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(From the Western Pulpit.) SACRED MUSIC.

BY REV. E. O. HAVEN, D. D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF "It is good to sing praises unto our God." PSALMS exlvii: 1. "And when they had sung a lymn they went out into the Mount of Olives." MATTREW XXVI: 80.

(Concluded.) There are some who acknowledge the power and propriety of sacred song in divine worship. who acuy the propriety of instrumental music for such a purpose. Is there any prayer o praise in the whistling of the wind through as organ pipe, or the vibrations of a reed or string Is not such a practice as useless as that of som heathens, who attach a written prayer to a winmill and let he revolve? To those who would seriously proposes such a question, perhaps mus is utterly useless as an aid to worship, but the must not judge other's by themselves. Music h Delays incident to a change of management of the last tution prevent us from giving, at present, full particulars; but an arrangement will be made whereby sactisfaction, it is hoped, will be given to all who may favor the institution with their patronage.

W. J. HIGGINS, from unworthy or incor grnous a sociations; it be either plaintive, to suggest penitence, lively and exhilarating, to express joy, or de and profound, to express rev. rence, and aided the associations of a house of worship, or a conv cation assembled for religious services, and the are few hearts who will not be assisted in th thoughtful approaches to the Div ine One by A LBERTINE OIL .- The Albertine Oil Company strumental music alone. If educa 'ion is need to qualify one for this advantage, le the education be sought, and not the aid be a iscarded Said John Wesley in his Journal, writ ten in old age, speaking of a service in a larg e Ch u on Good Friday: "We administered the sa ment to about thirteen hundred persons. we were administering, I heard a low, so ft, lemn sound, just like that of an æolian harp. continued five or six minutes, and so affect many that they could not refrain from tears. then gradually died away." Did that indic weakness, or rather real strength and enline. the part of those who were so deer, y affect "Music," as has been well remarked by an ac and original thinker, "is an intellecte al or a sual pleasure, according to the temp ramen him who hears it." Those who are proinstructed are aided in worship by approp music alone.

Indeed, we have here a general princip much wider application. There are anany art may be allied to worship. Archite et ure, ing and sculpture may be tributary to pray praise. It is only needful that we sho uld familiar with them as not to think of the artists, but to receive unconsciously the err in tion, and thus be borne on the wing a of co emotion into the deepest commun ion wit Author of our being.

Various opinions have been on the most appropriate way of work God by sacred song. The 1 nost controversy on this subject has b own up question whether singing in chu rches be by select choirs or by the whole have carefully studied the argu ments parties, and find each party correct of their own practice, and faulty i n the tion of the other practice. In oth prohib lieve both parties are right, and to

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We are asked if it is the duty to praise God, and not the duty of it is the duty of all. But does 1 who gives his attention to the m words of sacred song praise God, own voice is not employed? How leads the congregation in prayer? er of one or of all who unite with

There are certain effects pro duet, quartette, and choir singit that cannot be obtained by cong ing: there is a delicacy and puri and power of expression that can commanded. Now the best of 1 employed in worship-such only by a few well trained voices. The practice of the most ancient time or antiphonal music was emplo brew temple, in the synagogues, congregations in primitive days. heard strains of music, from wel voices, appropriate to words of tion and praise, that have stirre inmost depths? Shall the chu of this agency? Never, so lon

At the same time the defen tional singing can with equal t his cause. If ever music produ gennine sublimity, it is when an gation, in some grand temple, o join in perfect time, and with lond voice, in some such hyu mous words-

good taste prevail,

"Eine feste Burg ist uns in the well known dexology . " Praise God, from whom all b Indeed, there are some tunes t preciated till heard rendered

thousands of voices -such "Coronation," "Mean" or congregation met to worship If there be a few who cann will find themselves, as it we common melody, and their he mon praise.

Both practices are right,

encouraged. Any church th either, deprives itself of adva be a choir in every church, every meeting should all th without In our social meetings, too, It has been said that the musical people. This, I be charge. It may be, and sufficient attention has not to this subject. The great generations has been to reup the prairies, boad house trol the forces of nature; of every kind, though i

of rous, and we have our s tion. All should be tau should families sing. daily family worship of andoubtedly have alread natural combinations of common aud strongest with slight variations, human history till nor the aurora of human er as long as the soul of familiar as household

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riumph maintain ces an emotion of immense congrer in the open air, a full heart and in as Luther's fa-

hat cannot be ap-I by hundreds or s "Old Hundred," Dundee," Every lod should sing .ot sing alone, they re, inspired by the

and both should be ne congregation sing. all should sing. Americans are not a lieve, is an unfounded indeed is a fact, that hitherto been devoted t business of our first move the forest, break but the artistic ability may have slumbered, guish. -it is still alive and vigohare of original artists, of if."

it. I will never touch a drop again. His wife smiled faintly, but made It was not the first time she had h

During all that night, George Re slept. Something seemed promptin upon his knees and cry for mercy whispered, " It is too late; there i von." Just at sunrise he fell int slumber, but awakened with a start ble dream of falling over a precipic The afternoon found him at the again, but he seemed to sink still d darkness, only occasionally a faint whispered, "There may be mercy " All this time he had said not but at length be could conceal hi to longer. One night he lay

asleep, and his wife, as she was doing, slipped quietty out of at confines itself to down to pray. At length he ra ntage. There should she started in terror, remember and at least once in usage, but heard instead, the brok ry, I'm lost; won't you pray for k My God, I thank thee!" so " Oh ! George, this is wh wife. praying for these many years and kneel down by me, and we' gether." Utterly broken down

side, and she poured out her ver that God would have mercy apo s, and subdue and con- you pray for yourself, George "Lord, save me! I perish "He will do it," she answer

cultivated; it is becom- . Utterly wearied at length, th art of our public educa-ght to sing. Especially t should be a part of the Fod. The best melodies ly been written. The se ment for their own workmen. sound that best express strangers. On the following sound that best express emotions have been sung, from the earliest ages of . Their origin is lost in istence. They will endure man. They should be as words to every person.—be, household sougs. Thus God at home, the whole is trained to her husband, "George do for dinner? There is not a "I don't know," he answer "Don't you think, if you Jameson, he might give you "I have been thinking or but my pride has kept me would never darken his door nothing else to do." So

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thoroughly discomposed, lost patience, and spoke the floor by his hands; another invariably propseveral sharp words all around; - the celestial | ped himself, while preaching, with his left arm peace was broken. The domestic trouble was af- another sipped at a tumbler of water at the end ter a while smoothed over and arranged, but she of every head in his discourse; another stood was vexed with literself, and somewhat vexed that with one hand behind him from the beginning to she should be met in the very outset of the week | the end of his sermon; the body of another by such a mortification.

Martha Bridget Body, the general factotum of all tail; another scratched his forehead; another the benevolent arrangements and sewing societies | jerked up his sleeves; another put himself every of the church, to hold a consultation with Mrs. five minutes into the attitude of a frog about to Morris-and as is very apt to be the case with plunge headlong into the creek-he squatted; these excellent people who gather a handful of seed out of everybody's vineyard, she dropped handkerchief, now removing it from his pocket d some grains of strife here and there among her and putting it under the Bible, and now returning good seed.

You know, Mrs. Morris," she said, "Mrs. gave too much a yard by sink Mrs. Brown shut, others with their countenance in a perpetual pe up for you. For my part I tu... thing her frown. Bad habits in the use of the voice are self; then Mrs. Simpkins said you didn't do yo.

part in having the society meet at your house; | p. and I put 'em in mind how you'd been afflicted, some be.. fa- and all that. I always stand up well to 'cm, I tell some are given to variations in voice of a startyou;" and then came another half hour of talk, ling and extraordina, explosiveness and abruptand the good soul went away, leaving the sting of two nettle strokes to inflaine in her listener's of their voice, and utter the remainder of it in a

"Why should I mind it?" she said to herself a ear from the other." dozen times that day; but she did mind it. It same with a vague sense of something disagreea- Deacon, "that our preachers do not become conble, even when she put it out of her mind.

It would seem as if the week so inauspiciously begun, was fated to poor Mrs. Morris. Her cook was in one of those surly periods to which the minds of most human beings are often subject, you and nobody can say why cooks shouldn't be all they do not become aware of their defects until lowed their ill humor sometimes, as well as their they are informed of them." betters.: at all events, Mrs. Morris' head woman had such phases, which were only borne in peace be more studious of themselves of how to do it mble [ second girl, a new hand, was well-meaning, but of such delicacy and importance?" blundering, and succeeded on Tuesday in breaking an elegant cut glass dish, which had come down as an heir-loom to Mrs. Morris from her preacher will pass a score of years in the pulpit mother's family. Had it been the death of a with some one, two or three grave blemishes in dish, she thought she did well to be angry, and removed forever. These blemishes hinder the was angry accordingly. In short so many mis- gospel. I speak of the matter with no more chances happened in this luckless week, that when warmth than it warrants. The preacher who dioke, I Sunday came again she seemed to herself like verts attention to the message that he delivers, some chilled, shipwrecked mariner, who crawls, to the singularity with which he delivers it, is shivering, on to a rock to dry his wet garments, hindering the message. I have known the handand look about him. What a difference between kerchief performances of a preacher to stop the this Sunday and the last!

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she said to her old Aunt Martha, who had come to who were already in it. And now you will, I If open | spend the day with her. "I really think if I had nothing to do but attend on the means of grace; if we could have constant Sabbaths, and prayers, and all ears; let me know the worst, and hymns, I might endure; but each week's cares seem to wash out what Sunday does."

unwind as you are doing it." "Do tell me, then what is the right end?"

"The right way is to call your crosses and than prayers, and psalms, and hymns, when you during the sermon, eight times. To confess the us Christ take them in that way. Your means of grace this week, have been your servants' ill tempers; and then the breaking of your glass dish; your children's lymn you | heedlessness; the little, unjust, provoking things ting? It people have said of you. Call these your means of grace, accept, value, use them as such, and ten all exyou will grow faster in religion than if you went to church every day of the week."

Mrs. Morris was silent. A whole new vein of thought was awakened within her.

ject to keep such tritles out of my mind in my Better let them in, and show them to Him.

"These little foolish things?" "It seems they are great enough to hinder

your peace; to stand in the way of your Christian life; if they can do that, they are not little things. Call them your lessons; take them into your prayers; speak freely to your Father of saved even them; look at them as the daily tasks He sets you; believe every one of them has an appointed meaning, and no church or sermon can do so much for you, My child, I had not been alive Larned to do this.'

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swayed to and fro, while preaching, like a sapling In the course of the forenoon came in Miss in a gentle breeze; another twitched at his coatit to his pocket again only to draw it forth imme-"Do he thought you hadn't shown good hand, while some preachers prefer to keep it those calicoes? She said you doubled up in the hand throughout the delivery three cents. I stood of their sermon; some preach with their eyes our of great number, variety and diversity; some

reachers clip their words, and some drawl them; llow, some wheeze, some mumble, while whisper that cannot be heard the distance of one

" Now, what astonishes me is," continued the scious, some time during their natural lives, of such marked defects as any of those that I have adverted to, and endeavour to remove them."

" Well, I don't know, Deacon; it seems to me that preachers are very much like other men;

"True, very true, but have they not reason to because of her general honesty and ability. The | and how not to do it-seeing that their work is "Undoubtedly."

"Yes, sir, it is a most aggravating fact, that a child, Mrs. Morris would have borne the stroke his oratory or appearance, which, once pointed like an angel, but as it was only her best cut glass out to him by a friendly critic, would have been ears of the nervous against him, to keep away "How am I ever to make progress in religion?" some from his sanctuary, and to turn away some know, take it is good part if-"

"Go on, Deacon, go on; I am at your feet

"Well, I was going to say that your own effectiveness in the pulpit would be greatly assisted "Daughter!" said Aunt Martha, "you haven't by letting your pocket handkerchief alone. How got hold of the right end of the skein. It won't many times do you suppose you took it from your pocket during your sermon last Sunday ?".

"Why, I do not recollect taking it out once." "So I suppose. You did neverthe ess take it your cares your means of grace. They are better from your pocket and return it to your pocket, truth, your handkerchief killed your sermon. If you should preach that sermon again without the handkerchief, the audience would not know it from a new sermon. Suppose you try it." " I will."

" Do, and take my advice concerning your pocket handkerchief : leave it at home, until you learn to confine it to those uses for which it was originally invented. You smile; but I am in sought was awakened within her.

"Now," said Aunt Martha, "have you told for the effective delivery of his discourse, that he your Father in heaven all these things you have been telling me?"

"These things! O, no! It has been my obten the tenance, eccentricity of clocution, and pervous

trick of fingers or of feet that may destroy or in any degree impair that effectives

THE MISTAKE SHALL WE DANCE, OR NOT DANCE ?

"Depend upon it, Dr. N-, you are making a great mistake. If you do not allow your chil dren to attend balls and dancing parties, you will cut them off from society. They will be such speckled birds, that all the young people will shun thene, and by and by you'll have a lot of mopes and maids.'

"I do not fear, Esquire W \_\_\_\_, that my children will suffer for want of society, if they do not frequent the midnight dance; neither do I consider those acquaintances most valuable which are made in scenes of mirth and revelry."

"I am sorry to see you so prejudiced, doctor; surely amusement is sometimes lawful, and the Bible itself proves this. For it expressly says, 'There is a time to dance.'

"Yes, and 'a time to kill,' also; so you can approve murder as well as dancing, esquire, by

the same chapter.' "Well, I couldn't have the heart to deprive

my children of so much innocent enjoyment; I should expect them to hate me if I showed so little care to make them happy. I am sure yours must think you very tyrannical. "My children seem happy and affectionate,

Esquire W ...... The time has been when they desired to participate in those amusements which you consider so essential to their respectability and comfort. But their mother and I have succeeded in convincing them that balls and dancing parties would be injurious to their health, unfavorable to their mental improvement, and hazardous to their spiritual interests. While we do not claim that dancing, as a physical exercise, is in itself sinful, yet we do see that, as practised in society, its uniform tendency is to create a disrelish for home duties and pleasures, an aversion to thaut soreness or intellectnal culture and serious thought, and an ike from another absolute neglect of all earnest and hearty religious life. We believe that our children have confidence in our affection, and do not feel the restric-, of sufficient con- tron from these amusements an act of parental tyremarked that I ranny. So I should not confess to the mistake ally censorship as with which you charge me; and if we live twenhuman preachers ty years, time will show which of us is right."

man ?) would not Only one of the speakers reached the standch as his of me. paint suggested by Dr. N. The only son of Esq. W --- was led by easy steps from the ball acquainted more room to the card table and drinking saloon. The fe, with a hundred habits and connexions thus formed proved his nber I do not recol- ruin. Gambling involved him in debt, to retrieve from one to which he borrowed without leave from his employer's funds. His hope two to rep