

PREFACE.

THE Chorus which here concludes the Psalm, and which is now published for the first time, was discovered amongst Mendelssohn's autograph MSS. before they left this country for the Imperial Library at Berlin, where they are now deposited. It is dated by its author "11th April, 1839," *i.e.*, some weeks after the first performance of the work at Leipzig on the 21st of the preceding February. It appeared likely that the newly discovered Chorus had been written to give a more complete finish to the Psalm than is given by the present Andante in G minor; and with this view the permission of Mendelssohn's family was obtained for its publication, and it was performed at the close of the Psalm at the Crystal Palace, under Mr. Manns's direction, on the 26th of February, 1876.

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