

HYMN

he pays eloquent tribute to the power of song and to its effect upon character and conduct. The natural language of men sing effectively is

has power whenever such emotions to which it is said that the Swiss lovers of their country, foreign land hearing

awakens, memories of the
and snowy mountains, of
quiet home village, of
vineyards, of all the scenes
they have lived and labored
song which is associated
they die of homesickness
the power of song which
such deep emotion as the
ism of the Swiss.

The two great fountains
always been love and religion.

once a poet. I suspect
of us has written or has
a love song at some time
serious, however, are
moments when the soul,
shadow or ascending to
places, under the touch
Maker, thrills and throbs
into song. Song and truth

my soul, stretch every ne
other individual and sing

...effective and inspi...

not a hymn. But when in this way, "Lord of all afar," he is complying with the requirement of a hymn. It is required that a hymn shall praise and worship. The Lord in the Temple addressed him, but you could scarcely expect a prayer. And a man

address poetry to God and removed from the true catholic hymn. A hymn is to be praise and worship of God, ought to realize that as we sing that in our singing we approach blasphemy. We must be reverent and even dignified.

her. The singing of a hymn joyful act of worship, and study carefully this hymn to you will see that throughout praise and adoration. A not teach doctrine. We sing "Holy, holy, holy Lord God." We admire it, and the grander compositions in our that are better adapted to praise, but it violates this, being the doctrine of the Trinity.

excellent, however, that think of refusing to sing it a hymn should be metric, that it can be readily set to hymn ought to fit the music ought to harmonize hymn. In this matter the fitness which ought never to There are some tunes which would scarcely like to as hymns. Beecher describes music thus: "Musical more on their organ, playing a

rattling all sorts of waltzes and
leg stretched out here and there
it sound like Sunday morn-
hymns are too stately to
measures. These, then, are
requirements of a good hymn
a great wealth of song will
meet these requirements, but
its place, and much of what
best hymns in fervor and
the soul. I will mention
composition of exceeding
power and one which is
Ray.

He received a call
London, and decided
his household goods
aded on to the wage

to transport them, and he and his wife were ready to take their share. The congregation gathered around the casket, and their expressions of grief were touching. He felt that the ties which bound him to the church must not be severed, so he decided to have the furniture used in the church going back into the house.

I will ask your attention of the Bible hymns. Song has been the handmaid of religion early in the history of Israel singing and hymns. The

hymn is that of Moses and
of Israel in celebration of
from their Egyptian pursue
in Ex., 15th chap., and
"I will sing unto the Lord,
triumphed gloriously, the
rider hath He thrown into
the 5th Chapter of the Book

we and the song of Deborah beginning, "Praise ye the Lord avenging of Israel when they willingly offered themselves." The blood now as we read it Psalms of David. The depths of religious experience find better expression than the great songs of ancient Israel.

inspiration may be discern hymn worthy of a place in worship. They have expressed the feelings of Christ time. Since the beginning has been singing these psalms has not sung them dry yet.

Coming to the New Testament find three great hymns of the advent of Christ. The Episcopal churches seem to have appropriated these hymns to their use. They are sung regularly in services.

nificat, "And Mary said," 46-55). It is of such surpassing importance that many are unwilling to let Mary, a simple and untutored

girl, could have given utterance to. Then we have the song of the Nunc Dimittis, beginning test thou thy servant depositions and the angels' song, "Gloria in excelsis deo," the highest and on earth will to men." How we have heard the angels sing, perhaps we shall some day hear the angels sing the hymns of the Bible we have heard and inspiration of all hymnody, the great chorals

sons at various times. . . The
had many hymn-writers, so
true poetic souls, filled w
fire, and others whose pro

