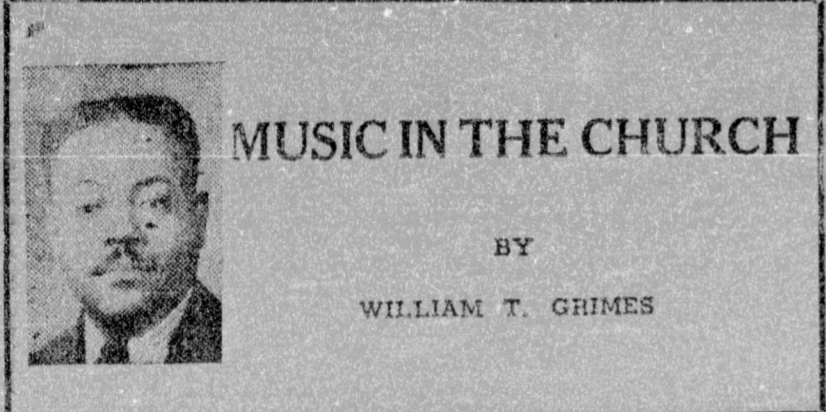


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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

BY WILLIAM T. GRIMES

THE STANDARD HYMN

The standard hymn had its beginning in the Greek and Latin hymns of the early Christian era...

During the second century, men in Christian churches began to compose hymns with a distinctly Christian sentiment...

Under Henry VIII, the church of England came into existence and followed rather closely the forms of music used by the Roman Catholic Church...

In the latter part of the seventeenth century, Isaac Watts made his appearance and began to arrange the Psalms into metrical form and to write original hymns based on the great Bible truths...

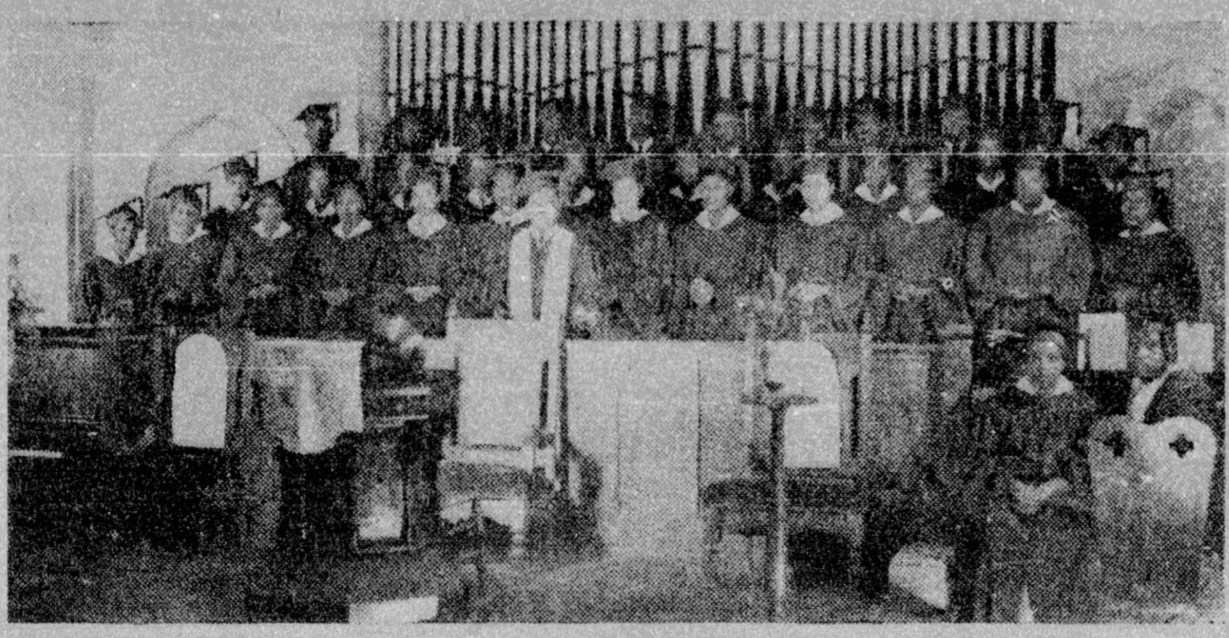
Watts and Wesley were followed by hosts of other hymn writers until hymn singing became almost universal.

Dr. David Breed, in his book entitled History and Use of Hymns and Hymn Tunes, divided English hymnody into three epochs as follows:

- 1650-1780 the Doctrinal and Didactic Period.
1780-1850 the Missionary and Evangelical period.
1850- to the present time, the Devotional and Experimental period.

May I take this opportunity to urge church musicians at large to study the hymns faithfully, learn more about their background and then teach your choirs and congregations the fine art...

In my next article I will discuss the Gospel songs.



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PERSONALS

Mabel Johnson, USN, and wife, Mrs. Mildred Johnson are visiting their mother, Mrs. Laura Johnson on Raleigh Road...

the general church program. He was seventy five at the time of his death. Surviving him are three sons, John Jr., Roy, and Vertis Hagans...

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