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C. D. Hardcastle, The Christian Experience of the Rev. Charles Wesley as Portrayed in His Hymns, 1899

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**Biographical Note**
C. D. (Charles Donald) Hardcastle, 1824-1903, of West Yorkshire, was an expert on Methodist hymnody and an active member of the Leeds Geological Association. He compiled *Hymns for Bible Classes, Children's Meetings, and Sunday Schools* (Keighley, West Yorkshire: Craven, 1867) and was a regular contributor to the *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* between the years 1897 and 1903. He also composed a biography of Thomas Colbeck of Keighly, West Yorkshire, who was an associate of John Wesley.

**Scope and Content Note**
This collection is comprised of one small notebook containing a handwritten work of only 16 pages and 2 additional pages with a forward by the author. Writing appears on only one side of each page. Although the author signed and dated the manuscript as "C. D. Hardcastle, November 13, 1899," he notes that body of the work was written in 1866: "The following manuscript notes were made 33 years ago during the preparation of a lecture entitled as on page 1." The title given by the author is "The Christian Experience of the Rev. Charles Wesley as portrayed in his hymns."

Hardcastle highlights different aspects of the Christian experience in Wesley's hymns and the themes that he includes are community, evangelistic, pastoral, and patriotic elements of the hymns. For example, under the heading of "Pastoral," Hardcastle writes: "Charles Wesley visited the people at their homes, in sickness & trouble & wrote & sung hymns to comfort and solace them. And several others were written to be sung on entering the house.... Intersession & sympathy Funeral hymns sung at the home. The last verse was often sung by C. W. at the termination of visits to the people."

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