First Sounds To Be Practiced

The first labours of a pupil must be directed towards the practice of plain sounds. He must attack the note with a sharp stroke of the tongue and completely sustain the sound in all of its power and without undulations to the end of the notes full value; hemust never jerk the notes nor leave perceptible gaps between a note and the one which follows when there are several under the same slur. The notes ought never to be intermittent: they must have the same intensity, and the same power, whatever may be the intervals between them.

The movement (speed) of the following example is at the pleasure of the performer. The pupil who would learn to pitch the sound properly, will begin slowly, bearing in mind what I have before mentioned.

