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I am very impressed with this edition. Once again Alfred has done a excellent job. Following the Palmer ideal, Schneider has done extensive research and includes the edits in grey to distinguish from the original Bach. Some of the edits are superfluous - an musician with a half a brain would do them naturally - but overall this edition does a great job of presenting Bach’s intent and if nothing else provide a relief from the cluttered mess of a Schirmer edition.

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