

choir had it to themselves. The organist, however, helped them by throwing in apparently a double quantity of notes. Afterwards we had a very interesting missionary meeting; the church very crowded. Our choir started well with Old Hundred, and the large church fairly shook with the sound poured forth by the great congregation. After solemn addresses, it was hoped that the congregation would all again join in the farewell hymns, for they showed they had the heart to do it. But no; they were forced to listen to the choir. It was downright robbery! It was robbing the congregation of the Christian's privilege. It was robbing the missionaries of the congregation's sympathy going forth with their voices; and it was, *as most of choir singing is, robbing God of that praise and worship which a Christian congregation should give him.* The papers wisely omitted to state, in giving an account of the meeting, that the proceedings were made more entertaining by the able assistance of Dr. So-and-So's choir. It is said that in Dr. Alexander's church, on the Fifth-Avenue, they have gone back to the old custom of having the leader under the pulpit, stopping the extra flourishes of the organ, and the people singing praises themselves, instead of doing it by proxy. It is to be hoped others will follow their example. Those who have not the heart to praise here, have reason to doubt whether they will ever join in the praises of heaven. There is no religion by proxy nor performances there. Christians arouse to your duty and your privilege. Have you nothing to praise your God and Redeemer for? "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts, to the Lord." Say with the Psalmist, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Will not you especially, whom the Holy Ghost has made overseers, take heed, therefore, unto yourselves and to all the flock in regard to this evil?—*Christian Intelligencer.*

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God has never promised a charter of exemptions *from* trouble, but He hath promised to be with us *in* trouble. Better be in a prison with God's presence and promises, than on a throne without them.—*Rev. Thomas Watson.*