

of hymns. Has he a talent entrusted to him which he is bound to employ in the Master's service, or is it only a rudimentary tendency which must be repressed or indulged in only as a pastime? To help him to decide the question, he has ventured to publish this volume. As far as the "Poems," are concerned he is not very careful what verdict may be passed, as he has no intentions of writing others. In regard to the "Hymns," if he finds that the opinions of God's people are favorable, he will be encouraged to persevere in a work, in prosecuting which he might otherwise feel irresolute.

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