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THE LITURGICAL USE OF ENGLISH HYMNS.*

I.

THE DENOMINATIONAL DIVISIONS OF CHURCH SONG AT THE RESTORATION.

We have considered the development of the English Hymn from the metrical Psalm. As the metrical Psalm had been originally cast into the mould of the congregational Hymn, the change was in the subject matter rather than in the form. This change we have followed through its several phases, from a close translation of canonical Scripture, to a freer paraphrase first of Psalms then of other Scriptural songs, and up to the point where the purpose of turning Scriptural materials into metre met the impulse to give lyrical form to devotional poetry, and coincided in the production of Hymns, freely composed and yet more or less based upon Scripture.

The movement toward hymns was always a liturgical one. It had for its motive the enrichment of English worship rather than of English literature. The same thing was true of the Hymn movement in the period following the Restoration. But what gave it special significance was the weakened hold of the old Psalmody upon the people, the number of men who concerned themselves with the new movement, and the acceptable character of the new hymns themselves. Under such conditions hymn singing

* Being the second of the lectures upon "The Hymnody of the English-speaking Churches", delivered on the L. P. Stone Foundation at Princeton Theological Seminary, in February, 1910.

"It is hardly possible to ignore this one great known law of character-making, which the social consciousness so presses upon us in any thinking that is for a moment worth while concerning our redemption by Christ" (p. 147). And again: "Something of the much that that involves we have been trying to point out" (p. 222), where the word "richness" could easily have been repeated in place of "much", also "I know of no more convincing putting of the matter" (p. 239). And the title to chapter xi.: "The influence of the deepening sense of the mutual influences of men upon theology" (p. 136). Even a philosopher dare not abuse his right to create his own style; for no one cares to read a book twice in this way.

At the beginning there is an excellent table of contents which is really a summary, and the whole material is analyzed in a way that brings out the author's thought at a glance. To this important help a good index is added at the close.

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NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM. By T. B. KILPATRICK, D.D., S.T.D., Knox College, Toronto. Appendices prepared by J. G. Shearer, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Moral and Social Reform, and of Evangelism, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. New York: George H. Doran Company. 1911. 12mo, pp. xii, 313. Price, \$1.25 net.

In this timely volume Prof. Kilpatrick sets forth in a scholarly and practical way his conviction that evangelism must have the primacy in the work of the church. The discussion moves along three main lines. In Part I (pp. 3-87), the author develops the teaching of the Scriptures on the subject of evangelism, dealing in succession with the general features and the central proclamation of the gospel in the Old and New Testaments; the preparation of the messengers, and the methods they used; the reception of the message (faith, repentance, regeneration, and conversion); the meaning of evangelism; its place in the ministry of the church; the tests of revivals (the purity and completeness of the message, the character of the evangelist, the depth, extension, and permanence of the experience). Part II gives a sketch, within the compass of fifty pages, of evangelism in the church of the Middle Ages and in the churches of the Reformation, including the more important British and American revivals of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. A succinct but instructive account is given of Mr. Moody's message, methods, power, and educational work.

Part III (pp. 141-251) is a helpful discussion of "Evangelism in the Modern Church". Having emphasized the need of divine power for this ministry, and having considered the Scriptural assurances concerning the aid of the Spirit and the conditions for the realization of these promises, the writer offers various suggestions in regard to the spheres of evangelism—the home, the congregation, and the community. Stress is laid upon pastoral and individual evangelistic effort, while at the same time the benefits of occasional interdenominational action are

duly appreciated. In discussing the training of the evangelist, the author insists that while the pastor is the chief agent in this work there must also be specially trained men for such fields as the Y. M. C. A., the institutional church, and the various missions among soldiers, sailors, railway men, prisoners, social outcasts, and the like. Judicious counsels are offered in regard to the particular courses of instruction that the regular and the special evangelist ought to pursue.

Dr. Shearer's appendices deal with a particular phase of the problem, the so-called simultaneous evangelistic campaigns; the preparation for such a mission, the methods by which it is to be conducted, and the means by which its results are to be conserved.

In conclusion, Dr. Kilpatrick publishes a letter to a young missionary which abounds in wise remarks on such important matters as personal preparation for evangelistic work, the sort of preaching that is required, the need of personal work and of a behavior that becomes the winner of souls.

We cannot forebear expressing the conviction and hope that this instructive, well-balanced and practical treatment of biblical, historical and applied evangelism will be a valuable aid to all interested in the theory or practice of this branch of the homiletic art.

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A TREATISE ON THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SERMONS, By JOHN A. BROADUS, D.D., LL.D., author of "A Harmony of the Gospels", "History of Preaching", Commentary on Matthew", etc. New (twenty-ninth) edition, edited by Edwin Charles Dargan, D.D., Professor of Homiletics in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. New York: George H. Doran Company. 12mo, pp. xv, 562. Price \$1.50 net.

The present edition of this work, originally published in 1820, is a reprint of the twenty-third, the first edition prepared, in 1897, by the author's colleague, Dr. Dargan. During these forty-two years of its history this manual has become the most popular and widely-read text-book on homiletics in this country. The well-known merits of the work are the sufficient guarantee that its usefulness to theological students and ministers of the gospel will continue for many years to come. It gives us pleasure, in this purely formal notice, to call attention to the latest edition of this celebrated homiletic treatise.

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THE PEDAGOGICS OF PREACHING. Being the Substance of Lectures given at the Hartley College, Manchester, in 1910 and in 1911. By THISELTON MARK, D.Lit., B.Sc., Lecturer on Education at the University of Manchester, and on Sunday-School Pedagogics at Theological Colleges affiliated with the University Faculty of Theology; Author of "The Teacher and the Child", "The Unfolding of Personality as the Chief Aim in Education". Fleming H. Revell Company, 1911. 12mo, pp. 92. Net 50 cents.

By the small size of this volume we are reminded at the outset that