

is in an unsatisfactory condition; so says Dr. Dix, who ought to know if anybody knows. He says:—

“Expensive churches require popular music as well as popular preaching. Instead of hearty congregational singing, we find the involutions, evolutions and convolutions of quartette choirs, or else the faultless execution of a soloist, paid \$2,000 a year for singing two sacred songs one day in the week.”

Any Christian man will confess there is something wrong here. And what is needed? What are the requisites of church music? First of all, that it should be devotional—of the very essence of worship.

#### CONTINUITY OF SCRIPTURE.

UNDER this title William Page Wood, Vice-Chancellor of England, has published a compilation of Scripture, showing how the books of the Old Testament are quoted by our Lord and His Apostles. We quote a brief extract from his preface, but advise our readers to see the book for themselves, as the passages, when in juxtaposition, are more striking:—

“Believers, especially of late, may have been perplexed by the alleged discovery, on the part of men of learning, that much of the Old Testament has been erroneously accepted as the authentic writing of the several authors to whom the books are attributed; or unduly credited with a prophetic character. He may have neither time, nor learning, nor judgment to sift or to decide upon such alleged discoveries; but if he have not been shaken in his faith in Christ he will at once perceive that if Christ be very God His Word must be

conclusive on either the authenticity or the value of the writings of the Old Testament. He must again, if he believes the books of the New Testament to be written by men who were themselves taught by Christ and assisted by the Holy Spirit, who was to lead them into all truth, at once conclude that any opinion of such writers outweighs whole volumes of controversy. I believe very few persons know how many books of the Old Testament have been stamped with the approval of this really ‘high criticism.’ For instance, our Lord has not only recognized the whole body of the Old Testament, included by the Jews in the three-fold division of the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets, has not only told us that ‘they testify of Him,’ but has cited or directly referred to passages from every book of the Pentateuch, and has in like manner borne testimony to the following books: The First of Samuel, the two books of Kings, the Second Book of Chronicles, the Psalms, and to the Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The writers of the New Testament again, as distinguished from our Lord Himself, will be found to cite or directly refer to every book of the Old Testament with the exception of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Song of Solomon, Lamentations of Jeremiah, Jonah, Obadiah, Nahum and Zephaniah; but as our Lord refers to Jonah, and as portions of our Lord’s genealogy appear to be taken from Ezra and Nehemiah, we have only six books out of the thirty-nine constituting the Old Testament which are not referred to in the New.”