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"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the  
mount of Olives." — Matt. xxvi. 30.

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1847.

TO  
HIS RESPECTED DIOCEBAN,  
THE RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS VOWLER,  
LORD BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH,  
THIS LITTLE VOLUME  
IS,  
WITH HIS LORDSHIP'S PERMISSION,  
HUMBLY INSCRIBED  
BY HIS FAITHFUL AND OBLIGED SERVANT,  
THE AUTHOR.





## PREFACE.

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THE present little work has originated in the author's having been laid aside by ill-health from ministerial duty. Being anxious to supply, in however humble a manner, his lack of service to the Church, he has ventured, yet with much diffidence, to offer to parents and other teachers who adopt the plan of a regular and systematic course of reading the Gospels with their children, or pupils, a small set of hymns intended to be combined with such a plan of instruction. The subject of each hymn is taken from the several chapters of the four Evangelists, in regular succession; so that there are as many hymns as there are chapters in that portion of the Holy Scripture.

In venturing to offer this little collection to the public, the author is indeed painfully aware how much it falls short in merit of what such a work ought to be. He is, however, consoled by the reflection, arising from a long course of ministerial experience, that the hymns which most address themselves to the heart, and are found in practice the most useful, are not those which are distinguished so much by beauty of expression, or high poetic merit, as those which contain a simple enunciation of Gospel truth set forth in the plainest and most unadorned manner. In the early part of his ministry, he was often surprised at being told by the sick whom he was visiting, how much they had been struck by such or such a hymn; when, upon reading it over, he found nothing whatever either of what appeared to him poetic merit, or beauty of language, to recommend it. He thus became convinced that it is with hymns as with sermons—what is required in them to reach the heart is “not excellency of speech, or of man’s wisdom,”—but the plain unadorned

truth of the Gospel. He fears, indeed, that, even in this respect, his hymns may be found wanting; for how can any one vary from language of Scripture, even in the most trifling degree, and not lose some of its force and excellence? As he believes, however, that a collection of Gospel Hymns adapted to a regular and systematic course of reading the Holy Scriptures will be found useful to those engaged in the education of the young on the Sabbath day, whether in schools or private families, he has ventured to publish the present collection, in the humble hope that there are many parents and teachers who may be glad to avail themselves of such a help.

*Guernsey, June 10, 1847.*