

"Much More."

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God's care for us is shown in word and deed, Our wants supplied from his exhaustless store; Through life and death He'll always safely lead, His help is all-sufficient and "much more."

The Saviour thus made known God's wondrous love, That though we are evil and weak and poor; Our goodly gifts parental kindness prove, God's gifts to us are better and "much more."

While yet in sin the Saviour for us died, To open wide for all the Gospel door; That by His blood we might be justified, For grace is all-sufficient and "much more."

As enemies we stood aloof from God, And in our hearts malignant malice bore; Now we're reconciled by Christ's precious blood, His life will surely save us and "much more."

For if by one man's sin death reigned by one, It is through one the condemnation's o'er; Thus by God's power a glorious triumph's won, Death's fall is swallowed up in life "much more."

Oh, for God's wise and philanthropic plan! Let ev'ry heart in gratitude adore; Though sin abounded in the heart of man, Supernal grace abounded too "much more."

Walkerton. *Matt. vii. 11, and Rom. v.

Unscriptural Hymns.

It is generally conceded that a "poet's license" be allowed those who write verse; a license for flights of the imagination and extravagant exaggeration; but, surely, in the composition of hymns, which are intended for public worship, scriptural truth ought to be strictly adhered to.

We probably have in use hymns as scriptural as any religious body of worshippers, and yet there are a few exceptions:

That very popular verse called the Doxology is questionable with regard to the ascription of praise to the "Holy Ghost," and is apologetically inserted in our collection. We cannot be too careful in all our writings and discourses not to speculate or even attempt to reason on the persons of the Godhead. The only safe and reverential course is to accept the Bible terms and follow the examples of the inspired writers. The name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are as mysterious as they are grand in regard to their nature and union. Yet the personal work of each is revealed, and, by that revelation, we can be safely guided; it is presumption to go beyond this. Thus we are assured that the Holy Spirit inspired the prophets and apostles, and descended in the shape of a dove upon the Saviour at His baptism; but, if we are right, there is not a single instance of prayer or praise addressed to the Holy Spirit in the whole of the Bible.

It is a long time since I read the debate between Alex. Campbell and Rice, but, if I remember right, one proposition was upon this subject, and that Rice could not bring a single scripture for the worship of the Holy Spirit.

There is a mistake in hymn No. 280: "Dark was the night and cold the ground." Now, as this touching hymn is concerning our Saviour's agony in

the garden, it was not "dark," but in the full-moon of the paschal hours.

We have also in hymn No. 261, and the last verse, the following words: "I am resolved to try." The resolution for an experiment in the face of the Saviour's words, "whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

Also of a similar character in hymn 632: "Pass me not, O gentle Saviour!" as if he did or ever will pass, unheeded, any believing penitent!

But these few examples are enough for the present; all I wish to enjoin is a conscientious and scriptural way of carrying out the injunctions to sing with the spirit and with the understanding. E. SHEPPARD.

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