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OUR LORD'S TEACHING CONCERNING HIMSELF.

SECONDLY—OUR LORD'S TEACHING CONCERNING HIS MISSION.

Our Lord laid great emphasis upon His Mission. Again and again He describes Himself as sent forth from God. "I came forth," He says, "and am come from God; neither have I come of Myself, but He sent Me." "The living Father sent Me." And generally where it is expressly affirmed that the Father sent the Son, the word used—ἀποστέλλω—conveys the idea that the Son is the delegate, the envoy and representative of the Father. Our Lord, as Westcott notes, "presents His own Mission as the one abiding Mission of the Father." Moreover, Christ's Mission is grounded in His Person. He is not the Son of God because He is sent, but He is sent because He is the Son of God. And in order to fulfill His Mission He became Son of Man. As Son of God He is qualified to be the representative of the Father; and as Son of Man He makes the Father accessible to us. In our Lord's Mission three distinct correlated functions may be distinguished—Revelation, Redemption and Judgment.

The first of these functions belongs to the Prophetic office of Christ, the second to His Priestly office, and the third to His Kingly office. In the three combined there is given the complete conception of the mediatorial work of Christ as foreshadowed in the institutions of the Old Dispensation, and as disclosed in the work and death of the Incarnate Lord Himself.

There is a profound significance in these functions. On the one

ody, and the metrical psalm versions beginning with that of Geneva. Chapter VI considers various attempts to determine what hymns have actually gained widest approval in the Church, and seeks to learn the indispensable qualities of a true hymn. What may be called the body of the book deals specifically with English hymns, whose writing the author divides into three periods. The method is to fix the student's attention only upon representative writers and their principal hymns, and not to burden him with the mass of details with which a hymnologist must deal. The selection of names is truly representative, though the inclusion of "Mrs. Vokes" (to whom B. H. Draper's hymns are ascribed) occasions surprise. The third period, beginning with 1850, is treated as one of decadence, in which "it would almost seem as though the ability of original utterance in sacred song of high character were departing from the church." This is defiance, indeed, of Mr. Garret Horder, and of the views he recently came across the water to express to us. On the whole Dr. Breed's review of English hymns is full of interest. It has a value far beyond the amount of information furnished in that it is calculated to win the student to a quickened and more intelligent interest in hymns.

It is a criticism not so much of Dr. Breed's book as of all hymnologies to say that its history of hymns is a history of hymn-making rather than of hymn-using, the literary rather than the liturgical history of hymns. Not here (and indeed where?) does the student find an account of the origins of the hymn-form, its adoption and development in connection with the Divine Office, the contrasted Reformation dealings with the hymn, its final vindication in the Psalmody controversy, the beginnings and evolution of the hymn book, and the true ideal and right use of the latter.

If such be not the natural method of dealing with hymns, it is at all events not unlike that chosen by Dr. Breed for dealing with the tunes, which are the theme of the Second Part of his book. He gives us the evolution of the hymn-tune form, from its beginnings to its culmination in the modern Anglican School, and traces the reaction for which Mr. Moody must be held responsible. In so doing he introduces many theological students into what is to them a new world, and proves both a safe and considerate guide. His handling of the subject from the practical side must commend itself to all who care for church praise.

After a temperate and wise discussion of the so-called "Gospel Songs," the book closes with a chapter which is a powerful plea for the proper coördination of preaching and praise. We are confident that Dr. Breed's book will help to bring about that desirable end.

Philadelphia.

LOUIS F. BENSON.

THE AMERICAN REVISIONS OF WATTS'S PSALMS. By LOUIS F. BENSON, D.D. Philadelphia: The Presbyterian Historical Society, 1903. 8vo, pp. 32.

In the number of this REVIEW for July, 1903 (p. 501), attention was called to two papers by Dr. Benson, in which some features of the early history of Dr. Watts's hymnological work were investigated. In the interesting paper now before us a valuable study is given us of the efforts that were made to adapt Dr. Watts's Psalms to the use of the American Churches. The necessity of such adaptation arose from Dr. Watts's habit of incorporating "local" features into his "imitations"—by which matter was introduced that was no longer acceptable to revolted America. The attempt to revise the text was begun betimes—Mycall's revision having been published before the treaty of peace was signed. Dr. Benson traces with exactness the suc-

cession of such revised editions—those of Mycall (1781), Barlow (1785), Thomas (1786), Dwight (1801), being the important items,—and gives a sufficing account of each undertaking in its chief issues and variations. The most interesting episode in the history concerns the substitution of Dwight's for Barlow's revision. This Dr. Benson treats with some fullness and with eminent judiciousness. The pamphlet is a marvel of exact and lucid bibliography.

Princeton.

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REX CHRISTUS. An Outline Study of China. By ARTHUR H. SMITH. New York and London: The Macmillan Co., 1903. 12mo, pp. 256. 50 cts.

This volume is the third in the series of text-books issued by the Central Committee on the United Study of Missions, organized by the Woman's Societies at the time of the Ecumenical Conference. The first of the series, *Via Christi*, tracing the history of missions from Paul to Carey, has had a sale of 40,000, and the second, *Lux Christi, an Outline Study of India*, of 45,000 copies. That these are text-books designed as the basis for extended courses of study by mission classes adds significance to these numbers in evidencing the extent of the intelligent interest in missions upon the part of the women of the Church. The Committee assured success for their text-book upon China when they secured Dr. Arthur H. Smith, author of *Chinese Characteristics*, etc., for its author; for no one knows the Chinese better, or can tell what he knows as well as this veteran missionary. After he has passed the task of condensing the history and geography of the great empire into the forty pages of the first chapter, not even the compacted brevity of a manual can restrain Dr. Smith from the brilliancy of style and vividness of portrayal characteristic of his other books. In his chapters on the Religion and the People of China the very spirit of the Chinese and their faiths is given expression. His expositions of the "Solidarity of Chinese Society," of "the Talent for Indirection," of "the Sentiment toward Foreigners," of "a Chinese Scholar's View of Christianity," and of "Saving the 'Face,'" let in much light on the political and missionary problems of China. Christian missions from the earliest times in their salient features and notable personalities are reviewed by periods, and the title of the last chapter, "An Open Door of Opportunity," gives the veteran observer's judgment of the missionary situation. The Boxer movement tested the Church as by fire, consuming some dross, but it emerges purified and strengthened, better fitted to receive the larger numbers who are being drawn by the Gospel. Each chapter is concluded by "Significant Sentences" from authorities upon China, chronological tables of events, "Themes for Study" and a carefully prepared bibliography upon the topic of the chapter.

Women should not be allowed to enjoy a monopoly of this book.

Princeton, N. J.

PAUL MARTIN.

SHALL I UNITE WITH THE CHURCH? By WILLIAM BRYANT. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1903. Pp. 26. 5 cents.

This little pamphlet answers the question of the title and shows how church membership may be worthily maintained. Seventeen succinctly stated counsels form the headings of the paragraphs which are in simple language, and are Biblical, practical and sensible. The tract will be found useful to put in the hands of those who are, or who ought to be, candidates for admission to the Church.

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