

may break down prejudice and open the way to genuine sympathy.

### **The Singing of Hymns**

Not all of the best missionary hymns are found in that division of the hymnal labeled "Missions." An examination of a number of popular Sunday-school songbooks showed that not only were the titles of most of the songs decidedly individualistic, with the pronouns "I," "me," "my," "mine," etc., predominant, but also the sentiment was selfish. The Missionary Committee can help the superintendent and the precentor to discover the best hymns, those conveying the meanings of the majesty of the universal power and love of God, the breadth of his mercy, the racial aspects of the death of Christ, the world-wide extension of the kingdom of Christ, the strength of the Church universal and the joy and blessedness of the life of Christian service. Such hymns may be found, and already the newer emphasis on the altruistic and social messages of the gospel are finding expression in hymnology.

Whether or not these hymns convey their missionary meanings will depend on the way in which they are introduced. For instance, "The Church's One Foundation" is full of