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## WORSHIP OF EARTH, vs. THE WORSHIP OF HEAVEN.

How soothing it is to be singing  
The hymns which so sweetly reveal,  
The things which on sacred subjects  
I am feeling, or think that I feel.  
To say that in grief I languish,  
Or my heart feels like a stone,  
Or declare that in every trial  
I can say "Thy will be done!"

It makes me feel so religious,  
My sentiments thus to paint,  
As if round my brow there was shining  
The beautiful crown of the saint.  
It is true that the saints and the angels  
Don't speak of their feelings at all,  
As in worship and praise never ending,  
At the Throne of the Godhead they fall.

I am fond of the singular person,  
And to sing about "I" and "me,"  
They love to exalt the Incarnate,  
And worship the One in Three.

And perhaps it would seem peculiar,  
And just a trifle unreal,  
If the saints should begin in chorus  
To sing "Oh how saintly I feel!"

Shall I ever grow like them, I wonder,  
Will my views on this subject change?

And the glad new song of Heaven  
Seem a thing not wholly strange.  
Perhaps after all 'twill be better  
To practise it here below

That when "I" and "me" are forgotten,  
I the meaning of worship may know.

## "MISSIONS" vs. "REVIVALS."

BETWEEN Missions and Revivals in their true sense there is no antagonism, for the second is the consequence of the first. A Mission, rightly understood, is a message from God to spiritually revive and arouse the sinful, and bring them to repentance, faith, and works acceptable to God, and purifying and comforting to themselves,—to revive flagging zeal and waning love in professors of religion, and to bring all to a realizing sense of the great doctrines of the Incarnation and the Atonement, a loving and reverent and constant use of the Sacraments and means of grace, by which we touch the hem of Christ's garment, and are united to Him by that virtue which is drawn out of Him by the touch of faith of those who thus sacramentally are made "members of His Body, of His Flesh, and of His Bones."

A Mission, thus understood and acted upon strikes at the root of selfishness, which is the opposite of Charity. It takes men out of self to God. It acts