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PREFACE.

THE history and claims of THE PURITAN HYMN AND TUNE BOOK can be expressed in words. It has grown out of the necessities of the pastors and people, of those churches or whose auspices it appears, in their attempts to introduce "congregational singing." Look for helps, they found existing collections, designed for that purpose, TOO LARGE, cumbersome, and expensive, with so many hymns which are seldom or never read, and so many such which our congregations cannot sing, that they can be often used *only by the awkward management of singing a hymn in one part of the book to a tune in another.*

To remedy these difficulties the idea was suggested of preparing a comparatively small manual containing a few (38) tunes, standard, simple and familiar, such as we use at our social meetings and on anniversary occasions, when the people sing, adapted to a limited number of us, (387) selected by the pastors themselves, and, of course, regarded by them as the best in the range of their reading,—a task of no great difficulty, from the fact, which examination reveals, that our pastors and people read mainly the same hymns and sing the same tunes; themselves of this fact, and aided by such professional assistance as they needed, they prepared a book for their own necessities, developed in their attempts to promote singing in "great congregation," the social meeting, and around the fireside.

To these have been added several (29) "Special Hymns and Tunes," most of which have been long sung together that, in the popular mind, they seem wedded to each other—including a number (so called) "Revival Melodies"—which may be sung in the regular way, or used for that *simple* singing, which often so well expresses the feelings of a religious meeting. Some of

are gems of music and poetry; others, with less of artistic merit, have been found, by

to be well calculated to kindle the feelings, move the heart, and raise the soul towards

Heaven. Seeing in sacred music and song the two-fold value of intrinsic merit and the hallowed

associations of long continued and consecrated use, we have preferred, other things being equal,

that has already become dear to the pious heart, by reason of such association and use.

And yet we have not hesitated to insert some of more recent origin, because of their simple

popular character, and the promise they give of gaining a similar lodgment in the affec-

ions of the Christian church. With these exceptions, our plan is so far original, that we base

our claim to the public favor upon the *familiarity* and *familiarity* of the tunes and hymns selected,

rather than upon their *novelty* and *variety*. Guided by the unequivocal marks which a per-

manent popularity has stamped upon the *best*, of the large and increasing numbers now be-

fore the Christian public, we have culled what seemed to us the choicest specimens, to be found

in the range of sacred music and hymnology.

And yet we have, of course, omitted many which find a place in larger collections. And yet we have

endeavored to secure the best, and those most highly prized and generally used. As our book is not

intended for the use of choirs, only as they *lead* the congregation, when the people sing, we

have not attempted to make it as full as we should, had our purpose been to supersede collec-

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tions now in use. Recognizing the value and importance of choirs, we would still retain, for their use, those that are now before the public; while we are simply anxious to *add* something for the closet, the fireside, the prayer meeting, and the people, when they sing congregationally.

Believing, as we do, when the Apostle urged the Christians he addressed to teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in their heart, that he gave not merely a specific command to a particular church, but utterance to a great principle of universal application, we think that all, who can, should sing not only in social and domestic worship, but, for a part of the time, at least, during the Sabbath service. To render such singing effective and impressive, it is obvious, that a *few tunes, OFTEN REPEATED*, and, of course, sung with increasing freedom and familiarity, will be far better than a larger number, sung with greater difficulty and by fewer numbers. This was the custom of primitive and Puritan times; and it was this that gave to sacred music its prodigious power over the popular mind and heart. To aid in reviving that custom and realizing once more that great, scriptural idea, has been our aim in preparing the manual, now submitted to the churches. If it shall accomplish, in any degree, that object, we shall be amply repaid for our labors.

In its preparation we have received aid from several, to whom our acknowledgments are due, especially to Dr. Worcester for his kind permission to use "Watts and Select" for our purpose, from which a large proportion of our hymns have been taken, although we have drawn freely from other sources. Our thanks also are due to the Mason Brothers for the privilege of using the tunes, protected by their copyright, of Dr. Mason and Prof. Root,—also to Messrs. Hastings, Woodbury, Pond and Dadmun, for tunes which we have inserted. By combining the topical and alphabetical arrangements in our Index of Subjects, and the use of different kinds of type, it has been compressed into brief compass, and so presented to the eye that it will readily fall upon the subject desired.

NOTE. It is of course competent for all, who may procure this book, to use it as it shall seem to them best. And yet it may not be out of place for the compilers to state distinctly the idea they have attempted to realize in its compilation. 1. To provide a manual of hymns and tunes for social, domestic and private worship, which shall be well adapted to increase the number of those who will thus be enabled to sing the praises of God. 2. To prepare a hand-book for the "great congregation," in addition to those employed when the choir sing, from which the pastor shall read and the people shall sing two or three times, as they shall decide. 3. As our theory requires that the hymn shall *always* be sung to the tune to which it is adapted, it is desirable, at the outset of its introduction, that there should be several congregational rehearsals, so that a sufficient number shall be prepared to sing *all* the tunes. Till that time arrives, it may be best for the pastor to read only hymns adapted to tunes, the people are prepared to sing. As the number of tunes is so small, and they are generally so familiar and simple, it will not require any great length of time or effort to secure all that is needed.

1.

1. Be thou, O God, ex - alt - ed high, And as thy glo - ry fills the sky,
2. O, God, my heart is fixed; 'tis bent Its thank - ful tri - bute to pre - sent;
3. Thy prais - es, Lord, I would re - sound To all the list'n - ing na - tions round;

2.

Perfections, Providence, and Grace of God.

- 1 High in the heavens, eternal God,
Thy goodness in full glory shines;
Thy truth shall break through every cloud,
That veils and darkens thy designs.
- 2 For ever firm thy justice stands,
As mountains their foundations keep;
Wise are the wonders of thine hands,
Thy judgments are a mighty deep.
- 3 Thy providence is kind and large,
Both man and beast thy bounty share;
The whole creation is thy charge,
But saints are thy peculiar care.
- 4 My God, how excellent thy grace,
Whence all our hope and comfort springs!
The sons of Adam, in distress,
Fly to the shadow of thy wings.
- 5 From the provisions of thy house
We shall be fed with sweet repast;
There mercy like a river flows,
And brings salvation to our taste.

3.

The divine Glory celebrated.

- 1 Almighty Ruler of the skies,
Through all the earth thy name is spread,
And thine eternal glories rise
Above the heavens thy hands have made.
- 2 To thee the voices of the young
Their sounding notes of honor raise;
And babes, with uninstructed tongues,
Declare the wonders of thy praise:
- 3 Amidst thy temple children throng
To see their great Redeemer's face;
The Son of David is their song,
And loud hosannas fill the place.

4.

The Eternal and Sovereign God.

- 1 Jehovah reigns; he dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might;
The world, created by his hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.
- 2 But ere this spacious world was made,
Or had its first foundations laid,
Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Thyself, the ever-living God.
- 3 Like floods, the angry nations rise,
And aim their rage against the skies:
Vain floods — that aim their rage so high!
At thy rebuke the billows die.
- 4 Forever shall thy throne endure;
Thy promise stands for ever sure:
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwellings of thy grace.

5.

The Majesty of Jehovah.

- 1 Kingdoms and thrones to God belong:
Crown him ye nations in your song:
His wondrous name and power rehearse;
His honors shall enrich your verse.
- 2 He rides and thunders through the sky;
His name, JEHOVAH, sounds on high:
Sing to his name, ye sons of grace,
Ye saints, rejoice before his face.
- 3 He breaks the captive's heavy chain,
And pris'ners see the light again;
But rebels, who dispute his will,
Shall dwell in chains and darkness still.
- 4 Proclaim him King, pronounce him blest;
He's your defence, your joy, your rest:
When terrors rise, and nations faint,
God is the strength of every saint.

So let it be on earth dis-play'd, 'Till thou art here as there o - bey'd.
And with my heart my voice I'll raise To thee, my God, in songs of praise.

Thy mer - cy high - est heaven transcends, Thy truth be-yond the clouds ex - tends.

6.*Creation, Providence, and Grace.*

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise:
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.
- 2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,
The King of kings with glory crown;
His mercies ever will endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.
- 3 He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fix'd the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.
- 4 He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever will endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

7.*Perfections of God combined in his Government.*

- 1 Jehovah reigns — his throne is high,
His robes are light and majesty;
His glory shines with beams so bright,
No mortal can sustain the sight.
- 2 His terrors keep the world in awe;
His justice guards his holy law;
His love reveals a smiling face,
His truth and promise seal the grace.
- 3 Through all his works his wisdom shines,
And baffles Satan's deep designs;
His power is sovereign to fulfil
The noblest counsels of his will.
- 4 And will this glorious Lord descend
To be my father and my friend?
Then let my songs with angels' join;
Heaven is secure, if God be mine.

8.*Christ the Sovereign Judge.*

- 1 He reigns — the Lord, the Saviour reigns:
Praise him in evangelic strains:
Let the whole earth in songs rejoice;
And distant islands join their voice.
- 2 Deep are his counsels, and unknown:
But grace and truth support his throne:
Though gloomy clouds his ways surround,
Justice is their eternal ground.
- 3 In robes of judgment, lo, he comes!
Shakes the wide earth, and cleaves the tombs;
Before him burns devouring fire!
The mountains melt, the seas retire!
- 4 His enemies, with sore dismay,
Fly from the sight and shun the day:
Then lift your heads, ye saints, on high,
And sing, for your redemption's nigh.

9.*Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles.*

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
'Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms, of every tongue,
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Let ev'ry creature rise — and bring
Peculiar honors to their King:
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long AMEN.

10.



1. My dear Re-deem-er, and my Lord, I read my du-ty in thy word;
2. Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal, Such def-er-ence to thy Fa-ther's will;
3. Cold mountains, and the midnight air, Wit-ness'd the fer-vor of thy prayer;
4. Be thou my pat-tern; make me bear More of thy gra-cious im-age here!

11.

The Church's Safety amidst Desolations.

- 1 God is the refuge of his saints,
When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold him present with his aid.
- 2 Loud may the troubled ocean roar —
In sacred peace our souls abide;
While ev'ry nation, ev'ry shore,
Trembles and dreads the swelling tide.
- 2 There is a stream, whose gentle flow
Supplies the city of our God;
Life, love, and joy still gliding through,
And wat'ring our divine abode.
- 4 That sacred stream, thy holy word,
Our grief allays, our fear controls:
Sweet peace thy promises afford,
And give new strength to fainting souls.
- 5 Zion enjoys her monarch's love,
Secure against a threat'ning hour;
Nor can her firm foundations move,
Built on his truth, and arm'd with power.

12.

Retirement and Meditation.

- 1 My God, permit me not to be
A stranger to myself and thee;
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,
Forgetful of my highest love.
- 2 Why should my passions mix with earth,
And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
And let my God, my Saviour go?
- 3 Call me away from flesh and sense:
One sovereign word can draw me thence;
I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.

- 4 Be earth with all her scenes withdrawn;
Let noise and vanity be gone:
In secret silence of the mind,
My heaven — and there my God, I find.

13.

The Sinner hastened

- 1 Hasten, O sinner! to be wise,
And stay not for the morrow's sun;
The longer wisdom you despise,
The harder is it to be won.
- 2 Oh hasten, mercy to implore,
And stay not for the morrow's sun;
For fear thy season should be o'er,
Before this evening's stage be run.
- 3 Hasten, O sinner! to return,
And stay not for the morrow's sun;
For fear thy lamp should cease to burn,
Before the needful work is done.
- 4 Hasten, O sinner! to be blest,
And stay not for the morrow's sun;
For fear the curse should thee arrest,
Before the morrow is begun.

14.

Submission.

- 1 Wait, O my soul, thy Maker's will!
Tumultuous passions, all be still!
Nor let a murmuring thought arise;
His ways are just, his counsels wise.
- 2 He in the thickest darkness dwells,
Performs his work, the cause conceals;
But though his methods are unknown,
Judgment and truth support his throne.
- 3 In heaven, and earth, and air, and seas,
He executes his firm decrees;
And by its saints it stands confessed,
That what he does is ever best.

But in thy life the law ap-pears, Drawn out in liv - ing char - ac - ters.
Such love, and meek-ness so di-vine—I would transcribe and make them mine.

The des - ert thy tempt - a - tions knew, Thy con - flict, and thy vic - t'ry too.
Then God, the Judge, shall own my name, A-mongst the foll'w - ers of the Lamb.

4 Wait, then, my soul, submissive wait,
Prostrate before his awful seat:
And midst the terrors of his rod,
Trust in a wise and gracious God.

15.

Hope in Affliction.

- 1 My spirit sinks within me, Lord—
But I will call thy name to mind,
And times of past distress record,
When I have found my God was kind.
- 2 Huge troubles, with tumultuous noise,
Swell like a sea, and round me spread;
Thy water-spouts drown all my joys,
And rising waves roll o'er my head.
- 3 Yet will the Lord command his love,
When I address his throne by day;
Nor in the night his grace remove;
The night shall hear me sing and pray.
- 4 I'll cast myself before his feet,
And say, "My God, my heavenly Rock,
"Why doth thy love so long forget
"The soul that groans beneath thy stroke?"
- 5 Thy light and truth shall guide me still;
Thy word shall my best thoughts employ,
And lead me to thy holy hill,
My God, my most exceeding joy.

16.

- 1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our Guardian, thou our Guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.
- 2 The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way:
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may not depart.

3 Lead us to holiness,—the road
That we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his precepts stray.

- 4 Lead us to God, our final rest,
In his enjoyment to be blest;
Lead us to heaven, the seat of bliss,
Where pleasure in perfection is.

17.

New Year.

- 1 Great God, we sing that mighty hand,
By which supported still we stand!
The opening year thy mercy shows;
Let mercy crown it till it close.
- 2 By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still we are guarded by our God;
By his incessant bounty fed,
By his unerring counsel led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future—all to us unknown,
We to thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before thy feet.
- 4 In scenes exalted or depressed,
Be thou our joy, and thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

18.

Dismissions.

- 1 Dismiss us with thy blessing, Lord;
Help us to feed upon thy word;
All that has been amiss forgive,
And let thy truth within us live.
- 2 Though we are guilty, thou art good;
Wash all our works in Jesus' blood;
Give every burdened soul release,
And bid us all depart in peace.