extended even to examples as brief as these, and it must be remembered that by 1831, when these voluntaries were probably written, the solo stop was not looked on with the favour it had once enjoyed.

Bound with the autograph of Op.36 in the library of the Royal College of Music is the autograph of another organ work entitled Six Fugues with Introductions for young organists. Op.36 is written very roughly, the movements of voluntaries sometimes being in the wrong order with explanatory notes to put them right, but these fugues are presented with great care, even having the title inscribed on the first page. The only thing lacking, unfortunately, is a date. They give the appearance of having been carefully prepared for publication, yet there is no indication of their ever having appeared in print. There are three possibilities as far as the publication of these fugues is concerned: either they were published under the title given them in the autograph but no printed copy or advertisement has survived; or they were published under a different title and perhaps form the otherwise lost Studio for the Organ; or they were not published at all, in which case the only "young organists" who could have used the music were

Wesley's own pupils, and the fair copy might have been made for their benefit. Of these possibilities, the second is the most fanciful, while the third is perhaps slightly more likely than the first. If indeed the fugues were never published, it is of course quite possible that Wesley intended to have them printed but could not find a publisher prepared to take them. This last possibility gains some support from the quality of much of the music.

The introductions are very short and very unenterprising, consisting merely of a string of commonplace harmonic progressions. All the substance of the pieces is in the fugues. These represent a type of fugue which is very common in the organ works of Wesley's last ten years. Its distinguishing features are a very thin texture consisting usually of only two parts, considerable length (100 bars or more), and a general effect of rambling. There are frequent passages in octaves, which sometimes sound effective, while modulations are sometimes effected by a bald succession of block chords, which never sounds effective. The best of these six fugues is the fifth, in E flat, which has a purposeful sounding subject very similar to that of the Fughetta in the Goldberg Variations (Ex.86). The episodes, which in the other fugues often sound aimless, have sufficient contrapuntal interest to be effective, while the subject is presented against a variety of interesting countersubjects. It is almost a genuine two part fugue, with only a few passages (usually when the subject appears in the bass) in three parts. It has no passages in octaves or successions of block chords, and maintains a sense of direction throughout its course, which is more than can be said for its fellows. They seem to reflect a decline in the powers of a composer now approaching seventy and finding it more difficult to submit to the discipline of fugal composition.

EX. 84

Slow

Diapasons

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords and melodic lines. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line. The annotation 'Diapasons' is written above the first few notes of the upper staff.

The second system continues the musical piece with two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with some grace notes, and the lower staff provides a corresponding bass line.

Rather Brisk

Repeat on Swell

The third system of musical notation includes two staves. The annotation 'Rather Brisk' is placed above the upper staff. A bracket in the lower staff indicates a section to be repeated, with the instruction 'Repeat on Swell' written below it.

The fourth system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff contains a series of chords, and the lower staff contains a bass line.

The fifth system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff contains a melodic line with some grace notes, and the lower staff contains a bass line.

The sixth system of musical notation consists of two empty staves, indicating the end of the piece.

EX.85

Op.36 No.3

Lively

Full

Musical notation for Op.36 No.3, measures 1-4. The piece is in C major, 2/4 time, and is marked 'Lively'. The notation is written for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The first measure contains a whole note chord in the treble and a half note chord in the bass. The second measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The third measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The fourth measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The word 'Full' is written below the first measure.

Moderato

Op.36 No.4

Full

Musical notation for Op.36 No.4, measures 1-4. The piece is in C major, 2/4 time, and is marked 'Moderato'. The notation is written for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The first measure contains a whole note chord in the treble and a half note chord in the bass. The second measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The third measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The fourth measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The word 'Full' is written below the first measure.

Lively

Op.36 No.5

Full

Musical notation for Op.36 No.5, measures 1-4. The piece is in C major, 2/4 time, and is marked 'Lively'. The notation is written for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The first measure contains a whole note chord in the treble and a half note chord in the bass. The second measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The third measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The fourth measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The word 'Full' is written below the first measure.

EX.86

Bach

Musical notation for Bach, measures 1-4. The piece is in C major, 2/4 time. The notation is written for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The first measure contains a whole note chord in the treble and a half note chord in the bass. The second measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The third measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The fourth measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. There are some markings above the notes in the second and third measures.

Wesley

Musical notation for Wesley, measures 1-4. The piece is in C major, 2/4 time. The notation is written for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The first measure contains a whole note chord in the treble and a half note chord in the bass. The second measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The third measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass. The fourth measure contains a quarter note chord in the treble and a quarter note chord in the bass.

CHAPTER XIV

THE ORGAN MUSIC OF WESLEY'S LAST YEARS

Wesley continued to write music for the organ to the end of his life. Almost the last thing he wrote was the Fugue in B minor which he played to Mendelssohn at Christ Church Newgate Street. With the possible exceptions of the first two movements of the Voluntary in C minor, and the Voluntary in G, both dedicated to Adams, none of Wesley's organ music written after 1831 was published. It is to be found in two manuscripts at the British Museum, Add. 35006 and Add. 35007. Wesley gave the pieces in Add. 35006 to his daughter, Eliza, for her eighteenth birthday, 6th May 1837. Some, at least, of the organ music in Add. 35007 was also written for Eliza.

The organ music in Add. 35006 consists of two voluntaries in G and D minor (that in G is entitled Introduction and Fugue), and an independent Fugue in G. It seems likely that they were written not long before Wesley gave them to his daughter, but it is not possible to be certain of this since among the pieces not for organ is one written when Wesley was eight, and another not written until two months after Eliza's birthday.

The Introduction and Fugue in G begins with a serene movement in binary form. Much of it is almost hymn-like in its texture, but a passage in the second part where the top line becomes more flowing, and considerable use of syncopation towards the end of each part are enough to lend variety and avoid undue severity. The fugue which follows is most notable for its wedge-shaped subject (Ex.87), which Wesley must have remembered from a thirteen bar sketch in C major (preserved at the Royal College of Music in Ms.21416) dating from some time between 1816 and 1829.

The Fugue in G is not one of Wesley's most successful works. It is over-long and given to extensive episodes unrelated to the subject, which are of little intrinsic interest, and forced and rapid modulations. The weaker fugues of Wesley's last years present many examples of both features. This fugue ranges as far from G major as E flat major, unusual for Wesley

who generally keeps close to the tonic in fugues.

Perhaps the most interesting of the organ pieces in Add. 35006 is the untitled work (another Introduction and Fugue) in D minor, since it may give a glimpse of what one of Wesley's improvised fugues was like. The Introduction in this case is very brief, a mere seven bars ending on a half close. The double fugue which follows is built on the same two subjects (the second slightly altered) as the Kyrie fugue in Mozart's Requiem. The coincidence of the same two subjects and the same key of D minor seems too much for chance, and suggests that Wesley consciously based his fugue on Mozart's subjects. Wesley very rarely used subjects by other composers in his written fugues (the only examples are the Piano Sonata in D minor, and, less certainly, the Voluntary in C minor dedicated to Adams), but he is frequently recorded as having improvised fugues on given material. This, combined with its improvisatory character and comparative brevity, suggests that this fugue may have begun life as an improvisation. The construction is surprisingly taut. After entries in D minor, A minor and D minor again, the subjects appear in F major and G minor, each entry being prepared for by a brief episode. Then, after a much longer episode the subjects reappear in the tonic, extended to form a final climax in the coda. There is very little real counterpoint, save that produced by the combination of the subjects. Much of the fugue is in two parts, and where there are three parts, either two are forming a chordal background for the third, or else they are being used in a stereotyped sequential formula. There is some development of the second subject in the episodes but this development is melodic and sequential rather than contrapuntal. However, despite its simplicity, it is a highly effective piece, especially in the manner of its conclusion (Ex. 88). The subjects enter in the tonic after a long episode and thus with added effect. Wesley then extends them by means of a rising sequence built on a very short motif (derived from the second subject) which ensures a rapid ascent to the note of climax which is the B flat in bar 50. It should be observed how the left hand part contributes to the effect by the downward

plunge of a seventh in bar 48, increasing the distance between the outer parts, and by the addition of inner notes from bar 49. The use of a rapidly rising sequence in the approach to a final climax has been noted in other fugues by Wesley, for instance that in the Loud Voluntary of 1830.

The organ music in Add. 35007 falls into four categories, voluntaries, short pieces, arrangements of popular tunes, and duets. The voluntaries are all of the Prelude and Fugue type, similar to those in Add. 35006. One, in D, has its two movements in different parts of the manuscript, but there seems little doubt that they should go together, making a total of four voluntaries in the manuscript. Only one is dated, a Voluntary in F which was completed on October 18th 1836. The others are probably of similar date. The fugues are similar both to those in Add. 35006 and to those in the Six Fugues with Introductions for Young Organists. Two-part writing predominates with the subject being put against a succession of counterpoints. The most distinctive of the four is the Voluntary in F. The conventional slow introduction is replaced by a quicker movement for Diapasons, Principal and Fifteenth, marked "Cheerful". The fugue concludes with a statement of the subject in octaves, a device which Wesley was to use again in his very last organ fugue.

Discounting the autograph of three of the Introductory Movements or Desk Voluntaries of 1830, the manuscript contains six short pieces. Four of them form a group of Short Preludes. With none exceeding sixteen bars, they seem to do for the short piece what Opus 36 did for the voluntary. They are arranged in an ascending circle of fifths, being in C, G, D and A major. The watermark in the manuscript shows that they cannot have been written earlier than 1834.

The arrangements of popular tunes to be found in Add. 35006 are all written, at least in part, on three staves. Although at first sight this suggests a stave for the pedals, the occasional three note chord on the lowest stave shows that the truth is otherwise. Wesley used such arrangements to entertain the less cultured sections of his audiences at organ

recitals. It may be that these pieces date from the time of his visit to Bristol (1829-30) when it is recorded that he was assisted by his son, Samuel Sebastian, in which case they are virtually duets, although the Secondo player is likely to be somewhat under-employed.

The next pieces are certainly duets. Eliza Wesley wrote on the manuscript that they were "composed for me, and I used to play them with my dear Father when a little girl". The Primo part is much fingered, so it would appear that Eliza took that part, and her father the Secondo. There are six duets, in effect short pieces for four hands, simple and unaffected in style. The sixth duet has two movements, one marked "Moderately Slow" leading into the second marked "Lively". There are also a further incomplete duet, and duet arrangements by Wesley of works by Handel, Mozart, Bach and Pergolesi.

In addition to the music already mentioned, Add. 35007 contains two independent fugues. One, in C major, is copied very neatly with a thick-nibbed pen, probably not by Wesley himself. It is doubtful whether it dates from the same period as the rest of Add. 35007, containing much more three and four part writing than is usual in Wesley's fugues of the 1830s. Towards the end of the fugue, there is a passage where the inverted subject enters over a dominant pedal which is strikingly similar to the equivalent point in the last movement of the C major Duet of 1812 (Ex.89). The second fugue is the one which has acquired some fame (and a modern edition) because it is thought that Wesley played it to Mendelssohn and because it is certainly Wesley's last composition for the organ. In fact, however, the circumstances surrounding its composition are none too clear. There are two descriptions of Wesley's meeting with Mendelssohn, the contemporary account in The Musical World, and that of C.W.Pearce in his Old London City Churches of 1909 which draws on the author's conversations with Eliza Wesley. Unfortunately neither source tells how Eliza came to meet Mendelssohn on Thursday, September 7th 1837, but on that occasion Mendelssohn gave her a two line composition entitled Quartett? signed and dated

(Ex.90). Two days later Wesley completed his Fugue composed expressly for Dr. Mendelssohn which uses as its subject the first six bars of Mendelssohn's "album leaf". It does at least seem clear that Wesley's Fugue in B minor is "on a subject by Mendelssohn", although, as far as I know, no one has suggested it before. On Sunday, September 10th, Mendelssohn played at St. Paul's, but it is clear from Pearce's account that Wesley did not hear him until Tuesday when he played at Christ Church Newgate Street. He quotes Wesley as saying to his daughter, "Do you say this young man plays more finely than Adams? I think Adams has the finest finger in Europe!" The fact that Mendelssohn and Wesley evidently did not meet before September 12th makes it clearer than ever that Wesley borrowed his subject from Mendelssohn and not the other way about as has been assumed hitherto. However, there is no telling how closely Wesley's actual performance before Mendelssohn followed the written music, if indeed there was any connection at all. It is clear from both accounts of the event that Wesley improvised. According to Pearce he told Eliza beforehand, "I have thought of my subject", and it is assumed that the subject was the one given to Eliza by Mendelssohn and that Wesley's fugue on the subject was composed as a preliminary sketch for this occasion. It seems unlikely that Wesley played the fugue as it stands, and cannot be proved that he played it in any form at all.

Sadly, if Mendelssohn composed the subject of the Fugue in B minor, Wesley loses the credit for the one feature of any distinction in the whole work. It must be one of the poorest compositions Wesley ever wrote. The counterpoint to the answer, almost completely lacking in melodic distinction and rhythmic independence (Ex.91), is representative of the fugue as a whole, although Wesley does achieve an ending which is effective, if not an undue strain on his skill as a composer, by restating the subject in octaves as he had done in the Voluntary in F the previous year.

EX.87

A single staff of music in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, starting on G2 and moving generally upwards with some chromaticism.

EX.88

The first system of a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The treble staff contains a complex melodic line with many sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a simpler accompaniment. A measure rest of 45 is indicated in the middle of the system.

The second system of a grand staff. It continues the melodic and accompaniment lines from the first system. The treble staff features a dense texture of sixteenth notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

The third system of a grand staff. It continues the melodic and accompaniment lines. A measure rest of 50 is indicated in the middle of the system. The treble staff continues with its intricate sixteenth-note patterns.

The fourth system of a grand staff. It concludes the piece with a few final chords in both the treble and bass staves. The treble staff has a few notes, and the bass staff has a few notes, ending with a double bar line.

EX.89

Fugue in C

EX.90 Quartett?

Moderato

EX.91

APPENDIX

AN INDEX OF WESLEY'S ORGAN WORKS.

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Works are numbered in one sequence throughout the index. Within each section all works which can be dated exactly or approximately, by composition or by publication, are listed in chronological order. Other works are placed at the end in their most likely chronological order.

A

Works for organ with other instruments.

1. Sinfonia obligato per violino, organo e violoncello
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35011 1781
Unpublished
2. Quintetto in A
In reality a three movement organ concerto with
an orchestra of strings and (in the finale) horns
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 c. 1787
3. Concerto in D
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35009 March 22nd 1800
Unpublished
4. Concerto in B flat
Organ part missing
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35009 c. 1811
Unpublished
5. Concerto in C
Organ part missing. The last movement is
based on Rule Britannia.
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35009 c. 1815
Unpublished

B

Duets

6. Duett for the Organ
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 14344 (Copy
by Vincent Novello) May 24th 1812
Unpublished in Wesley's lifetime. First
published in its original form in 1964
(Novello)
7. Introduction to the "St. Anne" Fugue
Ms. sources: British Museum Add. 14340 1814
Add. 14344
Royal College of Music Ms. 640
4029
Unpublished

Duets written to be played with Eliza Wesley
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 c. 1837
 Unpublished

8. Duetto I in D Andante
9. Duetto II in G Moderately Slow
10. Duetto III in F Moderately Slow
11. Duetto IV in A Lively
12. Duetto V in G
13. Duetto VI in B flat Moderately Slow - Lively
14. Duet in G Andante
 Incomplete (Primo: 27 bars, Secondo: 15 bars)

C

Duet Arrangements

15. Fugue in E flat (the "St. Anne") J.S. Bach 1814
 Ms. sources: British Museum Add. 14340
 14344
 Royal College of Music Ms. 640
 4029

Samuel and Charles Wesley had played a duet arrangement of this work as early as 1810. Unpublished.

Duet arrangements made for Eliza Wesley
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 c. 1837

16. Fugue in A flat (48 Preludes and Fugues Bk. I) J.S. Bach
 Transposed into A
17. Zadok the Priest Handel
18. O God when Thou Appearest Mozart
19. Minuet Mozart
20. Gloria Pergolesi

D

Voluntaries

21. Voluntary in D
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34996
 ("Samuel Wesley's first music book") c. 1774
 Unpublished
22. Voluntary in C
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34998 c. 1774
23. Voluntary in D
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 14340 16th May 1788
 Unpublished

24. Voluntary in D Op. 6 No. 1
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
25. Voluntary in C Op. 6 No. 2
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
26. Voluntary in C minor Op. 6 No. 3
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
27. Voluntary in G Op. 6 No. 4
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
28. Voluntary in D Op. 6 No. 5
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
29. Voluntary in C Op. 6 No. 6
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1800-1806
30. Voluntary in E flat Op. 6 No. 7
No ms. source.
Published: Birchall. Source: Royal College of Music 1806-1807
31. Voluntary in D Op. 6 No. 8
No ms. source.
Published: Birchall. Source: Royal College of Music 1807-1813
32. Voluntary in G minor Op. 6 No. 9
No ms. source.
Published: Birchall. Source: Royal College of Music 1807-1813
33. Voluntary in F Op. 6 No. 10
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35008 Jan. 1814
Published: Birchall. Source: Royal College of Music 1814
34. Voluntary in A Op. 6 No. 11
No ms. source.
Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music 1814-1817
35. Full Voluntary in D minor.
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms. 4025
(sketch of bars 82-101 of fugue with
its subject) 1816
Published by Clementi with Twelve Short Pieces
Source: British Museum. Entered at Stationers' Hall 7th June 1817
36. Voluntary in D
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34089
Very Slow - Fugue 8th Oct. 1817
Larghetto 18th Oct. 1817
Coda Oct. 1817
Unpublished
37. Voluntary in B flat (entitled "Voluntary 12th")
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34089
Slow - (2nd movement) 5th Nov. 1817
Moderately Slow 6th Nov. 1817
Unpublished

38. Voluntary in F Op.6 No.12
 No ms. source.
 Published: Hodson. Source: Royal College of Music c.1818
- A first set of three voluntaries for the organ,
 composed and inscribed to John Harding Esq.
 No ms. source.
 Published: Preston. Source: King's College Cambridge 1825
39. Voluntary No. 1 in D
40. Voluntary No. 2 in F
41. Voluntary No. 3 in D
- A second set of three voluntaries for the organ,
 composed and inscribed to John Harding Esq.
 No ms. source.
 Published: Preston. Source: King's College Cambridge 1825
42. Voluntary No. 4 in E minor
43. Voluntary No. 5 in C
44. Voluntary No. 6 in B flat
45. Voluntary in C minor inscribed to Thomas Adams
 Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4022
 (fugue only) 24th July 1826
 Published: D'Almaine & Co. Source: British Museum c.1834-1837
46. A Short and Familiar Voluntary for the Organ
 No ms. source.
 Published: Hodson. Source: British Museum
 Entered at Stationers' Hall 3rd Feb. 1827
47. Voluntary in B flat inscribed to Thomas Attwood
 Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms. 4028 27th Feb. 1829
 Published: Hodson. Source: British Museum
 Entered at Stationers' Hall 27th April 1830
48. A Loud Voluntary with Introduction and Fugue
 Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35008 6th Sept. 1830
 Published with Six Introductory Movements:
 Clementi, Collard & Collard
 Source: Royal College of Music 1831
- Six Organ Voluntaries composed for the use of
 Young Organists Op.36
 Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms. 4025
 Published: Dean. Source: British Museum 1831-1832
49. Voluntary in F Op.36 No. 1
50. Voluntary in A Op.36 No. 2
51. Voluntary in G Op.36 No. 3
52. Voluntary in B flat Op.36 No. 4
53. Voluntary in D Op.36 No. 5

54. Voluntary in C Op.36 No.6
55. Voluntary in A
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 1823-1836
Unpublished.
56. Voluntary in D
Ms. source: British Museum. Add. 35007 (f57,58) 1823-1836
Unpublished.
57. Voluntary in D
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 (f55,61,62) 1823-1836
Francis Routh suggests that these two separated movements belong to one voluntary in his book, Early English Organ Music. The first movement ends on an imperfect cadence.
Unpublished.
58. Voluntary in F
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 18th Oct. 1836
59. Introduction and Fugue in G
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35006 c.1837
Unpublished.
60. Introduction and Fugue in D minor
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35006 c.1837
Unpublished
61. Voluntary in C
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34089 No date ascertained
Unpublished
62. Voluntary in G inscribed to Thomas Adams.
No ms. source.
Published: only an arrangement on three staves by W.T.Best is now extant. Source: British Museum c.1830
- Six Fugues with Introductions, for Young Organists.
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms. 4025 c.1830
Unpublished.
63. Fugue No. 1 in D
64. Fugue No. 2 in B flat
65. Fugue No. 3 in F
66. Fugue No. 4 in F
67. Fugue No. 5 in E flat
68. Fugue No. 6 in C

E

Independent Fugues

Four Fugues for the Organ

Ms. source: British Museum Add. 34998
Unpublished

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69. Fugue in B flat
70. Fugue in G
71. Fugue in D minor
72. Fugue in G
73. Fugue in G
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35006 c.1837
Unpublished
74. Fugue in B minor "composed expressly for Dr. Mendelssohn"
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 9th Sept. 1837
Unpublished in Wesley's lifetime. First published
in 1962 (Hinrichsen)
75. Fugue in C
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 no date ascertained
Unpublished

F

Short Pieces

- Three Cornet Pieces
Ms source: British Museum Add. 34998 c.1774
Unpublished
76. Cornet Piece in D
77. Cornet Piece in D minor
78. Cornet Piece in B minor
79. Slow Movement in F
No ms. source extant.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short Organ Melodies"
from "an original ms. dated Sept. 9th 1800" 1848
80. Lento in F
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms. 4021 1810
Unpublished
- Twelve Short Pieces for the Organ with a Full Voluntary
added, inscribed to organists in general.
- (The Full Voluntary is listed under Voluntaries No.35)
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4025 10th July 1816
Published: Clementi. Source: British Museum
Entered at Stationers' Hall 7th June 1817
81. Short Piece No. 1 in G
82. Short Piece No. 2 in G
83. Short Piece No. 3 in G
84. Short Piece No. 4 in A minor.
85. Short Piece No. 5 in A minor
86. Short Piece No. 6 in A minor

87. Short Piece No. 7 in A minor
88. Short Piece No. 8 in F
89. Short Piece No. 9 in F
90. Short Piece No.10 in F
91. Short Piece No.11 in D
92. Short Piece (unnumbered) in D
93. Short Piece No.12 in D
94. Short Piece in C minor
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.2141b 24th June 1829
Unpublished
95. Grand Coronation March
No ms. source
Published: Willis. Source: British Museum 1830
- Six Introductory Movements for the Organ
Ms. source: see individual pieces
Published: Clementi, Collard & Collard.
Source: Royal College of Music 1831
96. Andante in D
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 (title A Desk
Voluntary No. 5)
97. Adagietto in E
No ms. source
98. Larghetto in F
Ms. source: British Museum Add.35007 (title A Desk
Voluntary No. 3) 27th Aug. 1830
99. Andante in A
No ms. source
100. Larghetto in C
No ms. source
101. Largo in E minor
Ms. source: British Museum Add.35007 (title A Desk
Voluntary No. 4)
102. Short Piece in C
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4025 c.1830
Unpublished.
This piece was apparently written with the
Six Fugues with Introductions for Young
Organists.
103. Pastoral Melody
No ms. source extant.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short Organ
Melodies" from "his own ms. dated Nov.28th 1831" 1848

104. Short Piece in C
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 1823-36
Unpublished.
105. Short Piece in D
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 1823-36
Unpublished.
- Four Short Preludes
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 c.1834
106. Prelude in C
107. Prelude in G
108. Prelude in D
109. Prelude in A
- Scraps for the Organ
Ms. sources: Royal College of Music Ms. 4021
Ms. 1151 no date ascertained
Unpublished in Wesley's lifetime. All four
pieces were published by Vincent Novello in
"Short Organ Melodies" (1848)
110. Aria in D minor (No.1 in Ms.4021, No.2 in Ms. 1151)
111. Larghetto in B flat (No.2 in Ms 4021, No.3 Lento, in Ms.1151)
112. Andante in G (No.3 in Ms.4021, No.1 in Ms.1151)
113. Vivace in E flat (No.4 in Ms.4021 and Ms.1151,
Allegretto cantabile in Ms.1151)
114. Air in C minor
Ms source: Royal College of Music Ms.640 no date ascertained
Unpublished in Wesley's lifetime. First
published in 1848 by Vincent Novello in
"Short Organ Melodies".
115. Diapason Melody in F
No ms. source.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short
Organ Melodies" 1848
116. Diapason Piece in G
No ms. source.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short
Organ Melodies" 1848
117. Diapason Piece in C
No ms. source.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short
Organ Melodies" 1848
118. Diapason Piece in A
No ms. source.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short
Organ Melodies" 1848

G

Variations and arrangements of popular tunes

119. An Old English Melody
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4038 June 1806
Unpublished in Wesley's lifetime. First
published in 1848 by Vincent Novello in
"Short Organ Melodies"
120. God Save the King (with 3 variations) in D
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4022
Published: W.& D.Galloway. Source: British
Museum c.1815
121. Rule Britannia (with 1 variation)
Ms. source: Royal College of Music Ms.4022
Published: W. & D. Galloway. Source:
British Museum c.1815
122. God Save the King (with 8 variations) in B flat
Ms. source: British Museum Add.34089 1st Dec.1817
Unpublished.
- The following four pieces are written partly on three
staves, and were probably performed with the help of
a second player.
123. Rousseau's Dream (with 1 variation)
Ms. source: British Museum Add.35007 1823-1836
Unpublished.
124. Rule Britannia
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 1823-1836
Unpublished.
125. Aileen Aroon
Ms. source: British Museum Add. 35007 1823-1836
Unpublished.
126. Coolun
Ms. source: British Museum Add.35007 1823-1836
Unpublished.
127. The Old Christmas Carol.
No ms. source.
Published by Vincent Novello in "Short
Organ Melodies" 1848

H

Works now lost

Little faith can be placed in the references in Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. It states that the list of Wesley's compositions which it contains was compiled with the help of Eliza Wesley, but it is inaccurate on many verifiable points. It includes a list of twelve organ concertos, but mentions no violin concertos, nine of which are still to be found in the British Museum. These apparently lost organ concertos are not included in this list since it is more than probable that Eliza Wesley confused the concertos for organ with those for violin. The other references are more reliable. They are the list of

published compositions which appeared with Wesley's obituary in The Musical World and contemporary advertisements.

128. A Book of Interludes for Young Organists.
 Published: Preston
 (by 1837) Coventry and Hollier
 Ref. (i) Advertisement in J.F.Danneley's Dictionary
 of Music (published by Preston) 1825
 Source: British Museum
 (ii) Obituary
129. Studio for the Organ exemplified in a series of exercises
 Published: D'Almaine & Co.
 Ref. Title page of Voluntary in C minor inscribed
 to Thomas Adams.
130. Voluntary in G dedicated to Henry Gauntlett
 Ref. (i) Obituary
 (ii) Grove
131. Voluntary in G minor dedicated to William Linley
 Ref. (i) Obituary
 (ii) Grove
132. Grand Fugue dedicated to William Drummer
 Published: Willis
 Ref. (i) Obituary ("contains the March from the
 Overture to the Ode to St.Cecilia's Day")
 (ii) Grove (here called a Voluntary)
133. A Second Voluntary dedicated to William Drummer.
 Ref. Grove
134. Fugue in D
 Published: Novello
 Ref. (i) Obituary
 (ii) Grove
135. Twelve Short Pieces with Grand Fugue
 Ref. Grove (listed in addition to the Twelve Short
 Pieces with a Full Voluntary added, but may none-
 theless be the same work.)
136. Characteristic Airs for the Seraphine
 Ref. Grove
137. Easy Voluntaries.
 Published: D'Almaine
 Ref. (i) Obituary
 (ii) Grove
- These are probably identical with the Voluntaries Op.36
 which were originally published by Dean, but are advertised
 by D'Almaine on the title page of the Voluntary in C minor
 inscribed to Thomas Adams. Op.36 is not mentioned in the
 obituary, but the list in Grove includes these Easy
 Voluntaries, Op.36, and the following work.
138. A Second Set of Easy Voluntaries.
 Ref. Grove

139. **Grand Duet.**
 Published: Lonsdale
 Ref. (i) Obituary
 (ii) Grove
140. **Grand Duet dedicated to F.Marshall.**
 Ref. Grove
 Grove lists three Grand Duets, the obituary two,
 in each case including the Duet in C.

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