

LAWES, HENRY.—Ayres and Dialogues for One, Two, and Three Voyces. Three Books. Folio.

T. H. for JOHN PLAYFORD. LONDON. 1653-55-58.
The Royal College of Music.

Portrait of the composer on titles of 1st and 2nd books.

WILSON, DR. JOHN.—Cheerfull Ayres or Ballads. First composed for one single Voice and since set for three Voices. Oblong quarto.

W. HALL for RIC. DAVIS. OXFORD. 1660.
Mr. J. F. R. Stainer.

The author refers to the shortcomings of the printer, an Oxford man, in the following terms: 'This being the first Essay (for ought we understand) of printing Musick that ever was in *Oxford*, and the Printers being unacquainted with such Work, hath occasioned the faults hereafter mentioned, in this single Book, the greater number whereof are the omission of Moods, which are supplied in the other two Parts, and will be easily mended with a pen in this. The consideration of what is here premised, with assurance that the other two Parts are more correct, and a promise of better care in what shall issue from this Presse for the future will (doubtlesse with unprejudic'd Persons) procure pardon for the present Errata.'

FORBES, JOHN.—Cantus, Songs and Fancies. To Thre, Foure, or Five Partes, both apt for Voices and Viols. With a briefe Introduction of Musick, As is taught in the Musick-Schole of Aberdene, by T. D. [Thomas Davidson]. Oblong quarto.

JOHN FORBES. ABERDEEN. 1662.
Mrs. Christie-Miller.

The only copy known: formerly in the library of George Chalmers. So far as at present known this is the only collection of secular music printed in Scotland during the 17th century. The three editions of the work differ slightly in their contents. Six of the songs in the first edition (1662) are omitted in the others. In the second edition (1666) three songs are added, which again are omitted in the third edition (1682), their place being taken by the 'Italian-Songs and New English-Ayres.' Although published in Scotland the work contains no distinctively *Scottish* music. The tunes have nothing in common with the lively popular airs